



Minutes of BTBA AGM

Saturday 29th July 2023 2.00pm

Present – Council members	Chairman: Lisa John Vice-Chairman: Ron Griffin Legal and Governance: Jo Cundy Treasurer: Terry Searle Membership Services: Kayleigh Wilkinson Business Development: Martin Webster Sport Development: Vacant Company Secretary: David Steiner Technical Service: Paul Le Manquais Tournament Officer: Paul Loberman Team England: Chris Hillman Coaching: Simon Taylor Inclusion and Diversity: Simon Herbert Regional Officer North: Mick Brown Regional Officer Central: Vacant Regional Officer South: Matt Smith Women’s Council: Vacant Communications: Stuart Watson Youth Bowling: Stephen Toop – joining during journey to Mansfield																		
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	Notts James White Shropshire Wally Taylor Surrey Chloe Dixon Warwickshire Sarah Goodwin Yorkshire Susie Webb & Katie Jowsey		
Life Members	Fran Dee Brian Molineaux Keith Tomblin Linda Buckland Ron Oldfield Arthur McDonnell Dom Barrett Gina Wardle Pam Maberley		
Apologies	Martin Webster Mick Brown Simon Herbert		
Item on Agenda	Discussion/Points raised	Who	Action
1. Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank everyone for coming today. • Housekeeping for the meeting – all on mute to support for feedback and good connection. Use the raise your hand for voting and for AOB for anything to be raised at that point, raising your hand will also support not talking over people. • JC to take the minutes. • LJ confirmed we will accept supplementary questions at the end of the question/answer section – please note the question number if referring to, to support the minute taker. • LJ acknowledged that we have lost some of our bowling friends this year, some who have represented the BTBA at county and England. 	JC/LJ	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recently was Ruth Molineaux; if you would like details for her donations page then please let us know and we will send a link. • Apologies have been received from Martin Webster – we wish him and his family well as he has had some time away to focus on supporting his family. • Essex and Oxfordshire are unable to join today. • A couple of national council members are also unable to attend today. 		
2. To approve Minutes of the 2022 AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment to minutes from last year – point 5 stating Ron Griffin to be accepted as Chairman, should say Vice Chairman • Approval of minutes • Proposed: Sarah Goodwin • Seconded: Chris Hillman • Vote - 23 in favour 0 against 2 abstain, 	LJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC to amend point 5 on the minutes from 2022 – Ron Griffin to be accepted as Vice Chairman and not as Chairman. • Minutes accepted.
3. To approve the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of accounts • Proposed: Chloe Dixon • Seconded: Dave Steiner • Vote: 22 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstain 	LJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounts accepted.
4. To receive the 2023 BTBA Annual Review Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All received – emailed as part of the delegates pack, all read and digested. • Proposal – Stuart Watson • Seconded – Matt Smith • Vote – 24 in favour, 1 against and 0 abstain 	LJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report accepted.



<p>5. To approve changes to the Memorandum & Articles of Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KW summarized the change of membership tiers – we wanted to be more reflective of the bowling community. • We have been able to give a discount to local league bowlers and juniors and those who had an international gold card. • LJ wants to put these changes forward to the members. • Proposal – Kayleigh Wilkinson • Seconded – Chloe Dixon • Vote – 21 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstain 	<p>KW/LJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to Memorandum & Articles of Association accepted.
<p>6. To receive responses to Member's questions received in writing at Head Office (admin@btba.org.uk)</p>	<p>Questions received in writing from Local Associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 61 questions received from different local associations • 5 from Lancashire • 44 from London • 5 from Middlesex • 7 from Bedfordshire • See appendix A and B for the questions and answers • Answers to be read by Kayleigh Wilkinson • Thank you to all for submitting questions. • LA's can always follow up with an email, if you feel that you do not want to ask at this point. • LJ reminded delegates that questions can be asked of us at any time in the year, there are different forums throughout the year as well as direct contact. • We want bowlers to feel that we are approachable, you can get in touch with us and reach out to us at any time. 	<p>LJ/KW/ Council members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of questions and answers in Appendix A and Appendix B • Additional response to Bedfordshire question 3. The original email was sent to one individual, who did not reply. We can only apologise for this. Please send questions/queries to the admin email address then the question can be shared and responded to promptly.
<p>7. AOB</p>	<p>Kayleigh Wilkinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of an interim decision as we have not been able to recruit a central regional officer yet. The northern and southern regional officers are going to take over the central local associations. The list will be coming out, watch this 	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of shared local associations to be shared with all – interim north and south regional officers to cover own region and central. • JC to collate total number of complaints to be available to members.



	<p>space! We will be reviewing this as they do not currently have a designated person. <i>Note – Central Regional Officer has now been filled.</i> Neil Taylor – London</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanks for answering all of London's questions.• Question 2 – related to the number of complaints not the detail. JC explained that there were no complaints made against the association. They were linked to individual members around several different issues. We can get the numbers of complaints received if necessary.• Q4 – Landline redirected to a mobile. It is cheaper to have a mobile phone than pay for a landline. KW – nearly everyone has a mobile phone, but not everybody does, the majority of our members are over 50 – they may not all have up to date technology so we cannot exclude members. For the sake of a couple of pounds a month. Number is recognized internationally. NT – are there cheaper alternatives? LJ to take away and look.• Q8 – Lapsed members are not members so should not be included. They are not able to participate in any tournament. LJ included them in the past to remind local associations to go out and ask why bowlers are not renewing. KW – we do categorise them separately – look at statistics for active members. NT will wait for the membership document to come out. KW – we can create statistics when requested. DS – sent list of members including all members including lapsed to London, as they requested it.• Q11 – can any member purchase card? KW – yes anybody can get in touch and request a physical card – but would ask them to think about the request, as it would help with cost saving. NT – be nice for the juniors to receive a card to now say they are a member of the BTBA – to present them with something. NT – sticker books are a great addition – well	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LJ to investigate landline/mobile phone costs.• National council to look into certificates for long standing members.• Youth to look at new cards for new junior members.• Membership services to investigate encouraging members to complete all aspects of membership application.• KW to go to youth in regard to funding clarification.• KW to republish changes to membership tiers to reclarify in case of any confusion with original wording.
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	<p>done on that, it is a good positive outcome for what they get for their membership. Be nice for them to have a card. SW – have a certificate – NT certificate for recognition for being a member for a number of years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q15 and Q30 – at an AGM the tastecard was introduced, there was a discussion around the costs as an increase in the membership included the tastecard. LJ – cost was not added to membership it was raised to increase revenue does not include the tastecard. TS – the cost of the Tastecard came out of the development fund over 3 years – it was not connected to membership rates.• Q17 – member survey – can we increase our data. Ask our members to update their information. KW – yes we can do this but of course it is voluntary.• Q23 – KW – yes not too significant, but it does show a change in membership landscape – we have not lost members. Over the last few years, we haven't lost members, this shows that we are keeping members. The landscape is changing and is stabilizing. Increase possibly not the correct word.• Q25 – we are the same organization – local associations – we are one and the same. LJ – we are happy to send mailshots out to all of our members advising that if you are eligible for a county then please get in touch. NT requested that London membership, if you believe that are eligible by birth and residence then can advertise for London. BTBA will send that on London's behalf if/when requested.• Q5 – Bedfordshire – not open yet – not able to access until the 1st September. Fund with YBE – KW to go back to youth to clarify. <p>Sarah Goodwin – Warwickshire</p>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are we asked to approve the accounts before the questions have been asked? Is this the right order? Should the accounts be audited? DS – it is a requirement in the AGM to approve the accounts, the questions occur after this point. If they have not been approved the meeting must end as this is a legal requirement. The accounts are not audited – as we do not require an audit. We received no questions about the accounts this year. <p>Ruth Rathbone – Lancashire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is Cheshire no more? JC confirmed that Cheshire no longer has a charter, so their bowlers can now come under the orphan rule in the county events. <p>Roger Gain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q2 increase for membership is excessive for juniors as has gone up and yet gone down for the adults. KW - will take ownership of the original confusion in the wording. However, as discussed with YBE - £15.00 will include all youth events when an event is junior only, also local association events on the £15.00 membership. RG – didn't come across in the post. KW – hopefully that has helped to clear that up. RG – my concern has been about growing the sport – getting the bowlers in and then keeping them. Concern about costs to parents. LJ - we appreciate the costs to parents which is why we are reduced the fee for juniors from £20 to £15. • Disappointed with the coaching situation – no list of certified coaches on the BTBA website. LJ - we are looking to resolve that, we are working on it and can only apologise for the information not being available at present. <p>Group chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reissue the membership post to reclarify the new costs. 		
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	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LB - thank you for your continued support, in any capacity, we really do appreciate everything that you do.• With the local secretary's seminar hopefully we can get all Local Associations back on track and increase our membership. We have started to turn that around.• Hope to see some of you out and about in the future.• If you want to get in touch then please drop us an email and get in touch anytime, it doesn't have to be around a meeting.		
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