



*Section One
Chairman Don Harris*

**MINUTES of Section One Meeting held at Bideford Strand Bowling Club Barnstaple on
Thursday 19th October 2017 – Commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: David Lake (DL) - Vice Chairman, Ciss Jones (CJ) - Section Secretary, Leonie Joachim-Rowe (LJR) - Treasurer

Section Delegates: Marion Tabberner/Pat Squires/Charles Woodlands - Barnstaple, Brian Cunnold - Bradworthy, Colin Rice - Victoria Park, Jeanette Symonds - Byeways, Ciss Jones - Combe Martin, Neil Bucknall/Brian James - Ilfracombe, Irene Sutton - Holsworthy, David Lake/Liz Davies - USBC

Martin Rowe - Mens Competition Secretary, Michael Bright - Bideford S. Secretary

Vice Chairman David opened the Meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Apologies

Keith Jackson/Paul Weeks - Great Torrington
Peter Hobbs/Rob Vellicott - Lynton & Lynmouth
Peter Iddenden - Combe Martin
Mike Down - Holsworthy
Don Harris - Chairman/Byeways
John Hall - Braunton
Hayley James/Derek James - Bideford Strand

3. Minutes of Meeting Held 17/03/16

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th March 2017 were read and agreed by all present. Signed by the Vice Chairman, DL.

4. Matters Arising

The situation regarding the markers course was raised. CJ explained that Sue Trott, the County umpire coordinator had been approached at the start of the season (2017), with a venue of Kingsley Indoor Bowling Club being available to hold a course. The

response from Sue had been that she was now the only one running the courses, as the two people who normally helped out, not available. So, it was not possible to run a course. Sue has been contacted and asked if a course could be held as earlier as possible in the 2018 season.

Martin Rowe raised the question, "Would Sue Silcox County Development Officer be invited to the March 2018 meeting?". It was felt that her input was valid however, perhaps she should be invited to speak before the main meeting started. As it was felt that she should not stay for the duration of the meeting.

Minutes signed by the Vice Chairman, DL.

5. Section Secretary Report/Correspondence

CJ stated that there was no relevant correspondence that had not already been forwarded to club secretaries.

She went on to explain that for next season the rules for both major and minor competitions would be the same, following Bowls England rules.

She then went on to explain that during one of men's play on days at Byeways. The competition secretary had received a call asking if a next round game, due to be played the following day at another club, could be played that day. It was agreed. Consequently, another two teams also called to ask if they could play their game as well. As a preference had already been set there was no choice but to agree. The result of these games being played it resulted in the club hosting the second day lost revenue. Not only the rink fees, but they had already purchased food that was not consumed. In future only games scheduled for that day will be played, no concessions will be given.

CJ then explained that there had been some defaults this year and those involved had been given a warning. In future if anyone is unable to play then they must contact the relevant competition secretary, **in writing - email or text 48 hours before that competition is due to be played**, Failure to do this will result in the person being defaulted for the following year.

6. Treasures Report

Balance stands at £3094.67p

7. Competition Secretaries Reports

Nothing to report at present other than both reports are being put together for the AGM. Next season competitions have been drawn and being put together ready for March meeting.

LJL asked the meeting what they thought about the rink fees for touring teams for 2019. It will remain at £16 for 2018 and the meeting agreed to take it back to clubs to consider a raise to £17 for 2019.

LJL then explained that she had received a number of inquiries about getting a section flag. This flag would be flown at section finals, section games etc. probably 10 games during the season. The meeting felt that the secretary should see how much a flag would cost.

Action CJ to look at cost of flags.

Action - Delegates to obtain thoughts on £1 green fee raise for touring teams for 2019.

8. Selectors Report

Nothing from the men. Ladies report attached. One amendment in ladies report Jackie Hemmings-Anthony did not get selected for an England trial next year.

9. Propositions for 2017

No propositions from clubs

There are a couple of changes that need to be made to the section constitution. These are as follows:-

Point 5 - SECTION CHAIRMAN, the section read that the chairman was not permitted to sign the minutes of section meetings. It was agreed that this was a typing error when the constitution had been re-typed. It was agreed to write it as it should be.

Section 20 - COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS - subsection i) - This reads that - *No Major Championship event may commence after 7pm without the consent of the opposing players except in the case of inclement weather.*

Ciss explained that in keeping with Bowls England Rules and Regulation, which counties and sections must comply with the time of 7pm should be 6.30pm with no waiting time. Therefore, the rule should read - All evening games should commence no later than 6pm. However, there is permitted a waiting time of 30 minutes. If, however, a game is set to start at 6.30pm then there is no waiting time permitted.

Subsection iii) of Section 20

'All games must be arranged 7 days prior of the play before date for that round'

The point had been added at the AGM in 2015. However, in some circumstances there may not be 7 days available to the challenger, due to late play of a previous round. Ciss felt that this rule should be removed and revert to the Bowls England rules of giving three dates to your opponent with 48 hours of receiving notification of who you were playing and then your opponent had to respond with their chosen date with 48 hours of receiving them.

Section 21 -DEFAULTERS

48 hours' notice of intention to withdraw from a competition must be given in **writing** to the competition secretary. Failure to do so will result in the player(s) being declined entry to completions the following year. This will hopefully assist the competition secretaries when running the comps, by not having people just failing to turn up.

10. Nomination of Officers 2018

CJ explained to the meeting that both Don Harris - Chairman and David Lake - Vice Chairman would be standing down at the AGM. There were no nominations as yet for these positions and delegates were asked to go back to their clubs to see if there was anyone that wished to be proposed.

All other positions, except Ladies Selector, had had been left by clubs as they were. However, Ciss Jones had been proposed by two clubs for the position of Ladies Selector. This would result in there being a vote at the AGM.

11. Additional Item

The meeting discussed the possibility of moving the AGM back to Rock Park. As some thought that maybe delegates were not attending the meeting due to the distance to have to travel.

Action CJ to change venue for AGM

22035hrs - Meeting Closed

Date of AGM - 7.30pm Thursday 23rd November 2017 - Rock Park Bowls Club, Barnstaple