

IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The 6th Meeting of the 2019/20 season will take place in Belfast Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Chairman's Business
3. Notice of Any Other Business**
4. Minutes of the previous meeting
5. Matters arising from the Minutes
6. Competitions Secretary's Report
 - 6.1 Inter Zone Competition Update
 - 6.2 National, Ladies & Junior Championships Update
 - 6.3 Junior Two Rink Update
7. Child Protection Update
8. Review of National Championship Criteria
9. Clubs / Leagues for Affiliation
10. Correspondence
11. Any other notified business

** Notice of Any Other Business to be advised preferably in writing/email or by telephone to the Secretary by **Wednesday 5th February 2020**.

Executive Meeting Dates for your diary

5 March 2020 – Dungannon Rugby Club

IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The 5th Meeting of the 2019/20 season was held in Dungannon Rugby Club on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.30 pm.

1. Attendance

H Massey	A Rice	Ms C Adair	H Nixon	S Kyne
W Cassells	D McCullough	Mrs A Patton	D Doherty	Mrs R Rice
M Caughey	W Clinghan	B Holmes	E Irwin	I Kerr
C Mearns	G O'Hare	Mrs A McKiver		

Apologies

Mrs F McNally	Ms H Foley	Ms R Neely	S Carleton	Mrs C McKim
Mrs J Parkinson				

2. Chairman's Business

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the slight delay in starting.

3. Notice of Any Other Business

- i) Prizes –
- ii) Volunteer Award
- iii) World Bowls Proposal
- iv) **Minutes of the meetings held on 21st November 2019**

The minutes of the meetings were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i. Item 5.3 Venue for National Finals
The Competitions Secretary confirmed that Annaghmore is available to hold the National finals. The cost is £200 and a catering team is prepared to cover the catering. Annaghmore was proposed and seconded. All were in agreement.
- ii Item 8.1 British Isles
Hon Secretary confirmed that it was agreed that the Top Team competition would be held on the second weekend of October.

5. Competitions Secretary's Reports

6.1 Inter Zone Competition Update

McIlroy Cup 11 Jan 2020

Armagh v Mid Tyrone @ St Mathews Richhill
North West v Oriel @ Christ Church Limavady
Northern v East Antrim @ Kilrea Sports Centre
Western v Donegal @ Regal Hall, Enniskillen

Ladies Plate 11 Jan 2020

West Down v Lisburn @ Loughbrickland Pres
Monaghan v South Tyrone @ Ardagh
Mid Antrim v South Down @ Clough Pres
Mid Ulster v Foyle @ St Swithins

Boomer Cup 18 Jan 2020

South Tyrone v Mid Ulster @ St Anne's Dungannon
Monaghan v Donegal @ Latton
North Down v Mid Down @ Ards BC
Northern v Armagh @ Kilrea Sports Centre

Mens Plate 18 Jan 2020

North West v Western @ Limavady Grammar School
Mid Tyrone v East Antrim @ Omagh
North Eastern v Meath @ Dunluce
West Down v Oriel @ Loughbrickland Pres

6.2 National, Ladies & Junior Championships Update

Fourteen zones had replied with entry details. Some Zones did not realise the change in the numbers or are struggling to meet them. It was stated that top rinks ruin bowls, the price of halls are rising and people are not prepared to travel to competitions. The Competitions Secretary had been asked can the opposition refuse to play a final if it is the venue of their opposition. The Competitions Committee's response was that it is not a valid reason for moving the final and that the zone committee could award the tie by default, The Competitions Secretary reminded Conveners that qualifier details are to be with her by 25 January 2020.

6.3 Junior One Rink Report

Entries were slow coming in but eventually there were 12 rinks in both age groups. They were split into 2 groups of 6 with each rink playing 5 six end games. In the under 14 age group Western beat North West. In the over 14 category, Monaghan beat North West. The President presented the prizes. The Competitions Secretary thanked the umpires and S Kyne for their work on the day. The catering went better than expected but still took up a lot of time. It was brought to the attention of the Competitions Secretary that some of the umpires were rather abrupt to the children. The Competitions Secretary had emailed Conveners regarding the 2 rink competition and reminded Conveners that the entries are returned by 1 February along with their menu choices.

6.4 Appeal to Competitions Committee's Decision

This item was deferred.

7 Child Protection Update

16 people had been cleared in and now 25 cleared altogether. He added that this has been very much a learning process. If there was an online time gap the applicant had to redo their application.

8 World Bowls Update

The Hon Secretary reported that a party of 30 was travelling to Belgium. The party would be flying from Dublin to Eindhoven on 19 March at 11.30 am and returning on 23 March from Brussels to Dublin at 4.25 pm. The hotel was booked and a coach will be transferring the party to and from the airports and to and from the hotel to the venue.

9. Clubs for affiliation

None.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Any other notified business

i) Prizes

The Hon Treasurer suggested paying out cash instead of prizes. It was proposed and seconded that prizes could be either cash or voucher. The Awards section of the Year Book stated that all prizes shall be in kind and would need amending. No monetary prize may be given or retained. It was also pointed out that this may affect the status of the IIBA as a voluntary organisation. The Hon Secretary was to make enquiries.

ii) Volunteer Award

iii) It was reported that The Federation of Irish Sport held a presentation in Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park on 12 November to recognise the volunteer contribution made in sport in Ireland. It has been a difficult process for the IIBA to get a foothold in many areas in the south apart from Donegal, Monaghan, Louth, Cavan and Cork. This was an opportunity to bring the IIBA to a new audience at local and national level as well as publishing material on the electronic newsletter from the Federation of Irish Sport which has recently featured a report on the British Isles Championships. The award ceremony was represented by the Minister of Sport, Chief Executive of Federation Ireland, EBS who sponsor the event and the 10 person judging panel. In all 32 awards were made for sports in Ireland and was a first recognition of short mat bowls. In addition a check for €250 was also presented to the IIBA.

iv) World Bowls Proposal

It was stated that the IIBA could run World Bowl qualifiers along with the Champion of Champions and then play-off s could take place. Concerns were raised that doing this would have a knock-on effect on tournament numbers. It was proposed that the IIBA consider running a competition to subsidise the players' expenses for travelling to the British Isles/World Bowls events. The Chairman deferred this matter to a later date. It was mentioned that young players who played stadium bowlers had been discouraged by selectors from playing short mat bowls. It was stated that young people are not banned from playing short mat but Shaws Bridge to be approached to find out their view.

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.