

## IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The seventh Meeting of the 2023/24 season will be held in Belfast Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 7.30 pm.

### AGENDA

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Talk on Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults
3. Chairman's Business
4. Notice of Any Other Business\*\*
5. Minutes of the previous meeting
6. Matters arising from the Minutes
7. Competitions Secretary's Report
  - 7.1 National Competitions Update
  - 7.2 Interzone competitions Update
8. Location of Interzone Finals – C Mearns
9. World Bowls Report
10. AGM
11. Clubs for affiliation
12. Correspondence
13. Any other notified business

\*\* Notice of Any Other Business to be advised preferably by email to the Secretary by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

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The sixth Executive Meeting of the 2023/24 season was held by Zoom on Thursday 22 February at 8 pm.

### 1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	D McMahon	A Rice	Ms C Adair	S Kyne
Mrs A Patton	D McCullough	D Crawford	S Carleton	E Irwin
I Kerr	G O'Hare	S Bates	Mrs J Parkinson	C Mearns

### Apologies

H Nixon	D McNamara	Miss H Foley	M Caughey	J O'Hare
P Martin-Ball	P Eakin	Mrs C McKim	Mrs A McKiver	D Bintley

### 2. Chairman's Business

The Chairman wished the Hon Treasurer a speedy recovery after his recent operation. He congratulated the idea of an Over 55 Interzone competition which was a great success.

### 3. Notice of Any Other Business

1) Junior Bowls – Chairman.

### 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The minutes of the Zoom meeting were proposed and seconded.

### 5. Matters arising from Minutes

- 1) Committee to Co-opt Executive member on to Disciplinary Committee, The Disciplinary Committee met and it was agreed that the outcome would not be disclosed by any member of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 2) 11.2 Acquiring mats from Armagh Zone. The President indicated that the mats had been delivered to Shaws Bridge the previous Friday. The Treasurer had received the invoice and had paid £1,350 and it was confirmed that the cheque had been received. In addition, 2 score boards, 4 jacks and extensions for the scoreboards and these were purchased for an additional £100.

### 6. Competitions Secretary Reports

#### 6.1 Junior Interzone Report

There were 10 teams representing 10 zones giving a total of 80 juniors taking part. North West defeated Northern 16-13 in the final. Junior Interzone badges were presented to the winners and runner-up.

#### 6.2 Ladies Fours Report

This also took place on 6 January and there were 35 entries. The final will be between C O'Neill, S O'Neill, H Cochrane, R Cochrane, Largy, NW Zone and A Crozier, I McCullough, R Cassells A Patton, Armagh Indoor, Armagh Zone. A raffle for Breast Cancer Now raised over £800 and the Officers agreed to top it up to £1,000. S Bates was thanked for selling the ballot tickets.

#### 6.3 Master Pairs Update

88 teams entered and played a round robin in groups of 4. The top 2 in each group went into the knock-out. Results: Losing semi-finalists: A Ward/M Beattie & M Cairns/D Witherspoon. Runner-up: Paul Cairnduff & Alan Paul. Winners: Sean Breen & Sean Trainor. Vouchers were presented to those named.

#### **6.4 Over 55 Competition**

This turned out to be a fantastic day. Twenty teams took part, and the competition was completed on the day. No trial ends and only playing 8 ends helped. In the Plate competition Lisburn beat West Down B 32-23 while in the main competition Armagh beat Western by 34-21. Interzone badges were presented to the cup teams.

It was indicated that by the time the final came around her team were tired. The Chairman agreed with this. The Competitions Secretary will be emailing convenors about feedback and any adjustments needed if this becomes an annual event. If this is to be an annual event, we need to get trophies/shields. The Chair said that Over 55 Zone Badges were required. It was agreed that Lisburn should get a cup or shield for winning the plate competition. It was thought that Mid Ulster could provide a cup for the main winners.

#### **6.5 National Competitions Update**

Two zones had contacted the Competitions Secretary about not being able to meet the closing date for the hall not being available and inclement weather. Times have now been forwarded to convenors. As there are many duplications some players will find that they have a delay which may be considerable before their game takes place. Serious consideration will be given in running another Saturday or a Friday evening. If there are any subs, please notify the Competitions Secretary who they are and ensure that they have not been entered previously on the entry form (regardless of whether they played or not). There will be no blue cards, just an email for the convenor to pass on the relevant information, including the dress code. Individuals would be in place to supervise dress code.

It was asked why a practice mat could not be provided as it is a disadvantage to play someone who has had a game and you had none. It was replied that the issue is the availability of mats. It was also suggested half an hour roll up before the start of play but it was felt that this would be an unfair advantage if you were drawn on the mat you were practicing on and also unfair to players who had to come a great distance. It was stated that next season that there should be a closing date for all competition entries and it should be adhered to. It was suggested putting the closing dates into the Yearbook.

#### **6.6 Interzone Competitions**

Mens Competition: Semi-finals on 2 March  
Mid Antrim v North West @ Clough Presbyterian  
Oriel v Western @ Corduff

Mens Shield

Belfast v Mid Tyrone @ Shaws Bridge  
North Eastern v West Down @ Dunluce Parish, Bushmills

Ladies Competition: McIlroy Cup on 10 February  
North West 37 v Oriel 26  
Western 44 v Donegal 26  
Final: North West v Western 23rd March, BIBC 9.30am.

Ladies Plate Semi-finals on 10 February

Mid Ulster 36 v Mid Down 30.  
Mid Antrim 37 v Mid Tyrone 31.  
Final: Mid Ulster v Mid Antrim 23rd March, BIBC 9.30 am

For all finals the Competitions Secretary requires the teams listed in rink order and substitutes as soon as possible.

A query was raised in connection with interzone games, and the matter has been resolved but the Competition Committee would like to recommend the following:

- The Home Convenor is responsible for organising umpires for these games. If there is a problem, please contact the visiting convenor and decide beforehand who will be responsible for measuring (and preferably not on the day of the game). Obviously if there are no umpires the home convenor will also ensure that a full umpires kit is available for any situations that may arise.

- A Team Manager may be appointed for these games. The umpires and players should be made aware that this is the case for one half or the whole game.

- A further query regarding who is responsible for the draw for each game was asked. The consensus was that the cards be written and placed upside down and that the visiting convenor should allocate the mats

The Men's Plate need a shield for the runner-up team as it has been missing for a couple of years. It was proposed, and seconded that a shield be bought.

## **7 World Bowls Update**

The Hon Secretary indicated that the Irish shirts and jackets were arriving the following week and would be distributed on the second Saturday of the Nationals. The rooms in the hotel were booked. The Team Photographs will take place at 8 am on the Friday morning. The Opening Ceremony will be attended by the Lord Mayor, Ryan Murphy and it is hoped that a representative from Go could distribute the prizes at the closing ceremony. Details were being finalised with the Umpires Association. The programme was well under way and adverts could be placed in the programme for £50 for a half page and £100 for a full page. Conveners were reminded to donate either £30 or the value in prizes, The Chair asked as many Conveners as possible to assist over the 3 days.

## **8 Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Update**

It was reported that Paul Stephenson would be giving a talk at Shaws Bridge on 21 March on Child Protection. It was added that there was still only 14 people taken on by AccessNI. The forms would be emailed again to the Conveners. It was asked about Donegal Zone and stated that they would be required to do both – AccessNI and the Federation of Irish Sport.

## **9 Clubs/Leagues for Affiliation**

Ramoan Parish, North Eastern.  
Proposed by and seconded.

## **10 Correspondence**

None.

## **11 Any other Notified Business**

11.1 Junior Bowls – Chairman

The Chairman indicated that he would like to see an improvement in the Junior game and in order to do this a subcommittee for Juniors should be set up. He would like every Zone to have a Junior Officer. A head was suggested to lead a subcommittee. Zoom

Meetings could be organised in order to inform Junior Officers what his approach is and what they should be doing. All were in agreement.

The next meeting will be in Shaws Bridge on 21 March at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 9.45 p.m.