

IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The 5th Meeting of the 2018/2019 season will take place in Dungannon Rugby Club on Thursday 3rd January 2019 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 Reports
 - 6.1 Inter Zone Competition Update
 - 6.2 National, Ladies & Junior Championships Update
 - 6.3 Junior Inter Zone Update
7. Top Team Challenge
8. Child Protection Officer
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 2nd January 2019.

Executive Meeting Dates for your diary

7 February 2019 – Shaws Bridge
7 March 2019 – Dungannon Rugby Club

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The 4th Meeting of the 2018/2019 season was held in Belfast Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 22nd November 2018 at 7.30 pm.

1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	H Massey	A Rice	Ms C Adair	W Crawford
D Bintley	W Cassells	D McCullough	Mrs A Patton	Mrs R Rice
M Caughey	B Holmes	Mrs R Neely	S Kyne	E Irwin
G O'Hare	Mrs A McKiver	H Nixon		

Apologies

Ms H Foley	D Doherty	T Gribben	S Carleton	I Kerr
Mrs C Cochrane	Mrs C McKim			

2. Chairman's Business

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Conveners that the affiliation fees of 74 clubs were still outstanding. This was 10% of the total membership.

3. Notice of Any Other Business

The Secretary indicated that he had not received any notices of Any Other Business.

4. Minutes of the meetings held on 4th October 2018

The minutes of the meetings were approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i. Item 10 ii Convenor expressed annoyance that a phone call on the night of the meeting from a player telling her that he was available to play for Armagh Zone. The Secretary explained that he had rang both players concerned immediately after the meeting as both players needed to know the decision before an Armagh friendly game to be played that Saturday. One player's phone went to voicemail and the Secretary left a message to contact him. He then rang the other player and told him of the result of his appeal. The Secretary that the other player was playing a Pairs tournament in Tullylish. The Secretary then went straight to Tullylish to inform him of the decision but he already heard the outcome by the time the Secretary had arrived.

6. Competitions Secretary's Reports

6.1 Champion of Champions Report

The winners were as follows

Singles – J Beattie, St Mark's Portadown

Pairs – T Lithco & R Foster, Ardstraw

Triples – D Campbell, A Corrigan & M Sproule, Cranagill

Fours – S McSorley, A Loughlin, A Paul & J Quinn – Ballylennon

The length of time it took to play some of the four games was discussed and the Chair suggested that it was something that the Competitions Committee could look at.

6.2 Inter Zone Competition Update

Once again the Hon Competitions Secretary stressed the importance of home conveners texting/emailing the results to notify her and S Kyne immediately after the game.

Mens Main Competition

1st round

Donegal v Foyle @ Cathedral, Raphoe

Larne v Oriel @ Kilwaughter

North Down v Monaghan @ Ards Bowling Club

Mid Down v Lisburn @ Killinchy

Mid Tyrone v Meath @ unknown

North West v North Eastern @ Limavady Grammar School

East Antrim v South Down @ Ulster Transport

Armagh v Mid Ulster @ St Matthew's Richhill

Men's Plate Competition

1st round

Mid Antrim v Western @ Clough Pres.

Northern v South Tyrone @ Kilrea

West Down v Belfast @ Banbridge Pavilion

6.3 National, Ladies & Junior Championships Update

The Competitions Secretary said some Zones that are in difficulty with low numbers had contacted neighbouring Zones about joining up but not all Zones are agreeing with this. B Holmes had spoken to a neighbouring Zone about joining up but after consultation with their ladies the neighbouring Zone decided not to accept as there was no guarantee of their players getting through. To counteract this B Holmes suggested that the Ladies Triples be run the same as the Over 55 Pairs competition. It was suggested that the Ladies Triples could be replaced by Mixed Triples but it was pointed out that the National Triples already accommodated the opportunity to play mixed triples. The Secretary read out a letter from the Cork Convener regarding the situation in Cork Zone. The Ladies entries were very healthy with 56 Singles, 54 Pairs and 40 Triples. Cork Zone would be opposed to any changes as ladies outnumber men in most clubs and so changing to mixed triples would have a detrimental effect on entries. It was suggested that Zones next year who did not meet the minimum entry requirements could play off in 2 central venues but it was felt ladies would not travel especially at night. It was proposed and seconded to stick with 8 entries this season and that the matter should be discussed by the Competitions Committee and a format agreed.

6.4 Club Championship Report

The 3 rink competition was won by Cookstown Parochial, Mid Ulster and the runners-up were Maghera from Donegal Zone. The Plate winners were Kils Kerry, Western Zone and the runners-up were Derramore from the North West Zone.

The 2 rink competition was won by Cookstown High, Mid Ulster and the runners-up were Rosemount from North Down. The Plate winners were Clogherney, Mid Tyrone and the runners-up were Strabane Mourne from the Foyle Zone.

S Kyne indicated that he like to see a number of changes to the rules of the Competition. He would like to see Rule 49(k) amended to coincide with 44(f) and added that he would

like to see an additional rule that stated that no practice ends are permitted in the event of a team receiving a bye. It was proposed and seconded that players who have played 75% of league games but do not enter their Nationals' through that club be allowed to represent that club in the Club Competition. This was passed by 7 votes to 3. Mrs A The Club Competition be reviewed after it has been played next season.

6.5 Juniors

The Competitions Secretary stated that the 2 rink competition was scheduled for January but in the past this was run in conjunction with ISMP but they are no longer affiliated to the IIBA. G O'Hare indicated that they would re-affiliate. D Bintley has stepped down from the post of Child Protection Officer. It was indicated that this would not be an easy job with every Zone having to have a file and working in 2 jurisdictions. It was suggested that the paperwork for the Juniors be sent to the Competitions Secretary before the event. View expressed that each Zone should have their own Child Protection Officer. One convenor added that he would like to have an idea of what the role of the Child Protection Officer entailed before considering putting his name forward for the post.

7. Discussion on National, Ladies & Junior Championships

Discussed under item 6.3

8. Clarification of Rule 37 and Rule 45(g)

After some discussion the following changes were made to Rule 37 and Rule 45 (g).

Rule 37 refers to the first 2 bowls delivered on any end. This is simply to clarify any doubts that may exist. In addition, if the first bowl is a toucher and remains in live area, the second bowl can push the toucher into the ditch and that toucher will not be removed.

Rule 45(g) To qualify for selection in a new Zone, the player concerned must play, or be eligible to play nationals, juniors, over 55s in their "new" zone for a complete period of two bowling seasons, before being considered for selection to play Inter Zone bowls for their "new" zone. (Note: a bowling season runs from 1st July to 30th June).

All were in agreement. These changes will take effect in the 2019/2020 season.

The Competitions Secretary received an email regarding changing Zones which was read to the Executive. It was proposed and seconded that we can only go by this year's rule which states 3 years.

9. British Isles Championships Update

Team Manager, G O'Hare, stated that after a defeat by Wales in the opening round the full International team got their act together and won their remaining 5 games. There was also success in the Individual Triples and Fours. The A Series team had a clean sweep of both team and individual trophies. He thanked the Secretary for organising the trip. The Secretary then read out an email from E Campbell, the A Series Team Captain, thanking the Selectors for picking him and also of giving him the honour of being team captain. He also thanked the team for conducting themselves impeccably both on and off the mats. The Secretary added that a presentation was made to C McHugh in Wales to mark his one hundredth cap for Ireland.

10. Child Protection Officer

Discussed under item 6.5.

11. Bowlschat

D Bintley used this software for running the City of Belfast League and could be of use to the IIBA in the future.

12. Clubs for affiliation

ISMP – Mid Ulster Zone Proposed and seconded.

13. Correspondence

- i. Correspondence was received from a bowler in South Down regarding an alleged incident that happened at a league match and subsequent alleged telephone calls that took place. This was passed to the Disciplinary Committee who decided that this was a Zone matter and referred it back to the Zone to be dealt with.
- ii. Correspondence regarding foul language used on the IIBA Facebook page. It was pointed out that the individual concerned did not play bowls anymore and therefore it was hard to impose any sanctions other than to block the person from the page.
- iii. The Secretary received a quote for the Completion of Financial Statements for 2019. In return the firm would accept payment of the fees in the form of sponsorship for the Champion of Champions tournament. The procedure is that the Treasurer would recommend this firm to the 2019 AGM to take on the accounts and this would have to be passed by the AGM.

14. Any other notified business

None.

Meeting closed 9:55 p.m.