

## IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the 2022/23 season was held by Zoom on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 8 pm.

### 1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	D McMahon	A Rice	Ms C Adair	H Nixon
S Kyne	D McCullough	D Bintley	Mrs R Rice	W Clinghan
G O'Hare	S Carleton	J Newell	Mrs A McKiver	Mrs N Tanner
Mrs J Parkinson				

### Apologies

Mrs A Patton	D Doherty	M Caughey	D Witherspoon	S Bates
M Fitzsimons	Mrs C McKim	J O'Hare	I Kerr	E Irwin
C Mearns				

### 2. Chairman's Business

The Chairman congratulated Oriel on winning the Top Team event which was enjoyed by all the teams. He welcomed two new Zone Conveners: J Newell from East Antrim and S Bates from Lisburn.

### 3. Notice of Any Other Business

- 3.1 Under 25 Interzone Competition – C Mearns
- 3.2 Over 55 Zone Mixed Team Competition – C Mearns
- 3.3 Mens Zone team being mixed – W Clinghan
- 3.4 Officers being given access to Facebook site – D McMahon
- 3.5 Election of PRO at IIBA AGM – D McMahon
- 3.6 Approval of Payment of Honoraria to Officers in November – H Nixon
- 3.7 Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults – S Kyne

### 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Mrs E Parkinson seconded by G O'Hare.

### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 1) Item 5 S Kyne had passed on contact details of Crowne Plaza regarding sponsorship to Competitions Secretary. This in turn had to be passed on to another person who dealt with sports events.
- 2) Item 6 £30 from Zones to assist paying for British Isles Championships. Only one Zone had paid and the Hon Treasurer indicated that he would be available to receive payment on Saturday at Shaws Bridge.

### 6. Competitions Secretary's Report

#### 6.1 Competition Committee Meetings

Meetings were held on 5 and 28 September.

Meeting 1: Entries to the Champion of Champions were coming in via post, text, WhatsApp, Messenger and phone. The Competitions Secretary thought by publishing skips names on Facebook page this gave a means for the players to confirm their entry and reassure them that their entry had been received. The format for the British Isles Fundraiser was decided: 1-48 entries – round robin competition and 49-64 entries – knockout with a plate competition.

Meeting 2:

The Competitions Committee made the following recommendations:

1. Rule 45g (criteria for playing Interzone bowls for a new Zone) to be suspended for this season.
2. Minimum number of entries for licenced tournaments to be suspended for this season.
3. Qualifying sections for National Competitions for this season: 1-32 get one qualifier; 33-48 gets 2 qualifiers; 49-64 gets 3 qualifiers and so on.

These changes have been made to encourage people to return to bowls and to help the Zones to get up and running again. They are only for this season and will be reviewed for the next season. E Irwin had contacted the Honorary Secretary stating that did not agree with the change to rule 45g.

### **6.2 Champion of Champions Update**

The Competitions Secretary indicated that the pairs, triples and fours would start at 9.30 am and the singles would start at noon. Sixteen mats would be in use and the President and W Clinghan would look after the dress table and GDPR forms.

### **6.3 World Bowls Qualifiers**

As entries had started to come in the Competitions Secretary wanted to finalise the format for each competition. It was proposed by S Kyne and seconded by J Newell to run the competitions in groups of 3 and then a straight knockout competition. The Competitions Secretary asked the Finance Committee to look at the prizes.

### **6.4 Junior 2 Rink Competition**

The Competitions Secretary indicated that when this competition was last run it was split into under 14 and over 14 and asked would it still be in this format or would Juniors be grouped together regardless of age. The Chairman thought that Zones would struggle to get 8 players. The Competitions Secretary will contact Zones to find out how many Juniors they have.

### **6.5 Gents Interzone Competition**

The Competitions Secretary raised the issue that she thought the Mens Interzone competition would not be completed in one day and that the Competitions Committee would need to look at a date and venue for possibly the semi-finals and finals. W Clinghan asked how much the cost of Ballyholland was and G O'Hare replied £700 for the weekend.

## **7. British Isles Update**

The Competitions Secretary asked for volunteers to get the various cups gathered up. She had 3 team cups. The Hon Secretary reported that assistance was required to help with the running of the Championships. A number of Conveners indicated that they would be willing to help in any capacity.

## **8. Clubs for affiliation**

None.

Mrs A McKiver asked of the South Tyrone Zone league was registered. If it was not, she would re-register it. S Kyne asked the Honorary Secretary if he had received an application form for Ballinderry Community Hub. The Honorary Secretary said he had not.

## **9. Correspondence**

Correspondence was sent to player regarding the use of a crutch, and this was resolved to the player's satisfaction.

## **10. Any other notified business**

- 10.1 Under 25 Interzone Competition – C Mearns  
S Kyne had no problem with the idea but felt that getting numbers would be a problem.
- 10.2 Over 55 Zone Mixed Team Competition – C Mearns  
The Chair thought that this was a very good idea and that teams could consist of a minimum of 3 ladies or 3 men. Regionalisation was mentioned but it was thought that some zones would not want to host it. This item to be put on next agenda.
- 10.3 Mens Zone team being mixed – W Clinghan  
After some discussion it was decided that the present format should remain.
- 10.4 Officers being given access to Facebook site – D McMahan  
The Chair asked if there was any harm in Officers giving full-time access to the Facebook site. S Kyne replied that there had to be a level of consistency in terms of posts and comments. D Bintley suggested creating a moderator's role. G O'Hare thought that officers should have access. It was agreed that the Competitions Secretary would have access to the Facebook page.
- 10.5 Election of PRO at IIBA AGM – D McMahan  
D McMahan thought that the PRO should be made an honorary position. Mrs R Rice thought that all paid positions should be voted in at the AGM. It was proposed by G O'Hare and seconded by W Clinghan that the PRO should be made an honorary position and elected at the AGM.
- 10.6 Approval of Payment of Honoraria to Officers in November – H Nixon  
The payment of the honoraria to the Officers was approved. It was agreed to look at the honoraria at the next Finance Committee meeting.
- B Holmes had asked S Kyne to raise the issue of mileage payment. Mrs R Rice proposed and S Kyne seconded that the Finance Committee would look into this.
- 10.7 Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults – S Kyne  
S Kyne asked conveners to contact him if any zone has anybody new to be added or anyone who had left. Mrs R Rice asked if Child Protection Officers required an update. S Kyne is to find out from the Sports Council.

Meeting closed 10:10 p.m.