

IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The 7th Meeting of the 2018/2019 season will take place in Dungannon Rugby Club on Thursday 7th March 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 Competitions Update and draw for 2019/20 competition
 - 6.2 National, Ladies & Junior Championships Update
 - 6.3 Junior Inter Zone Report
7. Hon Treasurer
8. Clubs / Leagues for Affiliation
9. Correspondence
10. Any other notified business

** Notice of Any Other Business to be advised preferably in writing/email or by telephone to the Secretary by **Wednesday 7th March 2019**.

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The 6th Meeting of the 2018/2019 season was held in Belfast Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 7.30 pm.

1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	H Massey	A Rice	Ms C Adair	W Crawford
W Cassells	Mrs A Patton	D Doherty	Mrs R Rice	T Gribben
M Caughey	M Turley	B Holmes	S Kyne	S Carleton
I Kerr	G O'Hare	Mrs C McKim	Mrs R Neely	

Apologies

Ms H Foley	D McCullough	M Fitzsimons	Mrs C Cochrane	E Irwin
Mrs A McKiver	H Nixon			

2. Chairman's Business

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Conveners that the affiliation fees of 23 clubs were still outstanding.

3. Notice of Any Other Business

- i. Junior Competitions - Raising the age to 21 –
- ii. Ladies Inter-Zone Competitions – Reducing to 6 Triples or 4 Rinks –

4. Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd January 2019

The minutes of the meetings were approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i. Item 5 i Matters Arising
The Treasurer contacted PWC regarding their quote. The Treasurer confirmed that PWC Branch were content with the quote that was provided.
- ii. Item 6.2 National, Ladies & Junior Championships Update
The Secretary had contacted Coleraine Leisure Centre with regards to staging the National Championship Finals and had booked the venue. The Secretary indicated that tiered seating had always been provided at National Finals.
- iii. Item 8 Child Protection Officer
The Secretary invited Mr P Stephenson from the Child Protection in Sport Unit in NSPPC to attend meeting to answer any questions that Executive Members might have in regards to Child Protection.

6. Competitions Secretary's Reports

6.1 Inter Zone Competition Update

Ladies Shield 23 February 2019
Monaghan v Northern @ Ardaghey

Men's Shield 23 February 2019

West Down v North Eastern @ Dromore Pavilion

Ladies Main Competition (McIlroy Cup) 2 March 2019

Donegal v West Down @ Killyclougher

Mens Main Competition (Boomer Cup) 9 March 2019

Oriel v Mid Tyrone @ Clontibret

6.2 National, Ladies & Junior Championships Update

The Competitions Secretary said that on 16 March the National Singles, National Fours, Ladies Pairs, Ladies Triples and Junior Singles will be played. On 23 March the National Pairs, National Triples, Ladies Singles, Junior Pairs and Over 55 Pairs would take place. Both days play would start at 10 a.m. The finals will take place in Coleraine Leisure Centre on 30 March with a 1 p.m. start. Entry numbers were as follows – National Singles 50, National Pairs 52, National Triples 25, National Fours 24, Ladies Singles 22, Ladies Pairs 19, Ladies Triples 16, Junior Singles 14, Junior Pairs 12 and Over 55 Pairs 22. GDPR forms have been drafted and will be issued to players for completion.

6.3 Junior 2 Rink & Junior Inter Zone Update

The Competitions Secretary stated that the 2 rink competition was successfully completed after a problem regarding the naming of teams. Ten teams took part and the final was between Monaghan and North West with Monaghan coming out the winners. The draw was made for the Junior Inter Zone competition with 8 Zones taking part on 16 February. Group A consisted of Armagh, West Down, Mid Tyrone and Monaghan while Group B contained Oriel, North West, Mid Ulster and Western. Play would start at 10 a.m. and each game would be 7 ends. In query re coaching it was agreed that no coaches were to be on the mats during the games but the players could go to the sidelines and speak to a coach. This was to be announced at the start of the games and agreed to purchase arm bands to identify the team captains.

Talk on Child Protection

Mr Paul Stephenson of the Child Protection in Sport Unit of the NSPCC was then invited to join the meeting. Paul works with Sports governing bodies. And he explained the different requirements for clubs based in the North and clubs based in the South. The best practice requirements for NI is to

- Appoint a designated safeguarding children officer
- Have an up to date safeguarding policy (reviewed each 3 years) that includes guidance on
 - Safe recruitment including vetting
 - A code of behaviour for those involved in the sport
 - Clear reporting and complaints procedure
- Safeguarding Training for those working with children contact SportNI Workshops workshops@sportni.net for generic courses or Chris Mulholland for sport specific

In ROI the vetting legislation is contained in the National Vetting Bureau (children and vulnerable persons) Act 2012 revised 2016. The National Vetting Bureau administers the vetting process in the 26 counties of the Republic of Ireland. The above legislation requires a relevant organisation (including sport clubs) who employs, contacts or permits a person to undertake “relevant work or activities” in respect of children or vulnerable persons, to have the individual vetted. The legislation covers, among others, employees, contractors and volunteers.

The Act places vetting on a statutory basis and failure to vet is a criminal offence with only limited exceptions. Those individuals employed/working in a relevant organisation must be vetted before commencing employment work. Employees/others who were in place prior to 29th April 2016 had an 18 month grace period to get vetted. However, retrospective vetting will be required by the end of December 2017. The situation remains that those who assist on an occasional basis and who are not involved in the coaching, mentoring, counselling, teaching or training of children or vulnerable persons are not legally required to be vetted. Mr Stephenson added that he would send the previous guidance that Sport Ireland sent out and sample parental consent forms to the Secretary for distribution to Executive members and would be happy to answer any further queries.

Mr Stephenson then left and after a discussion S Kyne volunteered to take over the role of Child Protection Officer if no one else would come forward.

7. Update on the IIBA website

Details of problems with web site outlined. IIBA website had not been operational for a couple of weeks due to issues with the service provider. As a result he had changed the provider and he had just got the new site up and running and hoped to have it populated over the incoming weeks.

9. Clubs for affiliation

None.

10. Correspondence

Letter received from bowler in South Down which was also sent to the Disciplinary Committee. They are to give this matter their consideration.

11. Any other notified business

- i. Junior Competitions - Raising the age to 21 –
It was felt that there would too big an age discrepancy if a 21 year old played an 8 year old. As a compromise It was proposed and seconded that the Junior 2 Rink competition be replaced with a rinks competition for under 14 year olds and another for 15-21 year olds. The 15-21 year olds would have to be from the one Zone. The Junior Inter-Zone competition would now consist of 2 rinks instead of 3.
- ii. Ladies Inter-Zone Competitions – Reducing to 6 Triples or 4 Rinks –After some discussion it was decided that this was too big an issue to be decided without more consideration. The Hon Secretary pointed out that any changes of this nature are required to be put forward by December. Therefore it was agreed to consider the matter at a later date.

Meeting closed 9:10 p.m.