

IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The 4th Meeting of the 2022/23 season was held by Zoom on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 8.30 pm.

1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	D McMahon	A Rice	Ms C Adair	H Nixon
S Kyne	W Clinghan	E Irwin	C Mearns	Mrs C McKim
G O'Hare	S Carleton	Mrs N Tanner	Mrs A McKiver	

Apologies

Mrs A Patton	M Caughey	D McCullough	Mrs R Rice	S Bates
M Fitzsimons	J Newell	J O'Hare	Mrs J Parkinson	I Kerr

2. Chairman's Business

The Chairman reported that 353 clubs have affiliated with three Zones yet to send in their returns. He then gave an update from the British Isles Council meeting held in Shaws Bridge. The four countries agreed to hold a Ladies International Series based on the British Isles format. The first event will be held in England next October. Scotland are going to try to get involved in the Top Team event.

3. Notice of Any Other Business

None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2022

The minutes of the meeting were proposed and seconded.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 1) Item 5.1 Sponsorship from Crowne Plaza. Nothing forthcoming.
- 2) Item 6 £30 from Zones to assist paying for British Isles Championships. All but three Zones had paid.
- 3) Item 10.6 Mileage Payment. To be dealt with under Item 8.
- 4) Item 10.7 Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults. The Sports Council staff are working from home and the Child Protection Officer is waiting for confirmation of length of time the Child Protection forms are valid.

6. Competitions Secretary's Report

6.1 Champion of Champions Report

There were 22 Singles, 36 Pairs, 10 Triples and 10 Fours entered.

The winners were as follows:

Singles: Sean Breen, Cooley Oriel Zone

Pairs: Kieran Trainor & Sean Trainor, Cooley, Oriel Zone

Triples: John McMahon, John Murnaghan & Steven McMahon, Corduff, Oriel Zone

Fours: Derek Wilson, Eddie Campbell, Johnny Wilson & Andrew Leckey, All Saints Tullylish, West Down Zone

6.2 World Bowls Qualifiers Update

There were 142 Singles, 99 Pairs, 54 Triples and 44 Fours entries.

The qualifiers were as follows:

Singles: Alan Paul, St. Mark's Portadown, Armagh Zone

Pairs: Kevin McNamee & Declan McCann, St. Mary's Aghadowey, Northern Zone

Triples: Jordan Rankin, Deramore, North West Zone

Fours: to be completed on 3 December.

The Competitions Secretary said that it was most frustrating that especially in the Singles players pulled out and didn't let her know which caused a lot of problems on the day. The Chair suggested that, while accepting that some genuine situations might occur, the players who didn't let the Competitions Secretary know should be barred from entering that competition the following season.

6.3 Junior 2 Rink Competition

There has been a very poor response. The Competitions Secretary suggested that the format be changed to either a one rink or two triples competition. After some discussion it was proposed and seconded that it would be a one triple competition. The Honorary Secretary proposed that it could be combined it with a Ladies Triples competition and the winners will represent Ireland in the upcoming British Isles Ladies series. All agreed. The entry fee for the Junior Triples would be £6 and the Ladies Triples £18.

6.4 Master Pairs

The Competition Secretary reminded Conveners that these forms were issued along with all the paperwork at the start of the season. Convenors need to remind their clubs that the entries are due in by 10 December. This is a licenced round robin competition with the winner of each group going through to a knock-out.

6.5 Club Championship

This year's competition is a two-rink event only. Forms have not been issued for this competition yet but again convenors need to be aware of this and notifying the clubs in their zones. Entry criteria will be distributed along with the entry form.

6.6 Interzone Competition

Fifteen zones confirmed entry for the Men's Interzone competition and a few more don't know. This means it will not be completed in one day. The Competitions Secretary thought that the Finals could be held on the morning of the National Finals.

Ladies Interzone is still 4 rinks, with zones having the option of entering two teams if they have the numbers. However, if that happens the names will need to be submitted for each team and no chopping and changing between teams. The schedule should be similar although 12 teams can play at the one time.

Zones can bring as many subs as they like, but all names need to be identified on the entry form along with confirmation that the GDPR form has been completed for all players and brought along on the day.

6.7 National Entry Returns

The Competitions Secretary reminded Conveners that forms for returns have been issued. These must be returned by the end of January as these draws take longer because of the duplications that always occur. The combination of events is determined by the duplications so the earlier the forms are received the better.

7. British Isles Championships Report

Agreed that the teams and individuals did very well considering the amount of bowls that had been played. The Chair thought that in the future more practice nights would be required. The Treasurer stated that the ballot had made a profit of £559 and thanked all for their help in achieving that figure.

The Competitions Secretary said that she was nervous in her role as President of the British Isles Council. She thanked all who worked hard over the two days. She thanked the Honorary Secretary (ably supported by his wife), who had the nightmare task of drawing up the programme with so many duplications along with the many other tasks that he efficiently dealt with; the President for her diplomacy and tact, not to mention her skills in sourcing prizes for the raffle; All thanked for their work. the Chair and PRO for ensuring that scores were posted and available to all; Those for their work out on the mats; those who umpired: The team manager and of course our skilled and gifted bowlers. It was a delight for her to present 8 cups (Main Series: Team, Pairs, Fours & McDermott trophies; A series: Team, Pairs, Fours & Hunter trophies) and 4 runners-up (Main Series: Singles & Triples; A Series: Singles & Triples) to our fabulous players.

8. Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee met on 31 October and discussed the response from the Umpires Association to the questions it had posed. It was agreed to set up a meeting with the umpires this Saturday. The mileage rate was discussed and given the increase in fuel prices it was proposed and seconded that the mileage rate should increase to 40p/mile from 1 November. It was agreed that reviewing the Honoraria would be deferred until the start of the 2023/24 season.

9. Over 55 Zone Competition

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

10. Clubs for affiliation

Ballinderry Community Hub – Mid Ulster.

Proposed by Chair and Seconded by the President.

11. Correspondence

None.

12. Any other notified business

None.

Meeting closed 10:10 p.m.