

## IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The First Meeting of the 2024/25 season will be held in Belfast Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 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 Report
7. Interzone Draw
8. AGM Report
9. SGM Report
10. Changes to the Laws of the Game for 2024/25
11. Post of Competition Secretary
12. Election of Sub-Committees
13. Clubs for affiliation
14. Correspondence
15. Any other notified business

\*\* Notice of Any Other Business to be advised preferably by email to the Secretary by **Monday 27th May 2024.**

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## Minutes of Executive Meeting 21 March 2024

The seventh Executive Meeting of the 2023/24 season was held in Belfast Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.30 pm.

### 1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	A Rice	Ms C Adair	S Kyne	D Bintley
D McCullough	Mrs A Patton	M Caughey	J O'Hare	Mrs P Martin-Ball
S Bates	E Irwin	I Kerr	S Carleton	C Mearns
G O'Hare	Mrs J Parkinson			

### Apologies

D McMahan	H Nixon	J Newell	Miss H Foley	D Crawford
D McNamara	P Eakin	M Petticrew	Mrs A McKiver	Mrs C McKim

### 2. Talk on Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults

Paul Stephenson from the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit gave a PowerPoint presentation on this particularly important subject. A young person is defined as anyone under 18 and advice and guidance are on the website [www.thecpsu.org.uk](http://www.thecpsu.org.uk). It is not a legal requirement to be vetted in the UK but it is a legal requirement to do so in ROI.

### 3. Chairman's Business

The President presided over the meeting as the Chair was ill. She thanked all for their help at World Bowls.

### 4. Notice of Any Other Business

None.

### 5. Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

The minutes of the Zoom meeting were proposed by S Kyne and seconded by. C Mearns indicated that he did not attend this meeting and Mrs A Patton noted in Item 6.2 the second on her rink was I Cunningham and not I McCullough.

### 6. Matters arising from Minutes.

None.

### 7. Competitions Secretary Reports

**7.1 and 7.2 National Competitions and Interzone Competitions Update**

The Competitions' Secretary indicated that these have been completed and as predicted the first day was very long as there a lot of duplications which led to delays, but everyone had been warned to expect this.

The schedule for 23 March is as follows:

9.30 am: All interzone finals followed by presentations.

2 pm approx.: Ladies Rinks, National Rinks & National Triples.

3.30 pm approx.: National Singles Semi-finals, Junior Pairs, Ladies Pairs, Ladies Triples, Over 55 Pairs.

4.30 pm approx.: National Singles, National Pairs, Ladies Singles, Junior Singles, Mixed Pairs. The presentations will follow at conclusion of these games.

A discussion then took place about the Interzone competitions: It was proposed and seconded that the Ladies Interzone Competition for 2024/25 be played at Shaws Bridge on one day up to the semi-final stage.

It was proposed and seconded that the Ladies Interzone Competition be played on a home and away basis. A vote took place and it was tied at 8 votes each. The Chair had the casting vote and voted for the first proposal.

It was proposed and seconded that the Mens Interzone Competition for 2024/25 be played at Shaws Bridge. It was proposed and seconded that the Mens Interzone Competition be played on a home and away basis. The vote was 13-2 in favour of a home and away basis.

It was also agreed that the Over 55 Interzone Competition be held on the same basis as the Ladies Interzone Competition i.e. played up to the semi-final stage at Shaws Bridge.

#### **8. Location of Interzone finals**

The location of Interzone finals was raised. It was felt that taking the teams to a neutral hall would generate more atmosphere. It was also added that having two teams playing in finals on the same day at the same time at the same venue made it impossible to support both teams. It was added that there should be separate days for the National Finals and the Interzone finals.

#### **9. World Bowls Report**

Gary McNabb won the singles title for Ireland, Jim Fox, Shane Hand and Paul Duff were runners-up in the triples while Adam Dyche, Trevor Brown and Charlie Clarke finished fourth. In the Fours, DJ Wilson, Eddie Campbell, Jonny Wilson and Andrew Leckey came third. The Honorary Secretary congratulated the other representatives who had performed well. The IIBA rules were adopted for the Championships and by the third day Rule 37 got quite a positive response by the players. The raffle which was looked after by Sammy Bates and Ruth Neely raised between £900-£1,000. Jean Parkinson was also thanked for sorting the name boards for every round. Last but by no means least our thanks go to our main sponsor Go whose generous sponsorship went a long way to making the Championships the success that they were.

#### **10. AGM**

The Honorary Secretary reminded those present that the AGM would take place at Shaws Bridge on Tuesday 9 April at 8 p.m.

**11. Clubs/Leagues for Affiliation**  
None.

**12. Correspondence**  
None.

**13. Any other Notified Business**  
None.

Meeting closed 9.25 p.m.