

IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

A Zoom Meeting was held on Thursday 4th November 2021 at 8 pm.

1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	A Rice	Ms C Adair	H Nixon	W Cassells
D McCullough	Mrs R Rice	W Clinghan	E Irwin	C Mearns
Mrs J Parkinson	G O'Hare	Mrs C McKim		

Apologies

H Massey	Mrs A Patton	M Turley	B Holmes	Ms H Foley
M Caughey	S Carleton	Mrs A McKiver	I Kerr	

2. Chairman's Business

The President took the chair as the Chairman was unable to attend as he was again having technical issues.

3. Minutes of the meetings held on 7th October 2021

The minutes of the Zoom meeting were approved.

4. Matters arising from Minutes

Item 6 Correspondence

The Hon Secretary had replied to the request relaying the Executive's response to the query.

5. Return to Play – Update from Zones

Several Zones had leagues up and running. One League had 10 teams consisting of 4 rinks but the remainder who had started had reduced their league format from fours to triples. There were a few Zones whose leagues were not starting and some who were going to start in the New Year.

6. Competitions Secretary's Report: Completion of Nationals 2019/20

6 November 2021: National Fours, 24 entered and 3 withdrawn. Nine umpires will be attending. Dress table: Mrs F McNally and H Massey.

13 November 2021: National Pairs, 39 entered and 1 withdrawn & Ladies Singles, 20 entered and 7 withdrawn. Eight umpires will be attending. Dress table: C Mearns and Mrs J Parkinson.

20 November 2021: Junior Singles, 14 entered and no withdrawals & Over 55 Pairs, 23 entered and 6 withdrawn. Both these competitions will be held in the morning with the finals will be held at 2.30 pm in the afternoon. Dress table: C Mearns and Mrs J Parkinson.

A short discussion took place about mask wearing and it was agreed that the mask could be removed while the player was delivering their bowl. This would be told to the players.

The Competitions Secretary stated that Shaws Bridge was still charging the IIBA £350 for each Saturday.

Some reasons for withdrawing were as follows

- Too early to be safe with regards to Covid.
- Work circumstances have changed---one now works on a Saturday.
- Not having played bowls for 20 months they feel that their standard of playing has dropped and
- Why are we going ahead with this when there are many clubs who still have no access to their halls as the owner/committee have refused to let them restart (regardless of SportNI or Sport Ireland advice or IIBA protocol)?

7. Finance Meeting 24 October 2021

Attendees: H Nixon, G O'Hare, S Kyne, Mrs R Rice, S Carleton, A Rice (Minutes)
Minutes of previous meeting on 19 February 2020 had been circulated and they were passed. A discussion took place about the number of clubs that that opened. It was thought things would become clearer after Government meeting on 22 October. One member thought that most of the clubs in his Zone would not open until after Christmas and this was also the case for Meath Zone.

Honoraria

It was proposed and seconded that the Honoraria be paid to the Officers as the work was still ongoing. This would be taken to the next Executive meeting.

G O'Hare proposed and Mrs J Parkinson seconded that the Honoraria be paid to the Officers. All agreed.

Yearbook

It was asked how much the advertising cost in the Yearbook. At present the cost is £50 per page, It suggested that this could be raised to £75 per page and a concerted effort be made to get more advertisers. A more slimline version of the Yearbook was suggested with parts of the current Yearbook being transferred to the website.

Funding from Sport Ireland

S Kyne said that there was an opportunity to obtain funding from Sport Ireland and suggested contacting the Federation of Irish Sport. The Hon Secretary was to contact Mary O'Connor to ask if the IIBA was eligible to apply.

The IIBA was able to apply and the Hon Secretary passed on the application forms for the Hon Treasurer to complete. The Hon Treasurer said that the figure applied for was €8,375 and a decision would be made by the Federation of Sport in December.

International Finance

The Hon Secretary explained that unless there was sponsorship this would always operate at a loss as 20-30 International shirts were bought each year which costs £600 - £900.

InterZone Competition

This competition always operated at a loss and it was suggested an entry fee of £100 per Zone and that the Mens and Ladies Plate Finals could be played at Shaws Bridge in the morning with the main finals being played in the afternoon. There would be no need for catering.

National Finals

The Hon Treasurer said that the prizes for the National Finals would be paid in Tesco vouchers. The accounts showed a profit of over £2,000 for the Nationals but as the prizes which amounted to over £1,900 had not been bought there was only a small profit.

Insurance

The cost for insurance was over £4,600. The Honorary Treasurer was asked to contact Insure4sport to see if they could offer a more competitive quote.

The Hon Treasurer stated that Insure4sport would not cover the clubs in the Republic and therefore could not be used.

The Hon Treasurer reported that to date he had received 73 affiliation fees: 60 from Northern Clubs and 13 from Southern Clubs. It was stressed that if a club was opened then the affiliation fee must be paid. If a club did not open this season but did next season, then the £10 fee to rejoin the Association would be waived. If a player was selected to play for Ireland, then the Club affiliation fee must be paid.

6. Correspondence

None.

Meeting closed 9.30 p.m.