

IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The fourth Meeting of the 2023/24 season will take place by Zoom on Thursday 23rd November at 8 pm.

AGENDA

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Chairman's Business
3. Notice of Any Other Business**
 - 3.1 Dress
 - 3.2 World Sponsorship
 - 3.3 Amendment to Law 37
Change "if any of the first two bowls **in any end** delivered by the lead..." to "if the first bowl **in any end** delivered by the lead..."
 - 3.4 Amendment to Law 45 (g)
Change "for a complete period of two bowling seasons" to "for one bowling season,"
A new sentence inserted before the last sentence to read:
"If a player who physically moves to where he/she lives then they should not be penalised and be able to play immediately."
4. Minutes of the previous meeting
5. Matters arising from the Minutes
6. Competitions Secretary's Report
 - 6.1 World Bowls Qualifiers Report
 - 6.2 Club Championship Report
 - 6.3 Interzone competitions - Venues
 - 6.4 Junior Interzone format
 - 6.5 Ladies Fours
7. Report of meeting with clubs in Foyle Zone
8. Meeting with Umpires Association
9. British Isles Report – Chair
10. Safeguarding Update
11. Clubs for affiliation
12. Correspondence
Any other notified business

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The third Executive Meeting of the 2023/24 season was held by Zoom on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 8 pm.

1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	D McMahon	A Rice	Ms C Adair	H Nixon
S Kyne	D McCullough	D Bintley	D McNamara	J O'Hare
Mrs P Martin-Ball	S Carleton	E Irwin	C Mearns	G O'Hare
Mrs A McKiver	Mrs J Parkinson			

Apologies

J Newell	D Crawford	Mrs A Patton	M Petticrew	S Bates
I Kerr	Miss H Foley			

2. Chairman's Business

The Chairman commented on the first Ladies International Series. He said it was an incredible weekend and congratulated all those who had taken part.

3. Notice of Any Other Business

None.

4. Minutes of the meetings held on 21st September 2023

The minutes of the Zoom meeting were proposed and seconded.

5. Matters arising from Minutes

- 1) 12. Correspondence to the Umpires Association. There will be a meeting with the Umpires Association on 4 November at 2:30 pm in Shaws Bridge.

6. Competitions Secretary Reports

6.1 Champion of Champions Report

Total entries were as follows: 14 Singles. 34 Pairs. 12 Triples. 11 Fours.

Times were published on Facebook for 2 reasons, with the Ladies internationals it was tight for time and secondly the cost of postage.

Singles winner: G McNabb, Fintona Pearses, Mid Tyrone.

Pairs winner: D Cunningham & A Johnston, Rock, Lisburn.

Triples winner: J Fox, S Hand & P Duff, Corduff, Oriel.

Fours winner: DJ Wilson, E Campbell, J Wilson & A Leckey, All Saints Tullylish, West Down.

This event was used as a test for working without umpires. There was 1 qualified umpire present and umpire kits available for the players to use. It all seemed to go smoothly.

6.2 Interzone Competitions

In the Mens competition Foyle are unable to field a team due to the unforeseen circumstances they find themselves in. Normally if this happens the team are not entered in the following years competition but in these exceptional circumstances the Competitions Secretary recommended that this penalty was not applied. Lisburn have been informed that they have a bye.

Mens Competition

Preliminary round

Belfast v Mid Antrim @ Falls BC

Monaghan V Armagh @ Doohamlet

Mid Down v South Down @ Edengrove

North Down v Donegal @ Ards BC

Ladies Competition

1st round

Monaghan v Mid Ulster – TBC

North West v South Tyrone @ Christ Church, Limavady

South Down v Lisburn – TBC

Mid Down v Oriel – TBC

Western v Northern @ Regal Hall, Enniskillen

West Down v Mid Antrim @ Holm Park, Dromore

East Antrim v Donegal – TBC

Mid Tyrone v Armagh – TBC

Over 55 Interzone: See mins 6.5. The Competitions Secretary referred to the £50 Entry fee that was agreed at the last meeting and not £80 as referred to in her email. S Carleton asked if more than one team could be entered. The Competitions Secretary agreed that this would be possible, The Chairman thought that there would be no issues changing teams.

6.3 World Bowls Qualifiers

The closing date was extended to the 20 October resulting in the following entries: 63 Singles, 35 Pairs, 16 Triples and 20 Fours. The draws have been done, times allocated and published on Facebook. The Competitions Secretary wanted to know how many umpires were required given that there were 63 singles. The Honorary Secretary suggested that the loser should mark the next game.

6.4 Club Championship

The Competitions Secretary had received some entries for the competition on 11 November. Conveners were reminded that the competition is restricted to 32 teams this year. That means zones are guaranteed 1 entry with possibly more, on a first come, first served basis and if they have more than one, they need to rank their teams.

6.5 Junior Interzone format

Although the Junior event is not scheduled until 6th Jan 2024 the format needs to be decided. No decision will take place until Conveners come back with numbers. The Junior pairs which are played at zone level are normally licensed but as there are so few entries should the licence fee be discontinued. It was proposed and seconded to remove the fee. All agreed.

7. British Isles Update

The Honorary Secretary reported that the players receive their shirts and jackets, and it is hoped that our sponsors could come to Shaws Bridge for some publicity. Hotels are in order and the Honorary is waiting for the coach company to come back with the pick-up points.

8. Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Update

Safeguarding Officer reported that he had very little to add from the previous meeting. So far 5 members of the Executive and 7 clubs had gone through AccessNI checks. He had been talking to ESMBA officials and they had taken the stance that if a county did not have a Child protection officer, then they could not enter the Inter-county, equivalent to our Inter Zone competition, This was done to ensure that counties would take the matter seriously. The Chairman stated that every club in his zone sent 2 representatives to become Child Protection Officers. It was stated that unfortunately that the courses in Northern Ireland are not readily available.

9. Clubs/Leagues for Affiliation

Application received from:
Lisbellaw Parish – Western Zone
Kinturk – South Tyrone

Proposed and seconded.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Any other Notified Business

- 1) Query about what was happening in the Foyle Zone. The Convener had resigned, and several bowlers were concerned that no National competitions would be held. The Honorary Secretary will be calling an EGM of the Foyle Zone before the British Isles weekend and as many Officers will attend.
- 2) Enquiry about the Top Team Trophy from Wales. Oriel won it last December so once the Plaque can be located it will be brought over to the British Isles competition in Wales.

Date of the next meeting 23 November.

Meeting closed 9.20 p.m.