

## IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 2016/2017 season will take place in Dungannon Rugby Club on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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 Club Championship Report
  - 6.2 Inter Zone/Junior Inter Zone Update
  - 6.3 National, Ladies & Junior Championships Update
7. Clubs/Leagues for Affiliation
8. Correspondence
9. Any other notified business
10. Discussion on the way forward

\*\* Notice of Any Other Business to be advised preferably in writing/email or by telephone to the Secretary by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### **Executive Meeting Dates for your diary**

2 February 2017 – Shaws Bridge

2 March 2017 – Dungannon Rugby Club

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The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 2016/2017 season was held in Belfast Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30 pm.

## 1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	H Massey	A Rice	Ms C Adair	W Crawford
B McGookin	T Morrison	D McNamara	T Gribben	S Kyne
S Carleton	E Irwin	G O'Hare	H Nixon	Mrs C Cochrane

## Apologies

J Richardson	Ms H Foley	T Carson	Mrs J Henderson	Mrs A McKiver
P Eakin	D Doherty			

## 2. Chairman's Business

The Chairman congratulated both International teams on their success in Bromsgrove. He also noted that there were 110 affiliation fees outstanding.

## 3. Notice of Any Other Business

- 1) Proposed change to 45 (g)
- 2) Agenda and proposals at World and British Isles Council meetings to be discussed at IIBA Executive Meeting 2 months in advance
- 3) All games at British Isles Championships be 10 ends and the individuals play as per team game
- 4) Selectors/Competitions Committee reserve the right to withdraw any player deemed unfit to participate
- 5) Conveners expenses
- 6) Changes to Club Championships

## 4. Minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

The minutes of the meetings were approved and signed.

## 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

## 6. Competitions Secretary Reports

### 6.1 Champion of Champions

Play commenced at 10 a.m. Dress was generally better but still a few issues with pairs, triples and rinks not dressed exactly the same. The winners were:

Singles – A Paul, Cookstown High

Pairs – G Conroy & G McNabb, Fintona Pearses

Triples – J Rankin, M McNicholl & S McSorley, Ardstraw

Fours – L McHugh, M Trimby, K McCullagh & C McHugh – Cookstown Parochial.

The Competitions Secretary thanked the dress table, control table and umpires.

The Competitions Secretary asked should a mat be kept free for players who have a bye. S Carleton said it was the luck of the draw so it would not be necessary. A situation arose when a four had entered with a sub identified and a second player seriously ill. The rink then withdrew from the competition and in the pairs competition one skip required a sub and brought in one of the players from the four that had withdrawn. The Competitions Secretary had no problem with this as the player had already withdrawn from the fours. Some of the players queried this decision and thought that the player should not been allowed to take part. It was proposed and seconded that an entry is an entry when the name is on the entry form and that any named person cannot sub for anyone else. This will have to be clarified on the entry forms next year.

## **6.2 Club Championship**

44 clubs entered and 4 withdrew because of sickness/not being able to field a team. This played havoc with the plate draw as all 4 teams withdrew on the same Saturday.

Unfortunately one team who got through to the semi-final of the Plate Semi-final cannot attend due to a prior engagement. The draws for the competitions are as follows:

Main Competition – St Marks Portadown v Cookstown Parochial and 1<sup>st</sup> Ahoghill v All Saints Tullylish

Plate – Whitecross v Benvariden and winner will play Armagh GC in final.

## **6.3 Inter Zone Competitions**

The Competitions Secretary reminded Home Conveners that all half-time and full-time results should be sent to S Kyne and herself by text

## **6.4 National, Ladies & Junior Championships Update**

Some Zones have returned details regarding entry numbers/sections in relation to vouchers The Competitions Secretary reminded Conveners that no prize vouchers would be issued until entry fees had been received. She also reminded Conveners that the Junior 2 rink competition would take place on 7 January. Entries close on 17 December and entry fee is £16/€18. For the 3 rink competition on 18 February, if a Zone does not have enough Juniors to field a team they can take part with Juniors from a neighbouring Zone.

## **7. British Isles Championships Report**

The Team Manager, said it was an excellent weekend apart from a small problem on the Sunday morning. Ireland won 6 of the trophies and C Dillon was unfortunate in the singles. The President added her congratulations and complemented all involved.

## **8. Meeting with the NI Sports Forum**

There was a disappointing turn out at the meeting with Ciaran Kearney of the NI Sports Forum. For those who did not attend the meeting the Hon Secretary would issue minutes.

## **9. Clubs for affiliation**

Newcastle West Club – Cork  
Beara Bowls Club - Cork

## **10. Correspondence**

## **11. Any other notified business**

- 1) Proposed change to 45(g) for next meeting: To qualify for selection in a new zone, the player concerned must sit out 3 years of inter zone bowls before being eligible to play for a new zone, unless the player has a permanent change of address (there must be evidence of this change provided)

The Chairman suggested that this would stop players jumping from Zone to Zone. D It was proposed and seconded.

- 1) The agenda and any proposals to be discussed at World and British Isles Council meetings must be with the IIBA executive 2 months in advance to allow the Executive to discuss and make decisions. The Officers must vote on the basis of Exec decisions and cannot vote on an issue which has not been agreed by Exec Council – The Hon Secretary who is also the Secretary of the British Isles Council explained that any relevant proposals were always presented to the Executive Council quoting the last Executive Meeting when the proposed World Bowls Competition next March was discussed. Regarding the 2 months' time period this would be problematic as the British Isles Agenda is issued 30 days prior to the meeting.

- 2) All games at championships be 10 ends and the individuals play as per team games

After the British Isles Championships were played, it was agreed by officials that playing 12 ends in the team championship was a mistake and that the format would be looked at and agreed before the next Championships.

- 3) Selectors / Comp Committee reserve the right to withdraw any player deemed unfit to participate in a game

The Hon Secretary said this was covered in the Players Code of Conduct.

- 4) Convenor expenses – Clarification on whether expenses could be claimed for Zone Matches J Richardson to contact Hon Treasurer.

- 5) Club Championships – It was proposed that:
  - (i) the Club Championship be reduced to 32 clubs and played on one Saturday.
  - (ii) A waiting list to be created should a club pull out.
  - (iii) The winners and runners up from the previous year get automatic places and of the remaining 30 places, allocate 1 to each zone and then the remaining 7 places to the 7 largest zones going by number of affiliated clubs.
  - (iv) The qualification would be national criteria only and the 75% rule done away with. This will make the competition easier to police and will encourage the less elite clubs to enter as they are not playing against clubs with top international bowlers from two or three different zones

It was proposed and seconded that the 2017/18 Club Championship would be played under National Rules. The Hon Secretary suggested that a 2 rink club competition could be looked at where clubs would be restricted to playing a maximum of 1 Zone player per rink. This again would encourage clubs to participate.

## **12 Discussion on the way forward**

As a number of topics had already been discussed it was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting.

Meeting closed 9:15 p.m.