

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Sunday, 4th October 2009 at Aylesbury Town Bowls Club.

The President, B Dawkins took the Chair and welcomed delegates to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** G Milligan (SVP), I Harvey (Match Secretary), R Keen (League Secretary), D Throup (Competitions Secretary), V Western (Aston Clinton), B Borg (Bradwell), B Webb (Flackwell Heath), C Turvey (Long Crendon), S Goff (Newport Pagnell), J Fox (Wendover), V Sirret (Wing), J Hughes (Wolverton Park).
 2. **Substitutes:** M Cavill for B Borg and J Meek for V Western.
 3. **Attendance:** 32 Clubs were represented by delegates. Those Clubs not represented by delegates were: Bletchley St Martin, Buckingham West End, Chandos Park, Newport Pagnell, North Crawley, Wolverton Park, Waddesdon, Wendover, Wing, Flackwell Heath, Hazlemere, Marlow, Burnham, Denham, Iver Heath and Stoke Poges. Five Officials were present and five Past Presidents, of whom three were delegates and a Life Member.
 4. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 5th April 2009 had been distributed prior to the meeting. They were taken as a true record and were signed by the President.
 5. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
 6. **Additions to the Agenda:** Life Membership. The Chair of the Life Members Committee proposed the outgoing President for Life Membership. This was seconded and **resolved** unanimously by the delegates present.
 7. **Correspondence:**
 - 7.1 Letter from English Umpires Association thanking the BCBA for their donation.
 8. **County Handbook:** The Association Secretary reported that this was well in hand for next year.
 9. **Green Starring:** The Association Secretary reported that the programme had been carried out and that, in general, the condition of the greens had improved overall.
 10. **County Tours:**
 - 10.1 **2010:** In the absence of the SVP and Tour Organiser who were visiting the hotel this weekend, the Association Secretary reported that the tour was well in hand.
 11. **Annual Dinner:** The Administration Officer reported that, to date, he had 94 confirmed bookings with further bookings to come.
 12. **Bowls England Delegate's Report:** In the absence of the BE Delegate, the Association Secretary went through the report.
 - 12.1 It was **resolved** that the BE Delegate should vote in favour of the 'Liability Insurance linked to Membership' scheme recommended by the Directors of Bowls England.
 - 12.2 It was **resolved** that the BE Delegate should vote in favour of merging the Development and Member Services Committee as soon as possible.
 - 12.3 It was **resolved** that the BE Delegate should vote in favour of reducing the size of the BE Committees to five with the Committee having the powers to co-opt two further members.
 - 12.4 It was **resolved** that the BE Delegate should consult the Association Secretary and decide between them for which Women Selector to vote for.
- The Association Secretary confirmed that he was now the Secretary of the 'Friends of English Bowling'.
13. **County Coach:** The County Coach reported that a full programme of coaching had taken place and in addition two road shows had been held and two further coaching sessions.
 14. **County Unification:** The Association Secretary reported that the majority of issues had been resolved and that nominations had been received, circulated prior to the meeting, for all posts apart from one. He reported that a Special General Meeting had been arranged for the 13th December 2009 for voting, etc to take place. He also reported that the BCBA November Executive meeting would be cancelled as there was nothing to resolve. In addition he reported that the County portion of the Affiliation fee for the Unified Association in 2010 would be £2.50 per playing member. Furthermore, he reminded the delegates that a Secretaries Meeting would

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take place on the 18th October 2009 at Waddesdon BC where any concerns relating to Unification can be explained.

15. Sponsorship: The MC Team Manager reported that money was still coming into the 'Friends of Bucks Bowling'. On the issue of new shirts, the Association Secretary reported that a working sub-committee had been set-up to select four designs of shirt, from which the new Council would select one which would be the Unified shirt for all disciplines.

16 League Bowls:

In the absence of the League Secretary, the Association Secretary reported that it had been a successful year for the League with more new teams entering each year. He also reported that all League Winners would be presented with a framed certificate as well as their prize money.

Secretaries Note: As there are no further Executive meetings of the BCBA, these minutes will be placed before the delegates at the AGM for approval. On another matter, delegates must give consideration as to what they wish to do with the BCBA papers and information – I do not wish to hold them! Will be on the AGM Agenda.

Signed: _____

President

Date: _____