

Bowls Scotland District 6

Minutes of Meeting held on Sun 12th February 2017

Venue: Perth Bowling Club, North Inch Perth

District Secretary

Welcome

Frances opened and welcomed all members present to the 2017 District 6 Ladies Bowls Scotland meeting.

Thanks were passed to Perth president and ladies members for allowing the use of the facilities and provision of tea/coffee and biscuits to visitors and appreciation for the meeting to take place within the club.

Absent Friends

Respected with Minutes Silence

Apologies

Received from Almond Valley BC, Blair Atholl BC Scone BC and Mary Fotheringham Past president BS.

Reminder to all present to confirm they had signed in at the start of the meeting. The DS thanked all those in attendance at the meeting, 23 of the D6 clubs were represented, an excellent turnout.

Minutes of 2016 Mtg

Previous years' meetings had been electronically sent out to member clubs, hopefully an opportunity to read over them.

Matters Arising

Any matters Arising – None

Approved by Margaret Noyce Crieff BC and Seconded by Sheila Beedie Blairgowrie BC

BS Updates

Various matters were raised at this point:

- A. Clubs wanted to have more input with the Agenda with items that should be discussed/raised these to be included prior to DS 6 Annual meeting taking place.
(FS will send out an email pre meeting for any club wishing questions/views to be included in the agenda.)
- B. Question asked if the meeting could be held earlier than it presently occurs.
(FS advised that the reason February is the preferred date is because Bowls Scotland District Secretaries meeting normally takes place mid January meaning any changes can then be relayed to those attending the District 6 meeting.)
- C. Ladies Senior Games: Why is this set for players/ladies at the age of 55 years? Many ladies of this age group still work and felt they are not in a position to participate/play in the senior competitions. Should this age not be increased?
(FS explained the rational on this and now that the Government have made and raised working age for woman this might be something BS

has to look at. (FS will bring this matter up at the next BS District Secretaries meeting and report back).

BS Updates Con't **C** Various clubs want the overall time to play the 1st stage games to be reduced, a show of hands were requested, 11 clubs present felt the games should be reduced to run and be completed over a 3 week period, to be played over both Saturday and Sundays. (FS had already addressed this in 2016 by reducing the First stage games by a week from 5 weeks down to 4. Many clubs have friendly fixtures on Saturdays and very few are in a position to either free up lady playing members and or in a position to provide Green space).

Green availability Members were asked if they could supply green space to allow the First Stages games to take place, at the time of the meeting only a handful of clubs had volunteered green space, so a plea was requested for ladies to go back to their clubs/committees and confirm if they could provide any green space to make my role more manageable.
A further request was made to all clubs to consider putting themselves forward to host 2018 Semi Final & Final competitions, plus be in a position to provide green space.

Competitions & Fees **Bowls Scotland** has increased the Competition entry fee by a pound per discipline it is now £11 per entry.

Juniors can now play in one other main competition plus eligible to play in Mixed pairs.

District 6 Juniors – In the past years our Juniors have been amalgamated with other districts to play the first stage games, pleased to advise that this year only Juniors within our own District will play each other, therefore if we only have 3 entries one would automatically go through to the finals.

Delighted to advise we have two additional clubs entering the junior competitions, resulting in an increase with 4 clubs participating in this discipline.

Main Disciplines Clubs can now put in 2x2 Pairs into the competition.

Capitation forms should be returned to BS Ayr by the 28th February, the earlier they are received the sooner the draws can take place.

Date of First Stage Dates for the D6 Ladies competition rounds:

Main competitions to take place on Sunday
Sunday 7th May First and Second rounds on all games (singles, pairs, triples and fours)
Sunday 14th Quarter for Singles and Fours
Sunday 21st Quarter for Pairs and Triples
Sunday 28th Semi Finals (Dunning BC & Auchterarder BC)
Sunday 4th June Finals (Afternoon) Perth West End BC

Senior Games to take place on the Monday afternoons
Monday 8th May First Round
Monday 15th May Quarters?
Monday 22nd May Semi Finals (Perth BC)
Sunday 4th June Finals (Morning) Perth West End BC

Junior Games

Dates to be agreed with exception of Finals which will take place on Sunday 4th June (Morning) at Perth West End BC

First stage games require to be fully completed by the 29th June.

Thanks were given to the clubs hosting the Semi Final and Finals in 2017.

Umpiring / Bowls

All Games the Players Bowls should be checked by the designated Umpire before play commences ensuring that they are LEGALLY stamped.

BOWLS STAMPING

Please note it's the individuals responsibility to ensure the Bowls they are playing with are LEGAL.

In Scotland wooden bowls do not need to be tested every 10 years they are now treated like all other bowls. i.e. Legible Serial Number, Legible Date Stamp **I.B.B., W.B.B. or W.B.**

B.I.B.C. date stamp in NOT Acceptable

National Championship

Being held from Monday 24th July through to Saturday 29th July at Northfield Ayr.

Young Bowlers games taking place on Sunday 30th July at Northfield.

Club Anniversary's

The forthcoming season sees two clubs celebrating there 150 years, Crieff and Methven BCs. Congratulations also goes to Stanley BC who celebrates 125 Years. no doubt a busy bowling calendar ahead for all three clubs in the 2017 season.

Super Series

Ladies are encouraged to put themselves forward to play in this fairly new competition which was introduced by BS in 2015.

Regional qualifiers games will be played at various locations:

Singles Sunday 9th July

Pairs Sunday 16th July

Singles Grand Finals 19/20 August at Northfield.

Pairs Grand Finals 12/13 August at Northfield

Champions Experience

Marie Milne and Irene Smith gave a presentation to the audience on their experience in becoming Ladies Pair National Champions in 2015. They briefly shared their story with the excitement when they proudly lifted the trophy at Northfield. Age does not hinder anyone it is how people play on the day albeit the skill of these two highly experienced players, some luck as well with the wee rubs, the friendliness of their opponents nevertheless to come out winners a proud and memorable day for these ladies.

Being Scottish pairs Champions meant they were automatically entered into the British Isles Championship which was held on home territory at

Champ Exp Con't	Sighthill BC Edinburgh Bowling Club, duly fitted out with the flashy uniforms play proudly got underway to take on a challenge against their opponents, ongoing from this they went on to play at Kelvingrove having been seeded 6 th in Super Series pairs.
	They encourage all ladies in Our district to join in, take part in the BS Nationals Competition and if able to make it all the way, enjoy every moment of it.
World Bowls 2016	Eddie was fortunate to go over to New Zealand in November to watch Scotland players enjoy the ambiance of playing against some elite players. He gave us some of the highs and lows of his trip and what players, and two of our own District Umpires had to endure. Weather was just as cold and as wet as back home, accommodation not the Ritz but 5 sharing a flat with queues for use of the one Loo. Early rise most days following on to late finish some nights. Highlight was the winners bringing home there Medals.
Rates review:	Eddie kindly updated us with the current position in connection with rates. Advising clubs to appeal any notices received as the new rates would apply for the next 5 years and take effect from April 2017.
Water rates:	The main companies in place are: Cobalt Water, Castle water and Business Stream. Recommend clubs go online to view requirements. It is highly recommended that Water meters are in place. See/open link below for more information. http://www.bowlscotland.com/development/club-toolkit/club-management/water-rates
Secretary's Remarks	Frances congratulated Eddie on being elected as Bowls Scotland President and wished him well in his year in Office.
AOCB	No points were raised.
Closing Points	Lady Secretary wished all clubs a successful 2017 season. Thanks were given to the Perth ladies and the club was handed back over to the committee members.
Meeting Closed	15.25 pm
Date of next Meeting	TBC - FS on holiday Jan–March 2018 so will need to make alternative arrangements, which I will advise at a later date.