



## Scottish Bowling Association Instituted 1892

Minute of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Bowling Association held at  
Hampden Park, Glasgow on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 2:30pm

### REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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| R Mitchell   | Secretary, Inverness B.C.   |
| W Cook       | Secretary of Highland B.A., Secretary Grampian U2Ss B.A.  |
| A Scudder    | President Cronallie B.A & President Grampian U2Ss Association & Association<br>Member of the Advisory Committee for the Aberdeen Tournament       |
| R Dick       | SYBA Fife District Convenor, East Fife Sports Council Chairman, Junior Section<br>Convenor East Fife Indoor B.C & Coach Disability Sports (Bowls) |
| A Davidson   | Secretary of Dunblane BC & Secretary of West Perthshire B.A   |
| R McArthur   | FIBC Delegate on the SIBA, SIBA Delegate to Umpiring Committee  |
| J Halliday   | Secretary of Dalkeith B.C & Member of the Esk league Council  |
| G Logan      | BIBC Delegate   |
| D Macdougall | Chairman Borders U2Ss & President of Teviotdale Indoor B.C.   |
| J Houston    | VP Garlieston B.C.  |
| G Neil       | Ayr Indoor Proprietor   |
| J Moulson    | Secretary Scottish Bowling League U25's   |
| W Pollok     | VP Senior Section Motherwell Miners Welfare B.C. & Committee member of<br>M.M.W.B.C.  |
| T Weir       | Larkhall & District B.A. Secretary  |
| D Johnson    | Director Whiteinch Indoor B.C.  |

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

IPP Willie Cook took the chair and apologised for the absence of President Tom Allan, informing the meeting that Tom was in hospital, but making progress.

IPP Willie Cook welcomed the delegates and Directors to the Annual General Meeting; he informed the assembly there were 108 Clubs, 12 County Associations, 2 Honorary Members 30 (non-voting) Directors. The IPP welcomed the 4 members from the SWBA, Anna Marshal] (secretary), Anne Paton, Betty Aitken and Anna McCallum. The top table was introduced.

## OBITUARIES

IPP W Cook asked that the members be upstanding for a minute's silence in remembrance of those no longer with us

## APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

**Directors:** President Tom Allan

**Honorary Members:** S Kennedy, J H Bell, J Armstrong, J Stewart, J Black, A Glass

**County Associations:** Renfrewshire BA

Affiliated Associations: Lanark & District Bowling League

**Clubs:** Merchiston B C, Lugar B C, London Road Foundry B C, Fraserburgh West End B C, Crosshouse B C, Newtonmore B C, Stirling B C, Alyth B C, Pitlochry B C, Lauder B C, Bankton Mains B C, The Elgin BC, St Andrews B C, Coylton B C, Inverness Highland B C, Perth West End B C, Dovecoat Park B C, Kirriemuir B C, Prestwick B C, Crichton Royal B C, Whitehall B C, Newton Park B C, Findochty B C, Hamilton Caledonian B C, Monquhitter B C, Lochmaben B C, Thornhill B C, Musselburgh Municipal B C, Victoria Park B C, Low Waters Miners Welfare B C, Airthrey Spa B C, Kay Park B C, Hopeman B C, The Inverness B C, Craigenlinny B C, Polmuir B C, West Kilbride B C, Ardeer Recreation B C.

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Approved by I Banyard (Bainfield BC) and seconded by B McGilvery (Lochee BC)

**BUSINESS ARISING** Nil

## ANNUAL REPORT

CEO informed the meeting of a slight amendment to the annual report, on Page 4, last paragraph, to read St Andrews Ambulance, not St John Ambulance, the membership were then asked if they had all read the annual report and whether there were any comments from the floor. There were none and the Annual report was taken as read

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Convenor Jim Moulson informed the meeting that he would like to thank George Barr for his sterling work with the finances and also to Mrs Nancy Watson for her efforts in the office in the preparation of the accounts. He gave an overview of the accounts, informing the membership of the inclusion of Pages 14 & 15, which he hoped was of assistance to the member clubs. He apologised for unintentionally misleading the members at the last AGM, re capitation fees, which were accepted by those present. Jim Moulson then handed over to our examiner, Alistair Campbell to present the annual accounts, and once completed, asked if there were any questions.

A Chalmers (Strathaven BC) asked if the funding of £100k by our major sponsors, would this impact if Unification fails. This was answered by J Moulson, who said that the funding is not reliant upon Unification, but we would need to look at our expenditure if funding was withdrawn.

A Robertson (Crieff BC) posed the question about competition income/expenditure on pages 6, 8, 14 & 15, and how it does not appear to add up. A Campbell answered, by showing it under different headings relating to Internationals.

C Boyle (Kingswood BC) asked about £2.40 capitation fees, J Moulson referred to his earlier statement.

Report was approved by A Chalmers (Strathaven BC) and seconded by T Gallagher (Auchinloch BC)

J Moulson gave a vote of thanks to Mrs N Watson for her hard work through the year and for such diligence in preparation of the accounting information

A Campbell confirmed that as examiners, he was happy with the accounting procedures of the SBA, and he also gave a vote of thanks to Mrs N Watson for the high standard of book keeping

IPP W Cook moved a vote of thanks to J Moulson Finance Convenor and his committee and A Campbell of our examiners Galbraith and McEwan

#### **APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS**

Galbraith McEwan, 23 Barns St Ayr. Proposed by T Russell (Freuchie BC) and seconded by A Allen (Belvidere BC)  
The meeting approved that Galbraith McEwan continue as Examiners

#### **UNIFICATION**

D McLaren reported that the process that was started over 20 years ago is drawing to its conclusion. The member clubs were issued with various communications throughout the year, as well as a Question & Answer document. This appears to have answered many of the members expressed concerns, with some supplementary questions being asked which will be addressed by the Unification committee at their next meeting. Throughout this process, we have asked the members for their support and asked the members if we can take it to its final stage, which is to hold a joint AGM next December 2010 and vote on Unification. **Agreed.** J Moulson informed the meeting that the draft joint Articles of Association will be sent out to all clubs in January.

#### **CAPITATION FEES**

There were no proposals, and the status quo remained.

#### **DISTRICT ELECTION**

The Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting of the result of the recent election in District 2 as W Cook had completed his term as immediate past President and an election was held with Mr Willie Beaton being elected as Director. The President welcomed Willie to the SBA and presented him with his tie and badge of office.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

IPP W Cook then thanked all the directors within the SBA for their assistance over the past year and included in his vote of thanks Catherine Goodfellow from SportsScotland and CEO Alan McMillan. IPP W Cook then stated: I have great pleasure in nominating Ewen Farrell of Abbeyview BC as President for 2010 seconded by E Cathcart Abbeyview BC, President Ewen Farrell was invested with his badge of office and replied: Gentlemen and ladies I feel very privileged and honoured to take on the position of President and would like to thank W Cook for his nomination and I hope to carry on the good work within the Association. I shall be looking to the new CEO for his assistance over the next twelve months. President E Farrell: I would like to nominate Mr Ernest Johnson of Dumbarton BC as Vice President seconded by M Taylor of Dumbarton BC. Vice President E Johnson was invested with his badge of office and replied: Mr President I would like to thank you for this nomination today, over the years I have served District 24 to the best of my ability and I would like to wish President Farrell a very successful year as President. Vice President E Johnson nominated Michael Devoy of Blackhill BC as Junior Vice President seconded by J McKendrick of Blackhill BC. M Devoy thanked his club & district.

#### **Election of Directors to the discipline committee.**

As there were no nominations from the floor, the members agreed that this be decided at the next Council meeting. The Appeals Panel are I Banyard (Bainfield BC) and J Proctor (Kirkhill BC) with H Gibson (Chryston & District BC) as reserve

#### **NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting was informed that the next AGM shall be in Edinburgh on 15th December 2010. Venue TBC.

## **AOCB**

President E Farrell informed the meeting that this would be minuted. He then proposed W Cook for Honorary membership of the Association. Agreed.

A Allen (Belvidere BC) asked what plans we have to advertise our sport in the future. A McMillan suitably replied.

B Simpson (Arthurlie BC) said that most clubs were struggling for members, how are the SBA going to address this. A McMillan gave his thoughts on this, and we are employing a National Development Officer to assist the clubs.

Bill Bell (Markinch BC) made reference to the Joint National Finals, which he saw no reason for. Championships & Event Convenor R Dick reiterated how successful these had been, and how we hoped to build on that success in the future.

W Stewart (Anstruther BC) asked about the new Umpires uniforms, and were these compulsory for Andrew Hamilton trophy matches. He was informed that it was recommended but not compulsory.

J Cunningham (Canmuir BC) commented upon the colours now in use within clubs. R Dick responded that it was a matter for clubs, but explained that to encourage youngsters into the sport, and with some having black trousers as part of their school uniform, was one of the reasons for allowing black trousers as part of the SBA dress code.

## **VOTE OF THANKS**

The meeting closed at 15.35 hrs with Vice President Ernie Johnson expressing a vote of thanks to Willie Cook and President Ewen Farrell for chairing the meeting.