

**Bowls Nottinghamshire (Men's Section)
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
20 August 2020**

Members Present

President David Guthrie, Secretary David King-Taylor, Treasurer Frank Wallis and Competition & Match Secretary Lee Garrett.

Bowls England Update

Although there has been little or no activity in 2020 due to the Covid-19 virus, we are in constant receipt of emails from Bowls England. Most of these emails have been updates on Covid-19 advising bowls clubs on what can and cannot be done. More recently, Bowls England have introduced an initiative entitled Let's Roll This Summer, a new participation drive, which is aimed at getting people back into bowls. All these emails have been circulated to our member clubs on a regular basis by our BE delegate Russ Chamberlain. It is hoped that club secretaries have rolled out this information to their members.

Affiliation & Capitation Fees

Some years ago, every club in the County paid an affiliation fee of £50 to the County Association. This was subsequently reduced to £25. Since 2016, no charge has been made.

The capitation fee payable by each club for every member was £6.50 of which £5.00 was paid to Bowls England and the remaining £1.50 was retained by the County Association. For the past four or five years, the fee collected by the Association has been reduced to £4.50. Bowls England still received £5.00 so 50p of the capitation fee has been subsidised by the County Association.

The Executive Committee will be proposing, at the next Council meeting, that the affiliation fee paid by each club for all its members, will match the fee payable to Bowls England.

Collection of Affiliation & Capitation Fees

Bowls England have changed the deadline date for the collection of capitation fees. In 2020, Carole Andrews issued an Annual Returns form (club & secretary details) and a Remittance Advice form (payment of capitation fee for male & female members) with a deadline date of December 13. Bowls England now require the fees by 31 May 2021 so forms will now be sent out in the new year.

President's Day

The committee have arranged a President's Day to be held at the President's own club, Newark Northern. This will take place on Sunday 5th September 2021. The President's team will be made up of members of his own club and invited guests. The opposition will be made up of members of clubs throughout the County.

Website/Yearbook

We have made great strides in the past months to update our website bowlsnottinghamshire.co.uk. Much of the information contained in the yearbook is already available on the website. A yearbook will not be published for the 2021 season.

Next Council Meeting (Men's Section)

A meeting was provisionally scheduled for October. However, with a lack of bowls in 2020 and concerns over the current Covid-19 situation, the next meeting has been deferred to January 2021 where we will hopefully be in a better position to discuss matters, especially with the state of the coronavirus situation.

County Competitions 2021

County Competition entry forms will be sent to all club secretaries in October. Closing date for entries will be 31st December 2020. Entry fees are £3.50 for National Competitions and £3.00 for domestic County Competitions.

County Dress

The County Association has purchased polo shirts for County players to wear when they travel to County matches. In the past, players have turned up in a mixture of shorts, jeans and t-shirts. The committee want to create an image of turning up on match days in a smart and respectable manner. The shirts will be sold at the price of £8 and it is hoped that sponsorship will cover the balance of the costs.

We currently also have a stock of County shirts priced at £25 each.

County Fixtures 2021

County Trial	Sunday April 24	Newark Northern BC	
Middleton Cup	Saturday June 5	Yorkshire	Away
	Saturday June 19	Derbyshire	Home
	Saturday July 10	Lincolnshire	Home
	Saturday 24 July	Quarter-Final	
Midland Counties	TBA	Warwickshire	Away
	Saturday May 15	Derbyshire	Home
	TBA	Leicestershire	Away
	Saturday June 12	Worcestershire	Home
	TBA	Lincolnshire	Away
	Saturday July 17	Northamptonshire	Home
Balcomb Trophy	Sunday May 30	Derbyshire	Away
Friendly Match	Wednesday July 14	Worcestershire	East Leake BC

Competition Dates 2021

Sunday May 9	Two Wood Singles Competition (all day)	East Bridgford BC
Sunday July 4	National Competitions Semi Finals	East Leake BC
Sunday July 18	National & Domestic County Competitions Finals Day	Newark Northern BC
Sunday August 1	Cook Trophy Final	Langwith Junction BC