

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Council meeting held at Pinelands Bowling Club

on Saturday 19th November 2022 at 9.30 am

Present: President Gerrit van Milligen
 Vice President: Mark Douglas
 Treasurer: Jenny Griffiths
 Executive: Mark Gibbs, Marianna Kirsten, Jenny Phillips
 Administration: Denise Vermeulen, Chris Nurrish
 Council: Bellville, Bergvliet, Constantia, CT Military, Durbanville, Fish Hoek, Fresnaye, Glen CC, Helderberg, Kraaifontein, Kuilsrivier, Meadowridge, Milnerton, Mowbray, Oakdale, Old Oak, Pinelands, Plumstead, Pollsmoor, Somerset West, Stellenbosch, Sunningdale & WPCC

Apologies: Edgemead, Goodwood, Gordon's Bay, Edgemead, Helderberg Village, Malmesbury & Strand

No replies from: Gardens, Parow, Rondebosch, Wheatfield & SAPS

1. Meeting Convened

The notice convening the meeting was read and the meeting commenced at 09h30

2. Roll Call (Attendance/apologies recorded on arrival)

23 Clubs were present, the meeting was duly opened. The President welcomed the Executive and club delegates to the meeting.

3. Obituaries since 13th November 2021

11 Affiliated members had passed away since the Council Meeting in June 2022. The names were read out and Council members stood in a moment of silence.

4. Minutes Accepted

Acceptance of minutes of the last Council Meeting of 18th June 2022 – these were proposed by Kraaifontein & seconded by Oakdale

5. Present the Minutes of Executive Meetings:

- June 2022
- July 2022
- August 2022
- September 2022

6. Matters Arising

The President thanked the Executive for all their hard work.

7. Financial Statements

To consider, confirm and accept the Financial Statements of July 2022 - September 2022
Proposed by Somerset West and seconded by Bergvliet.

8. Finance

Jenny Griffiths briefly gave a summary of the present financial situation.

- The association, at this stage of the year is showing a loss but this is normal as we have no income until the fees start being paid. We are waiting for our grant from D.C.A.S.

9. Affiliation Fees

An Explanatory document has been distributed to all clubs. The BSA fee model was accepted at the BSA AGM and is now in force. We cannot implement the BSA model in WP without approval from the Annual General Meeting so we will use the existing membership fee model for WP affiliation fees this year with a view to adopting the BSA system for 2023-2024.

The series of “bring & braais” at clubs around the District is to explain the system more fully.

Bob Standen (Durbanville) asked what the effect of the new system on a club is and how do we perceive the effect of changes in club membership. We will work on a historic membership model with percentage change on the total yearly rather than a change per member. Clubs now pay affiliation fees rather than individuals. Ineke Spangenberg (Helderberg) said it is almost impossible to capture all business league and corporate bowlers names and ID numbers. Jonathan Cochrane (Milnerton) suggested incorporating the names and ID numbers into an indemnity form. Jenny Phillips (WPCC) said that was how WPCC operate, and they send such an indemnity form to corporate or business league bowlers as part of the pre-arrangements for such events.

Mark Douglas promised to produce a standard registration/indemnity form for all clubs.

This year BSA will invoice the District and WP will invoice the clubs according to membership. WP fees will still be per member this year.

For next year we propose that both BSA & WP fees are per club. This gives the clubs free choice on how they fund their fees.

The Executive will investigate how the BSA database handles retiring from play for corporate bowlers.

- 10.** The President welcomed Joy Calvert and Soekie Fourie to the Executive and presented them with their badges.

- 11.** Competitions: The WP Triples are being played in December.
We received many submission from clubs on changes to competitions and received good feedback at the meeting we held. We have changed the Conditions of Play and format of competitions accordingly. The Executive expressed their thanks to Bob Standen for his corrections to the CoP. The new CoPs list changes from previous issues in an appendix to make applying changes easier. In reply to a question Mark Douglas explained why Flag, Muter & the Trips League cannot be zoned. Although slightly off subject Mark Douglas told the meeting that the SA Blind Bowlers need to raise R 600 000 in order to participate in the World Blind Bowls Tournament being held in Australia next year. They recently received a very generous donation of R 200 000 from Mark Chapman and a further donation of R 25 000 from Personal Trust. Many clubs throughout the country are holding fund raising events to help cover the expenses and we all trust they will meet their target in good time.

12. WP Selectors

The Men’s Selectors have had some changes and are now Nico Taljaard, Nico Ferreira, Noel Solomon, Danie de Klerk & Mark Gibbs, with Nico Taljaard as convenor.

The Ladies Selectors are stable and are Sandy Wehrli, Sylvia Burns, Anita Groenewald, Nina Painter & Margaret Thomas, with Sandt Wehrli as convenor.

The ID practice against Boland is being held at Durbanville on Sunday 11 December. The squads are being trained by our coaches and we now have a Selection Policy and a Players’ code of conduct in place.

13. Membership and Marketing

The significant number of bowls events appearing on social media is encouraging and is marketing our sport very effectively. Mark Douglas will send out a full M&M report soon.

The Deafness Awareness Day was a huge success.

As stated above Blindies’ Days are happening at many clubs.

14. Junior Bowls

Jenny Griffiths said that Junior bowls is flourishing. We sent two under 15 and one under 18 team to Tulbagh and the under 15A collected Gold.

Next year there will be under 15, under 18 and under 25 categories at the BSA Junior Nationals in April 2023.

WP has arranged a Junior team to play against Boland Juniors in Worcester on 10 December and this will become an annual event.

15. Any other business

Gerrit congratulated Mardene de Villiers (Bellville) on being the youngest Club President ever elected.

Etienne Schut thanked the Executive for all their hard work on behalf of Western Province Bowls.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10h40