11. Motions for approval and adoption:

11.1 To be presented at the BSA AGM

7.1 By Bowls South Africa Executive : *WPBA Executive decision in favour of 6% increase*

To increase subscription fees payable to Bowls SA by 10% (ten percent) based on the last fees paid in January 2024.

MOTIVATION

The core objective of Bowls SA is to develop and promote the sport of bowls. With ongoing cost increases, and the depreciation of the rand versus major international currencies, it is the opinion of the Executive that to control our financial stability a modest increase of 10% (ten percent) is required.

7.2 By Associate Member - BDSA : *WPBA Executive decision in favour of motion*

To accept Bowls for the Disabled South Africa (BDSA), with Physically Disabled Bowlers South Africa (PDBSA) and Visually Impaired Bowlers South Africa (VIBSA) as its member organisations, as an Associate Member of Bowls SA.

MOTIVATION

Having BDSA as an Associate member of Bowls SA will allow for enhanced co-operation between Bowls SA and DBSA (including PDBSA and VIBSA). The enhanced co-operation is especially important as World Bowls moves cater for the visually impaired and physically disabled in World Bowls events i.e. World Championships and the World Cup. Bowls SA will also be able to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BDSA to ensure proper co-ordination and collaboration between the two organisations.

7.3 By Associate Member - Nomads South Africa : *WPBA Executive decision in favour of motion*

To accept the Nomads Southern Africa as an Associate Member of Bowls SA.

MOTIVATION

Having the Nomads Southern Africa as an Associate Member of Bowls SA will allow for the enhanced cooperation between Bowls SA and the Nomads Southern Africa. The enhanced co-operation is especially important as Bowls SA looks at ways of assisting smaller Clubs to not only enhance their membership but to also allow members from the smaller Clubs to be able to participate in National, Provincial (Regional) and/or District events. Bowls SA will also be able to enter into a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Nomads Southern Africa to ensure proper co-ordination and collaboration between the two organisations.

7.4 By Associate Member - Professional Bowls Association South Africa : *WPBA Executive decision in favour of motion*

To accept the Professional Bowls Association South Africa (PBA South Africa) as an Associate Member of Bowls SA.

MOTIVATION

Having PBA South Africa as an Associate Member will enhance the co-operation between Bowls SA and the PBA South Africa. The enhanced co-operation between Bowls SA and PBA South Africa is especially important as Bowls SA looks at ways to enhance the prospects of all Bowlers in South Africa. The PBA South Africa as a member of the PBA International, presenters of the World Bowls Tour, gives South African bowlers additional possibilities of gaining experiences, not only on indoor bowling greens, but internationally. Bowls SA will also be able to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PBA South Africa to ensure proper co-ordination and collaboration between the two organisations.

7.5 By the Eastern Cape Bowls Board : *WPBA Executive decision not in favour of motion*

The Eastern Cape Provincial Bowls Association would like to propose an amendment to clause 23.3.1 of the Bowls South Africa Constitution to read as follows:

Provincial Bowls Associations shall receive one vote for each R250, 000 (Two hundred and fifty thousand Rand) or part thereof fees paid to Bowls South Africa. Such value to be determined on the Rand contribution paid at the 1st January 2024.

MOTIVATION

With the recent changes to the Constitution whereby Districts and hence Provinces are encouraged to register all participants on their database, as there exists a potential for the numbers of ‘casual’ participants to inflate the voting strength of Provinces to the extent that the control of Bowls South Africa could be vested in a couple of provinces hence creating the scenario where participants of the so called ‘smaller’ Provinces could to all intents and purposes be of no value when voting takes place. The adoption of this proposal will result in Bowls South Africa being governed by Council in voting strength the same as that before the change in charging for contribution to Bowls South Africa.

Eastern Cape Provincial Bowls would like to place on record that it categorically believes that all Provincial bodies act with complete integrity when exercising their current voting rights but simply place this motion before Council in order to give recognition of the role so-called ‘smaller’ Provinces play in the governance of Bowls South Africa affairs.

7.6 By Mpumalanga Bowls Board : *WPBA Executive decision not in favour of motion*

To move Inter Districts Tournament to middle March.

MOTIVATION

The Mpumalanga Executive Committee respectfully requests the BSA to reschedule the Inter Districts Tournament to mid-March due to financial year-end commitments, making it challenging for players with businesses and managerial positions to prepare adequately.

11.2 Motion from Boland to presented at BSA Workshop before BSA AGM : *WPBA Executive decision not in favour of motion*

Proposal to change inter district formats

The sport of bowls in South Africa faces many challenges. One of the challenges is the need to make the sport more attractive and interesting for players and spectators. This has resulted in significant changes in the format of international and consequently national competition (e.g. T20 cricket, sevens rugby etc.). Bowls as a sport is not immune from these challenges.

Changing the format of the BSA Mixed Pairs Championships to make the event more attractive and cost effective was evidenced by the change from a four-bowl event to a three bowl event.

It is argued that the other formats in the national bowls championships should likewise be changed to achieve the same objective. Specifically, we recommend changes to the format of the ID competitions for Open, B, Veteran, U'35, U'25 from 2025 as follows;

- Teams to consist of 5 players playing triples and pair competitions
- A limit of 2 bowls for the triples competitions
- A limit of 3 bowls for the pairs competition
- 3 rounds of 18 ends per day, 3 sets of 6 ends. Same points for sets, games and bonus for aggregate as current format
- Allow the 4 biggest districts to enter two teams of 5 in each event if they wish
- 11 rounds to complete the Round Robin in sections of 12 and finals in 3rd session on day 4

Motivation
Stronger competition because of the more focussed format and opportunity for smaller districts to be more competitive
Improved preparation for international events as the formats correspond
Faster and more challenging format and more satisfying for the players
More interesting and exciting to watch and to broadcast as live streaming events
A significant reduction in event expenses for each district, up to be one third of costs, plus saving on accommodation and car rental costs because tournament is 1 day shorter.
This format is in line with most international competitions
Less time of work for players, start on Thursday and end on Sunday.

11.3 Motion from Pollsmoor Bowling Club

I hereby propose to amend the constitution in the following manner.

Voting at any Council meeting is currently covered under clause 6.3.1 and says the following:

Each Club represented at any meeting of Council by its delegate, alternate delegate or approved substitute delegate shall be entitled to one vote, plus one additional vote for each completed fifty of its registered members, with a maximum of five votes.

My proposal is to replace it with the following:

Each Club represented at any meeting of Council by its delegate, alternate delegate or approved substitute delegate shall be entitled to only one vote.

MOTIVATION
As clarification, the clause pertaining to additional votes per number of registered members must be removed. This is to avoid bigger clubs to "overpower" smaller clubs with regards to decisions taken by councils etc. Clubs in WP are shrinking, therefore voting weights could have a negative impact on smaller clubs depending on the proposals voted for.

11.3 Motion from Milnerton Bowling Club

That the **Tea Fee** (commonly referred to as Green Fee) be increased from R25 to R35.

MOTIVATION
At Milnerton BC, as with other clubs, we believe in providing greens, when Flag, Muter and other WP matches are played, that are as close to perfect as possible. Beside this, we want to ensure that all competitors enjoy their experience by providing snacks/sandwiches which are tasty and of a high quality. We are, however, experiencing difficulty in meeting these standards because of the “fee” that is being paid when WP Competitions are being played.

As everyone is aware, costs are escalating as far as equipment, fertilisers and ingredients are concerned. This increase is, we believe, not exorbitant and would encourage clubs to be in a position to provide tasty teas and sandwiches.

11.4 Motion from Durbanville Bowling Club

Dual Membership
We would like to propose that members who have dual membership at a club be required to select which club they will play at for ALL WP competitions for the upcoming season at the beginning of each season (affiliated club or dual club). It does not need to be their affiliated club - it could be their dual club, should they so choose.

MOTIVATION
This will prevent players from hopping back and forth between dual clubs as it pleases them, simplify competition administration and promote loyalty and commitment for at least one season to a club. This will also assist club selectors in their duties.