Merseyside Crown Green Bowling Association

Management Committee Representative Report

The report refers to the BCGBA Management Committee meeting on Saturday 18th July 2009.

The videoing of the All England and Champ of Champs was passed. This will include the creation of a DVD for sale.

The BCGBA will formally withdraw from the Alexandra Park project, as per the last meeting and the decision to cancel the National Headquarters.

Increase in Referee's expenses will cost each county £90 per year though counties are asked to discuss this and report back.

A player from Cheshire is currently residing at her majesty's convenience for child abuse. He was not suspended from playing until his conviction. According to the CPO he should have been suspended on arrest. A list of suspended players will go on the website but it will not list the offence.

The investment account is improving, currently £128,640. The cash flow in the general account had improved considerably.

The grant to each county for junior matches will go up by 12½% to £450

Each club will be allocated a club number; the club may need this number if applying for a grant etc.

The Child Protection policy is to go on the BCGBA website.

BCGBA has purchased the 'SAGE' accounting package to be used by the FO at the request of the auditor and the FO had been on training course on how to use it.

The CPO gave out large document called "The way forward" which states the policy for protecting children and vulnerable adults! It is a very lengthy document destined to cause problems as well as solve them. It lists the codes of practice for volunteers, coaches, junior members, parents and more. This is required to comply with the various pieces of legislation we, whether we like it or not, have to comply with. It will require a number of bye-laws to be changed. As such each club should have a welfare officer (Health and Safety act 2000). Officials in charge of children, such as junior team managers etc, should be CRB'd and have gone of the safeguarding children course.

The Bowls Alliance was informed of the BCGBA's displeasure over the scheduling of meeting.

Derbyshire County CGBA had written to the CEO over a recent county match which was severely affected by rain. Matters raised were to be discussed by the OWG.

The National Registrar had processed to date 4,288 new membership applications.

The 2009 Club Championship would take place at Centre Vale Park in Todmorden.

Grocontinental had agreed to sponsor the Jack & Jean Isherwood Trophy for a further 3 years.