

Merseyside Crown Green Bowling Association

Management Committee Representative Report

This report refers to the topics discussed at the BCGBA Management Committee meeting held on Saturday 21st November 2009 held at Winnington Park which managed to last 5 hours.

A minutes silence was held to remember Mel Higham.

The Database subcommittee would meet in December.

A lengthy briefing was distributed on the Bowls Alliance but a discussion on the future of the scheme would take place in the February meeting. This would include what would happen to the scheme at the end of the grant period and any influence this may have on the future of BCGBA. National meeting dates were now agreed and published in advance.

Due to technical difficulties there was no internet broadcast of the BCGBA Senior Merit.

Expenses for referees were increased to £30 for a county match and 1 day competition with an extra £5 if there is no buffet provided at the 1 day event.

The man of the match awards at County matches would continue but criteria for selection would be agreed.

The 'Way Forward' document was available on the BCGBA website as a Microsoft word document.

In order to comply with legislation each club should have a Welfare Officer. Failure to do this would put at risk the Insurance cover provided and clubs may risk being fined under Health and Safety law. It was the advice of the CPO that a league could act on behalf of any club that does not have an officer. It is the responsibility of anyone looking after children or vulnerable adults that they have a CRB and are registered with the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

The Coaching Administrator reported that a lot of work was being done at upgrading coaches to level 2. The responsibilities of the coaches could be distilled down as being: Level 1 – how to deliver a bowl, Level 2 – how to play the game and Level 3 should know all the rules of the game. Level 3 coaches should take the referee's exam.

The National Registrar reported that 5672 new registrations had been processed, this 158 fewer than last year.

A new initiative on filming and broadcasting bowls events on the internet would be given a £1000 grant. A free highlights programme would be available on the internet for each of the 6 events covered. This would pay for each club to receive a free DVD and help with any other costs they may have.

Various other proposals would receive financial backing; a referees seminar, the distribution of a sheet on the correct method of measuring, a coaching DVD and a lease for 12 months for a storage facility for BCGBA documents. The BCGBA documents would be reviewed to see if they needed to be kept and consideration would be given to microfilming the documents so that the costly lease proves to be only an expense for this coming year.

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A full review of the BCGBA rules, policies and procedures would be undertaken.

An increase of 2% was agreed in BCGBA official's salaries and expenses.

A player who assaulted another player in a non affiliated league was banned and the league and its members would face disciplinary action.

The BCGBA Senior Merit 2010 would be held at Fleetwood Bowling Club. The admission charge would be £7 for general admission and £17 for admission with a reserved seat. The cost of the seating area would be £2860 for 200 seats. Merseyside were allocated 2 qualifiers for the event.

The BCGBA Junior merit admission would now cost £3.

Various proposals for the rules revision meeting from the member counties were read by the CEO.

The Management committee would propose that the dress code for junior players would be changed to allow any type of shirt to be worn. A substantial change to the child protection bye-law (30) was also proposed.

Peter Kelly who has been the Cheshire representative to the management committee has been elected by Cheshire to be the next Deputy President.

The current BCGBA photographer had given notice that she does not want the position next year. Applicants for this position should apply to the CEO.