

## IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The Second Meeting of the 2024/25 season was held in Belfast Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30 pm.

### 1. Attendance

H Nixon	D McCullough	I Kerr
G O'Hare	J O'Hare	J Parkinson
S Kyne	P Martin-Ball	J Richardson (Armagh)
Miss C Adair	S Bates	R Glass (Mid Tyrone)
A Rice	S Carleton	E Jamison (North West)
M Caughey	E Irwin	

### Apologies

Mrs F McNally	H Foley	D McMahon	A McKiver
A Patton	D Crawford	T Vance	

### 2. Chairman's Business

All were welcomed to the meeting

### 3. Notice of Any Other Business

Items had been received and distributed to convenors.

### 4. Minutes of the previous meeting

These were agreed and signed.

### 5. Matters arising from the Minutes

T Vance name was omitted on the minutes of the Zoom Meeting that were circulated.

J O'Hare's name to be added to the min of the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Tournament Software: Those who are interested were asked to stay behind and arrange when they would meet.

International practice: Some players had already indicated that they would not be available to attend on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. This was discussed and all agreed that it should be cancelled. The ladies kit will be available on the 5<sup>th</sup> October at the Master Pairs.

### 6. Competitions Committee's Report

Entries have been received for Coc (Singles, Pairs, Triples Fours). After he had circulated the names on Facebook he got a few calls from players who had not returned their form indicating that they had won a licenced tournament. He stressed that players are responsible for completing the paperwork after winning a licenced tournament and getting the information to him for the website.

Talk about possibly doing these draws "live" and those in attendance were in agreement. \*

The Master Pairs draw would be done using Tournament Software.

As usual there is a problem identifying payments and it was suggested that each club should be given a number which could be used as a reference.

## **7. Interzone**

Zones to be asked for entries and names, particularly those zones who are entering 2 teams. The Over 55 draw is to be done at the next meeting.

It was suggested that there should be an entry fee for the ladies and gents interzone as well as the Over 55 Interzone. This was not agreed as the ladies and gents are played at local level while the Over 55 is played in Shaws Bridge.

## **8. Yearbook and paperwork**

All available for collection. The league information is still not in the book. Some leagues have not come back to me and some came back after all had been sent to the printer. This will be an ongoing project during the year and hopefully should be in the next yearbook.

Regarding the entry forms for the nationals it was proposed and seconded that these should be published online next year and clubs download them as needed. This is to be reviewed after 1 year.

## **9. Changes to the Laws of the Game for 2024/25**

Convenors were reminded of the two changes that had been made.

Rule 43d, Licenced tournaments run by a zone must be open to all bona fide members of all clubs within the zone affiliated to the IIBA or to those who played or were eligible to play their nationals, juniors, Over 55s, Ladies in the same year as the zone championships are scheduled for. Each zone will determine which option will apply at their AGM.

Rule 45g, From July 2019, to qualify for selection in a new zone, the player concerned must sit out interzone bowls in their new zone for a complete period of 2 seasons, before being considered for selection to play interzone bowls for their “new” zone. Players who have not been active in any zone for a 2 year period will be eligible to play for their zone. (Note a bowling season runs from 1 July to 30<sup>th</sup> June).

## **10. Clubs for affiliation**

It was agreed that Killeavy should transfer to South Down Zone.

## **11. Correspondence**

Letter from SportNI regarding a complaint from a player who felt he had been discriminated against. They wanted to know if we had dealt with it and I confirmed that we corresponded by email and amended Rule 43d.

## **12. Any other notified business**

- Communications: Social media, emails. Deferred to the next meeting.
- Finance/Internationals: Costs to players have increased massively. Ladies booked their own flights. The bus is costing £62 each. The hotel is £290/Single or £340/Twin. At the moment I have 7 doubles, 8 twins and 9 singles reserved in The Ivy Bush Royal Hotel.

B Isles (Nov) Players have booked their own hotels/b&bs. Quinns coach and ferry costing about £120 each (based on 75 going and coach cost £8995. This may change as there are now 40 travelling on the coach). It was confirmed that the reduced fee £6065 which comes to £155 each for those travelling on the bus.

Group bookings seem to be penalised at the moment but equally individual bookings are not getting the savings that you would think should be available (in either situation). Some have saved through using b&bs as opposed to hotels; some are not taking breakfast; or some have a disabled pass which allows them onto the ferry at a reduced cost.

- Entry numbers: It was agreed to leave these as had been previously agreed with Nationals getting a qualifier for every 16. It was also confirmed that the split in entry fees would be 70/30.
- Update on Safeguarding: Ideally each club should have a safeguarding officer.
- GDPR and Parental consent forms: These are essential for any juniors taking part in bowls.
- Over 55 Interzone: format/entries: Teams of 16 with a minimum of 4 ladies/men which must be maintained regardless of using subs. £50/team.
- Top of the mountain: Proposal regarding tournament winners. Deferred to the next meeting
- Irish Bowls Federation: The Finance Ctte met and this was mentioned and I was to make enquiries. I have done that and they are keen to meet with 2/3 of us to let us know what is involved and what it would mean for the IIBA. I just want to clear this with the executive before I go ahead and arrange an initial meeting. This was approved.\*

Our next meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> October in Dungannon Rugby Club at 7.30pm.\*

The meeting ended at 9pm.

**\*\* Notice of Any Other Business to be advised by email to the Secretary by 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**