



Patron - Mr John Percy

President – Mr Simon Walker

Deputy President – Mr Jack Hunt

Minutes of the 97th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2 pm at The Beaches Hotel, PRESTATYN Saturday 18th February 2023

Chairmen – Mr Simon Walker and Mr Jack Hunt

1. **Opening Remarks**– The Chairman welcomed our special guest, Martin Goddard – BCGBA President and John Percy our Patron.

Simon shared his recollections of his 3 years as President and reported on the highs and lows of the 2022 season with particular emphasis on the success of Cerys Parry and Ryan P Williams in the BCGBA junior Merits and Linda Williams and Belinda Lloyd in the BCGBA Ladies Dorothy Pearce Memorial Pairs.

Simon thanked the Executive Board for their support during his time as President with particular thanks to Pauline Lindley, David T Evans, Trevor Clarke, Peter Scott, Dusia Price, David Matthias, Peter Higham and Sandra West.

2. **Apologies for absence** – John Lloyd, Ryan P Williams, and Robin Bennett

More than 100 members were present.

3. **Obituaries** – Members stood for a minute’s silence in the memory of Ivor and Laura Williams and other Bowlers who have passed away since the last AGM.
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of the 96th AGM held on Saturday March 26th, 2022 – these had been circulated and were proposed as a true record by David Mathias, seconded by Steven Quayle and accepted unanimously.

5. **Presentation of Certificates and Trophies:** -

Certificates and Trophies were presented by Martin Goddard, BCGBA President as follows:

Hall of Fame –

Cerys Parry – BCGBA Ladies Junior Merit Winner 2022

Ryan P Williams – BCGBA Junior Merit Winner 2022 (Not present)

Belinda Lloyd } Joint Winners BCGBA Ladies Dorothy Pearce Memorial Pairs

Linda Williams } The first Welsh pair to win this competition.

Pauline A Lindley WCGBA Secretary since 2009, was not able to be present last year.

Ray Springfield – Senior team aggregate – **Paul Hallett**

Ashenden Shield – Ladies team aggregate – **Amanda Nicholas**

Hugh Owen – Highest placed in BCGBA Senior Merit – **Robin Bennett** (Not present)

Stan Higham – Junior aggregate Flintshire & Wrexham – **Cody Edwards**

Llew Roberts - Junior aggregate Glyndwr & Gwynedd – **James Todd**

6. Chief Executives Report: –

Mr Trevor Clarke explained that following the ravages of the pandemic, the 2022 season saw Crown Green Bowls in Wales return to something close to normality with all affiliated leagues running virtually normally. Participant rates were not considerably down from pre pandemic levels.

As a result of this return to normality the WCGBA Merits returned to their traditional formats.

He was delighted to report that Ryan P Williams of won the BCGBA Junior Merit and Cerys Parry won the BCGBA Junior Ladies Merit. In addition, the BCGBA Ladies Dorothy Pearce Memorial Pairs was won by Linda Williams and Belinda Lloyd, a first for Wales. He felt that Ryan and Cerys, Linda and Belinda had made the Welsh Crown Green Bowling Community very proud.

Trevor explained that we continue to maintain an excellent relationship with Bowls Wales and are satisfied with the support they provide although concerns have been raised regarding what could be perceived as an occasional bias towards the other forms of Bowls in Wales and the south of the country. Funding from the Bowls Wales this year was not as substantial as last which is not wholly unexpected in a Commonwealth Games year but after representations were made, we have received funding totalling £3000 to cover the expansion of the Junior Academies which have been very successful in Wrexham and Gwynedd. This model is to be extended to Glyndwr and Flintshire shortly.

Tribute was paid to the work undertaken by President, Simon Walker, Roger Morgan with Bowls Wales and Peter Higham in his role as our representative with the BCGBA.

Trevor again raised the issue of the reliance of the association on a small number of people to carry out the many and varied tasks required to efficiently operate. Indeed, the secretarial vacancy has led to the proposal to merge the CEO and Secretary roles which is less than ideal. We will continue to search for both a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary to understudy and share the role. Full and comprehensive support will be given to anybody wishing to undertake either of these roles.

Trevor finished by taking the opportunity to thank Pauline Lindley sincerely, both on a personal level and on behalf of all members of the association, for all the diligent hard work she has put in over the years. He said that she will be sorely missed by us all.

Pauline responded by thanking all present for their warm welcome and the support, cards and flowers she had received during her recent illness. She said that it had been an honour and a privilege to have served as secretary. Pauline was presented with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her long service.

7. Financial Report – Finance Officer Peter Scott presented his report which had already been circulated and invited questions, but none were raised.

Acceptance of the Report was proposed by David Walker and seconded by David Matthias and was approved unanimously.

The following proposals by Peter Scott, Financial Officer were agreed unanimously by the EGB: -

7.1 The player's registration fee to be re-instated at £3 per player.

7.2 Entry fees the WCGBA Merit Competitions: -

Seniors and Ladies £10

Juniors £5

Vets £8

Pairs £10

7.3 Affiliation Fees for 2023 – recommended increase to £35.

7.4 Appointment of Independent Examiners for 2022 Accounts – ‘Sage & Co’

7.5 Proposed Honoraria, the same as last year, with the addition of the Safeguarding Officer

Chief Executive – £1200

Financial Officer – £1000

Secretary – £1000

Registrar – £750

Tournament Officer - £300

BCGBA Rep – £50

Ladies Secretary – £50

Safeguarding Officer - £250

The proposals were seconded by Gary Buckland and agreed unanimously.

8. Reports

All competition reports are on the WCGBA web site – www.wcgba.com

9. Election of Officers for 2023

9.1 President – Mr Jack Hunt, Proposed by Glyndwr – Peter Scott

Seconded by Gwynedd – David T Evans

Deputy President – Mrs Pauline A Lindley, Proposed by Wrexham – Ron West

Seconded by Flintshire – Peter Higham

9.2 Confirmation of Officers for 2023

Chief Executive Officer – Trevor Clarke

Financial Officer – Peter Scott

Registrar - David Walker

Secretary – **Vacancy**. Interim Secretary – Trevor Clarke

Assistant Secretary – **Vacancy**

Development Officer – Simon Walker

Tournament Officer – David Walker

Senior Team Manager – Joey Williams

Senior Team Coordinator - **Vacancy**

Ladies Team Coordinator/Secretary – Linda Williams & Sarah Lowndes

Junior Team Coordinator – David Mathias

Junior Team Manager – Peter Griffiths

Junior Team Manager – **Vacancy**

Men’s Veterans Manager – Mike Barrodale

Ladies Veterans Manager – Amanda Nicholas

Commercial/Sponsorship Officer – **Vacancy**

Press Officer – **Vacancy**

Welsh Liaison Officer – David T Evans

Safeguarding Officer – Judy Hughes

Website manager – Trevor Clarke

BCGBA Representative – Peter Higham
Disability Liaison Officer – Ray Barnes

9.3 Confirmation of EGB Members For 2023

Flintshire – Peter Higham, Martin Richardson, Simon Walker

Glyndwr – Danuta Price, Jack Hunt, Judy Hughes

Gwynedd – David T Evans, David Mathias, Ann Banks

Wrexham – Sandra West, Peter Griffiths, Ron West

All were agreed.

At this stage Simon Walker formally handed over the Presidency to Jack Hunt who outlined his vision for the future and took over as Chairman.

Peter Higham made a presentation of an album to Simon Walker marking his time as President.

10. Rule Changes and Notice Of Motions

Section 3 Administration

i. Proposed by the Executive Governance Board, Seconded by Gary Buckland

Clause 3.4 - Delete '*a maximum of twelve*' from the following sentence: -

The Executive Governance Board shall consist of a maximum of twelve voting members made up as follows: -

To read as follows - **The Executive Governance Board shall consist of voting members made up as follows: -**

ii. Proposed by the Executive Governance Board, Seconded by Simon Walker

Clause 3.4.1 Add '*and all officers*' after Wrexham in the following sentence: -

three Area representatives appointed by each current geographical Area. Namely Flintshire, Glyndwr, Gwynedd and Wrexham following the agreed process and subject to clause 3.11.

To read as follows - **three Area representatives appointed by each current geographical Area. Namely Flintshire, Glyndwr, Gwynedd and Wrexham; and all officers following the agreed process and subject to clause 3.11.**

iii. Proposed by the Executive Governance Board, Seconded by Elfyn Jones

Clause 3.5 Delete '*and*' before Financial Officer

Add '*and Administrative Secretary*' after Financial Officer in the following sentence: -

The Officers of the Association, namely the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Financial Officer shall deal with day to day matters on behalf of the Executive Governance Board as required between meetings.

To read as follows: - **The Officers of the Association, namely the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Financial Officer and Administrative Secretary shall deal with day to day matters on behalf of the Executive Governance Board as required between meetings.**

iv. Proposed by the Executive Governance Board, seconded by Ashley Zepeda

Clause 3.10 - Delete the word '*may*' and replace with '*must*' in the following sentence: -

An Administration Secretary may be appointed by the Executive Governance Board for an agreed term, re-appointment is allowed. Unless the person so appointed is an Area Representative, they shall have no voting rights at meetings.

Delete second sentence number if ii. Is approved.

To read as follows: - **An Administration Secretary must be appointed by the Executive Governance**

Board for an agreed term, re-appointment is allowed.

All proposals were passed unanimously.

The Meeting closed at 3.16pm