

BOWLSWALES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**Held on Thursday 6th January 2022****VIA
ZOOM**

Present: Richard Palmer (Chair)
Ashley Kindred (Finance Director)
Simon Colwill
Chris Emsley
Zoe Thacker
Anneli MacDonald

In Attendance: Claire Biddle (Development Manager)
Sophie Hancocks (General Manager)
Rebecca Rothwell (Sport Wales Senior Support Officer)
Peter Brill (Safeguarding officer)
Jean De Souza (WWBA)
Kath Evans (WWBA)
Terry Hopkins (WBA)
John Mansfield (WBA)
Steve Jackson (WIBA)
Ken Burton (WIBA)
Trevor Clarke (WCGBA)
Simon Walker (WCGBA)
Hayden John-Davies (WSMBA)
Jon Morris (WBUA)
Eddie Williams (WBUA)

Apologies: David Phillips (WIBA)
John Phillips (WIBA)

21.01.01 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the BowlsWales Annual General meeting and introduced himself to the group

Everyone approved the meeting to be recorded.

21.01.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

John Phillips and David Phillips from Welsh indoor Bowling Association have given their apologies

21.01.03 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The Chair asked if everyone present at the 2021 AGM would approve these minutes as a true reflection.

TC proposed the minutes as an accurate record and TH second that

The minutes were accepted as true reflection of the meeting.

21.01.04 FINANCIAL REPORT

Ashley Kindred introduced himself and presented the figures for the 2019-2020 year:

2019 and 2020 were two very different years – 2019/2020 saw considerable support for the NGB's of £86,000 before COVID. 2019/2020 figures were as follows;

- Cash: **£102,964**
- Deferred income of **£53,286**
- Turnover: **£138,456**
- Expenses: **£137,100**
- Surplus: **£1874**

2020/2021 year saw majority of bowls events cancelled due to COVID, support was reduced and therefore the NGB investment was reduced to £25,273. To facilitate future support following COVID, Sport Wales invested a further £40,000 to BowlsWales for the Sport and Leisure Recovery Package. 2020/2021 figures were as follows:

- Turnover of **£81,910**
- Expenses of **£81,381**
- Interest receivable of **£1,125**
- Surplus for the Financial Year was **£1,440**
- Cash at bank is **£184,543**
- Deferred income balance is **£134,905**

The budget proposed for this year to support is £94,098. A high deferred income was due to little support provided during COVID and with an agreed business plan with Sport Wales, the proposed figure at the end of 2022 is deferred income balance of £72,983.

AK on behalf of the board thanked the NGBs for the positive way they have supported the game throughout the year and look forward to working with all partners in the future to continue developing the game.

These figures will be distributed following the meeting.

No further questions or comments for the finance report.

RP thanked AK for his continued work on managing the finances and appreciated his work.

RP thanked SH & CB for their continued effort across the year, particularly with all COVID regulations and guidelines changes.

RP thanked PB for his safeguarding contribution on behalf of BowlsWales and across the NGB's.

21.01.05 2021 SUMMARY REPORT

RP explained that a summary report of the year has been produced.

RP is pleased to say that all NGB's have contribute to the report and thanked all NGB's for their report of their respected code of the game.

The report will be shared to the NGB's after the meeting and will be available on the BowlsWales website.

RP expressed his first year as the chair has brought about an amazing year even with COVID bringing about a number of issues but what has been evident is the amount of positive and initiative projects happening throughout the year. In particular the partnership with the Stroke Association and getting people back or starting bowls has been impressive to witness.

RP also recognised the work that a number of clubs have done across the year to attract new members into the sport and how this resonates the message that bowls is a sport for all.

RP expresses that we hope the year ahead provided a return to 'normal' which was seen with the outdoor game last summer and unfortunately that hasn't always been the case across the indoor codes with further restrictions being put in place.

We recognise that it is difficult and will continue to support the work going on within the NGB's and clubs across Wales with any restrictions around COVID.

RP explained that in the year ahead allows the board to meet everyone in person and even try their specific code of the game.

RP closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and their continued efforts of keeping the sport flourishing and moving forward particularly in these difficult times.