Bowls Wales – AGM

19 May 2025 – 7pm

1. **Welcome from the Chair**

   The Chair introduced himself to the AGM, noting his appointment on 1 April 2025.

2. **Apologies**

   Apologies for absence had been received by the Coaching Association.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.**

   Minutes of the previous meeting on xxx January 2024 were approved.

4. **Financial Update**

   Tom Hancock spoke to the financial update circulated to members. TH noted that in the financial year to March 2024 Bowls Wales had a small deficit of £2,970 and cash in the bank of £50,067.

   Chris Gilmour asked where the expense level of £187,000 had arisen. TH said that the board had approved the budget early on

   Trevor Clarke asked why the 2024-25 accounts were not being presented at this meeting. TH noted that the accounting window for 2024-2025 had only just been closed, and the accounts had not yet been prepared.

   RJ suggested that the AGM for the 2024-25 financial year should be targeted to be held in January 2026, as this AGM had been delayed substantially due to internal issues at Bowls Wales.

   Chris Gilmour asked whether Sport Wales were still funding Bowls Wales on a monthly basis. RJ confirmed that they were. CG noted that this was significant risk to Bowls Wales and the various bowls governing bodies.

   Introductions were made.

   Trevor Clarke noted that reviewing accounts 9 months after the fact meant that the accounts would always be historic.

   David Phillips asked whether funding had been held back due to the fact that Bowls Wales was on monthly funding. RJ noted that in order to move away from monthly funding and unlock additional monies that the governance of bowls as a whole would need to be substantially improved.

   Chris Gilmour noted that there was an inconsistency in approach to different disciplines with respect to anti-doping that would need to be resolved.

   John Philips and Chris Gilmour asked whether there were a new set of minimum standards forthcoming that would enable each of the disciplines to be funded. TH

responded that there was a significant need to work together to create a framework to deliver against the funding requirement.

Trevor Clarke asked what the role of Sport Wales in this was. The Chair noted that a better approach would be to follow up outside the AGM with a smaller cohort of individuals. TC asked Bowls Wales to be clearer in their asks of the Governing Bodies.

The Chair noted the need, given all the staff had left the organisation, to improve the working environment in Bowls Wales.

The Chair noted no proposals or motions had been made to the AGM, but that a further discussion could be arranged to discuss issues raised in further depth in a more appropriate forum.

The meeting closed at 1935.