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Minutes of online (Teams) Executive Committee meeting held on Sunday 9th August 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present: Gerald Hands (GH) Chairman, Peter Kempster (PK) Vice-Chairman, Jac Edwards (JE) co-Secretary, Chris McWhinnie (CMc) co-Secretary and Montgomery, Craig Evans (CE) Welsh Team Manager, Arwel Morgan (AM) West Glam, Stephen Williams (SW) Swansea/Chair of Selectors, Sioned Ann Owen Braniff (SAOB) and Alan Braniff (AB) Gwynedd, Moira Griffiths (Wrexham), Tony Morgan (TM) Brecon & Radnor, Gethin Edwards (GE) and Alun Jones (AJ) Carmarthen, Darren Davies (DD) Cardigan, Paul Hudson (PH) and Rhydian Rees (RR) Pembrokeshire, Liz Evans (EE) Safeguarding Officer, Nick Evans (NE) Junior Team Manager, Sam Davies (SD) Membership Secretary

1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies

GH welcomed delegates to the first online meeting of the WSMBA Executive Committee and thanked JE for setting up the link and he hoped that everything would run smoothly. The committee accepted apologies from Wyn Jones (WJ), Mary Jane Rogers (Brecon & Radnor), Debs Matthews (Ladies) and Richard Palmer.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

The committee discussed the document that had been circulated prior to the meeting. SW informed the meeting that there is a separate and more detailed document covering the selector role and EE raised the issue of whether the team manager for the Ladies Team was required/expected to be female or could it be a male?

As the lack of a treasurer was most important at the present time, the committee agreed that the responsibilities of the treasurer were appropriately described. The committee resolved that the separate documents relating to the selectors and team managers should be incorporated within this document and the amended version should be presented for adoption at the next executive committee meeting.

3. Appointment of Treasurer

JE informed the committee that he had not received any nominations for the role. RR informed the committee that Pembrokeshire had circulated the details to all clubs but had not received any interest – as had Cardigan and Wrexham. GH was disappointed because it is such an important role and the Association cannot function without a treasurer. He confirmed that electing a Membership Secretary last year had certainly helped and had taken some pressure off the treasurer.

In the absence of anyone else stepping forward, SW volunteered to take the role on but thought that he may need some help and advice. There was some discussion as to how many officers should be named on the bank account e.g. team managers, but it was resolved that SW and JE should be the bank account holders and signatories, subject to the bank's rules on authorization for online banking and issuing cheques. It was suggested that SW/JE should liaise with John Matthews (ex-treasurer) to make the appropriate changes with the bank.

GH expressed thanks to SW on behalf of the association for volunteering to take on the role and **the Executive Committee resolved to unanimously to appoint Stephen Williams as treasurer of the WSMBA.**

4. Ladies Team Manager

As there had been no nominations received, EE volunteered to step in as Ladies Team Manager. This was proposed by TM and seconded by PK and unanimously supported by the Executive Committee.

5. British Isles Championships – Rooms/Payments update

CE confirmed that all payments had been made and that he would be confirming the number of rooms required with the hotel in the next few days (19x twin/8x double, 4x single). As it is unlikely that the change of bank signatories will be complete by the time that the first deposit is required, 21/08/26, CE/SW/JE to liaise with JM to pay with WJ prepared to pay by cheque if required as a last resort.

CE also informed the committee that he has been in touch with the BI Council regarding badges, etc and that there was nothing else to report at the moment.

6. National finals – allocation of places

Gwynedd confirmed that they will be able to take up at least three places in the Singles and Pairs but would not be asking for any places in the Triples and Fours. This means that some counties will have three places and others four in the singles and pairs finals. Although there was some mention of Monmouth possibly wanting to take up some places, it was too vague to delay the process for this year and it was resolved that the draws will take place at the next meeting on Sunday 6th September.

7. AOB

It was agreed that CE should order the number of shirts needed for new players for the BI Championships. EE had checked and confirmed that no additional shirts were needed for the ladies.

SAOB confirmed that she would be attending the Bowls Wales AGM on Monday 10th August and asked if there was anything she should raise on behalf of WSMBA. JE also confirmed that he would be attending. JE informed the committee that he had been in contact with Joanne at Bowls Wales and she has agreed to maintain the contact re: policies/initiatives etc.

There being no further business, GH thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.