

STBA Council Meeting, Bowlplex, Dunfermline

5 January 2014, 12:00noon

1. Present: : Quorum was met in full.
2. Apologies: None required
3. Minutes of 3 November 2013: Proposed; WC, 2nd MH
Amendments: none intimated
4. Matters Arising: PG was spoken to by Chairman and Secretary, and was given an apology to be forwarded to NC.
5. Chairperson's Report: Over the Christmas period, I have made several trips to Braehead, along with SM to see how Braehead managed their lanes. These visits were interesting, and a lot of feedback has resulted from them. Braehead has invited the Elite Squad to a training session on 2 February, and a feedback session afterwards. Bowling Academy will be launched on 13 January 2014 at Dunfermline with Braehead in the summer of 2014, followed by 2 in England and 1 in Wales. Scotland will have the only National Bowling Academy. This programme is to take 2 years to complete. We are now in a position to promote lane sanctioning by STBA as we have our own lane sanctioner.
6. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Commonwealth bulletin has been all but complete, with details of the hotel, airport and banquet being required . STC is in the same position, with banquet and hotel. The gent's rankings have been removed from the website until a query has been resolved. The format of the rankings seem to confuse everyone, therefore after discussion with NC the rankings will now become the elite squad qualifiers. Congratulations were noted to MM and JM on their performance at the AMF World Cup, and an explanation was given on how the scores were so high. EWC bulletin has been received and the entry fee for bowlers is 260Euro's. On the financial side nothing has changed since the last meeting and the bank statements were provided for all to see.
7. SAYBC: Our first tournament is the Nationals at Dunfermline, and we have opted for averages, rather than age groups. With all the internationals being held this year we have reduced the tournaments to 5. SAYBC Secretary has spoken with a funding body and has applied for a grant, with the end result is to hold a commonwealth themed evening. Training sessions are to be held at LA Bowl as they have wooden lanes, the same as the JTC at Coventry. EYC – 8 players and the 2 officials are to be

given £100, towards all expenses. JA is to look into the freighting of the bowling balls.

8. Seniors: Teams for the Senior Triple crown to be decided. The 3 women to be asked regarding bringing in replacements for bowlers to make a team of 6. NC has asked if JA would take charge of the seniors.
9. Coaching: We are looking to resurrect the STBA phase 1 and 2. We would be looking for a person/persons to run these courses. NC asked Secretary to get in touch with MN.
10. Correspondence: SB, has e-mailed Chairman through website, asking for a letter to allow her to play for England. NC decision was to decline the request, as she has only one year to go until her break runs out.

Stirling YBC minus HCP in league: Can be used if agreed at AGM. Secretary asked by NC to write to Secretary of league for minutes.

Vice-president has handed in resignation. Chairman's appointment until AGM then elected VP to serve the remainder of term until 2015.

11. AOCB; Website. Webmaster has taken on board suggestions and has revamped the website, making columns for all topics ie tournaments, hall of fame, etc.

We only found out in December 2013 that our previous treasurer died in October, and our condolences are noted.

Confidential clause.

Chairman has felt that he requires a coach for the elite squad and has approached Geoff and Pauline Buck, further discussions are to take place.

Date of next meeting: 2 February 2014 12:00 Braehead

Meeting closed at 14.15

Approved.....

Seconded.....

Chairman's Signature.....