

## 7. MOTIONS

### 7.1 By Bowls SA Executive

To increase affiliation fees due to Bowls SA for each member from 1 January 2017 to R200.00 p.a. VAT inclusive.  
This figure includes a contribution of R 40.00 to the International Fund.

#### **Motivation**

Based on cost estimates for the period under review it is considered that an increase of R 10.00 (5.3%) will be sufficient to achieve minimal profitability during that period.

### 7.2 By Bowls SA Executive

To introduce a zero affiliation fee structure for all school children from 1 January 2017. School children being defined as those scholars registered with a recognized educational institution up to level of grade 12.

#### **Motivation**

In order to allow for the development of our sport at grass root levels a strategy will be put in place to attract school children to the sport. One of the barriers to participation could be financial consideration and the Executive would like to make it as cheap as possible to gain these members. Such members will have full playing rights as if they had paid any affiliation fees.

### 7.3 By Bowls SA Executive

To request permission from Council for the transfer of R1.0 Mil from the General Reserve account, R 500 000.00 being transferred equally to the Development and Capacity Building Funds.

#### **Motivation**

In the past Lotto funding has been used to augment these funds in a number of projects to support strategy. Regretfully and despite ongoing attempts, Lotto is non-responsive in representations made to them. Without accessing funding via levies or excessive affiliation fee increases Bowls SA will need to fund future projects out of reserve funds if planned activities are to materialize.

### 7.4 By Bowls SA Executive

To introduce entry level registration on the Bowls SA database for all Business/ Corporate players playing in Business Leagues and/ or special Business/ Corporate days at any club. These players should be registered (process still to be determined) and allowed to play but must be registered as from 1 January 2017 for a maximum of 15 days per year; thereafter they should join a club as a full affiliated member. The club should be responsible to monitor this discipline on a very strict basis.

Definition of Business League player.

A non-affiliated player that plays bowls as part of organised social games to a maximum of 15 (fifteen), not necessarily consecutive, days per year.

#### **Motivation**

It has become imperative that our sport accounts for everyone playing our sport as this has become a requirement from the Department of Sport & Recreation and in the long term we will not be "selling" our participation short as other codes like athletics who register everyone that participates even the Park Run Athletes. With that we should ensure everyone registers that our numbers reflect participation and hopefully this can attract additional sponsorship due to our numbers.

### 7.5 By Bowls SA Executive

To amend the Constitution as follows:

#### 2.1.6 To read

Frame and, when necessary, alter and revise and/or rescind the by-laws and Code of Conduct of this constitution.

#### 5.6.1 To read

The Executive shall abide by the Constitution and Code of Conduct at all times and shall manage the affairs of Bowls SA within the parameters of the financial budget approved by Council at the annual, special or general meeting.

#### 6.1.1 To read

All Districts affiliated to Bowls SA shall conform to the requirements and conditions laid down by Council as well as the provisions contained in this Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Conduct and the Constitution and requirements of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC).

### **Motivation**

It is a requirement of SASCOC, the governing body of all National Federations, that we stipulate a Code of Conduct for our Federation. The proposed amendment to the Constitution gives effect to the desired outcome of SASCOC's requirement.

7.6 By Bowls SA Executive

### **BSA NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TOURNAMENT**

The U/20 National Youth Development Tournament is to be played on two tiers, namely:

The Trophy Tournament will involve District Teams consisting of 4 players of either and/or both gender, and who are under the age of 20 (see age criterion). All matches (i.e. the round robin and knock-out phases) will be played over 15 ends with a time limit of 2 ¼ hours. (Scoring = 3 points for the game, and 1 point each for a peeled game.)

The Plate (Development) Tournament will involve District Development Teams consisting of 4 players of either and/or both gender, and who are under the age of 15 (see age criterion). All matches (i.e. the round-robin and knock-out phases) will be played over 15 ends with a time limit of 2 ¼ hours. (Scoring = 3 points for the game, and 1 point each for a peeled game.)

The criteria to determine the eligibility (age-wise) of a player to participate in the tournament is that a person is determined by the age not being attained at the end of the year in question, thus a player may have reached the age of 15/20 within the year of that particular tournament.

There will be no restriction on number of entries per District yet the incentive scheme may be altered by Bowls SA. Bowls SA reserves the right to change the number of sections and length of games dependant on number of entries.

### **Motivation**

Two of the positive aspects with respect to proposed change to what is currently known as the U19 Development Tournament will be:

- The naming of the tournament gives more status to the tournament for recognition of the players especially at school level.
- The Plate (Development) Tournament will allow players to play with their peers in terms in age, mental and physical ability.

The age categories are in line with other school sports and other Bowls National Authorities.

7.7 By Bowls SA Executive

### **UNDER 25 MASTERS AND UNDER 25 INTER DISTRICT TOURNAMENT**

That the cut-off age for participation in the Under 25 Masters and Under 25 Inter-district tournaments be thirty [30] years and under.

### **Motivation**

These two tournaments are designed to identify and nurture potential talent and by extending the age limit the period of maturity is increased which will allow a real platform of talent development and in alignment with World Bowls policy.

7.8 By Limpopo Bowls

That all allegations and accusations brought forward during the Special Council Meeting on 21 November 2015, including but not limited to those appearing in the book "The Unfinished End" by Allan Gordon, the online magazine "Ditch Weight" by Chris Theron and an apparent irresponsible spending ethos, also referred to in the book and magazine as well as in 3.3 below, be investigated by an independent entity acceptable to all stakeholders and the outcome reported to Council.

### **Motivation**

Recent happenings at meetings of the Bowls South Africa Council and other reports appear to indicate that the Executive of Bowls South Africa is carrying out its duties in a manner which does not serve the Constitutional aims and objectives of this body.

**The following points are cited:**

#### **1. Dubious ruling and language policy.**

When a Council member asked a fair question at the 2015 AGM, i.e. whether other Districts had also been canvassed for votes for the election of the 2015/16 executive by

members of the existing Executive, as had taken place in Limpopo and how they felt about the matter, the President ruled that the question was not relevant to the subject at hand. The subject at hand was the election of the 2015/16 Executive.

The President promptly proceeded with the voting process.

This ruling begs the question, what is the purpose of canvassing for votes for election to the Executive if this is not relevant to the election of the Executive?

In addition, the member concerned was denied his Constitutional right to address Council in Afrikaans

## 2. Happenings at the Special Council Meeting on 21 November 2015.

- 2.1 The chairman attempted to bulldoze a decision to deny Allan Gordon the right to representation by only counting votes for the request. He preferred to assume that all other delegates would vote against, thereby ignoring the possibility of abstentions. This appears to be a contravention of common law meeting procedure and ethics which was only corrected after it had been challenged from the floor.
- 2.2 After the motivation for the motion by BSA and Allan Gordon's statement in defence, the Chairman availed himself the privilege to reply but attempted to deny Allan the same privilege. He moved to proceed with the ballot immediately, until he once more had to be challenged from the floor, whereupon Allan was also granted the opportunity to reply.
- 2.3 Comments that could have been construed to be proposals to amend the motion by a Chairperson sensitive to the wishes of Council, were submitted by two Council members, both of whom suggested that an independent body should be appointed to investigate all allegations and accusations that had been brought before Council. Instead of calling for a formal, seconded proposal to amend the motion and to put the amendment to Council for a vote, these comments were ignored, once more apparently contravening common law meeting procedure and ethics.
- 2.4 An allegation to the effect that canvassing, involving much travel had been undertaken by members of the Executive at the expense of BSA regarding the Alan Gordon case was not replied to.
- 2.5 When the Executive was criticised for allowing exorbitant expenditure on "bosberaad" and other events, the President laughed the matter off.
- 2.6 The scrutineers for the voting were not appointed from the floor in a transparent manner, but were appointed by the executive.
- 2.7 The outcome of the vote count, i.e. votes for and votes against the motion, was not revealed to Council.

## 3. Other Occurrences.

- 3.1 Many allegations that appear in the book "The Unfinished End" by Allan Gordon.
- 3.2 Many allegations that appear in the online magazine, Ditch Weight by Chris Theron.
- 3.3 An apparent irresponsible spending ethos, which is also referred to in the book and magazine referred to above.

Limpopo Bowls is of the opinion that the Executive of Bowls South Africa appears to be exuding an ethos of untouchability which may be leading to, inter alia, an irresponsible or nonchalant attitude towards the administration and the financial assets of BSA. This opinion appears to be borne out by the allegations and accusations referred to above and fact that the administrative expenses of BSA have increased at an alarming rate over the past few years.

7.9 By Bowls Gauteng North

That the U/19 Inter-Districts Tournament is to be played on two tiers, namely:

**The Trophy Tournament** will involve District Teams consisting of players of either and/or both gender, and who are under the age of 19 (see age criterion). All matches (i.e. the round-robin and knock-out phases) will be played over 15 ends (3 sets of 5 ends) with a time limit of 2 ¼ hours

**The Plate (Development) Tournament** will involve District Development Teams consisting of players of either and/or both gender, and who are under the age of 19 (see age criterion). The additional criterion for participation in the Plate Tournament is that the combined number of previous tournaments played by the team members may not exceed **six**, with the additional restriction that no one player may have played in more than **two** previous tournaments (i.e. all four players have only played at one previous tournament, two players have played at one tournament and two players have played in two tournaments, etc.).

All matches (i.e. the round robin and knock-out phases) will be played over 15 ends (3 sets of 5 ends) with a time limit of 2 ¼ hours. (Scoring = 2 points per set, 4 points for winning the game i.e. 10 points in total).

The criteria to determine the eligibility (age-wise) of a player to participate in the tournament is that a person must not have reached the age of 19 before 1 October of the previous year (i.e. 1 October 2016 to participate in the 2017 tournament).

#### **MOTIVATION**

Two of the positive aspects wrt proposed change to what is currently known as the BSA U/19 Development Tournament will be:

The more experienced players will have an opportunity of participating in an Inter-District Tournament, without the connotation of it being a development tournament, and will thus be eligible for full U/19 District colours. (If one takes Bowls Gauteng North (Bowls GN) as an example - the Tshwane Sports Council (TSC) only approves "Development" Team colours for all the teams participating in the U/19 BSA Development Tournament. However, should the Bowls GN U/19 A-Team take part in a U/19 Inter-District Tournament the TSC will approve full U/19 A Team colours for this team, while the teams participating in the development tournament will receive development colours).

The Plate (Development) Tournament will allow the younger and/or less experienced players to gain experience in participating in such an event without the "fear" that they will lose with high scores and as such become demoralised and possibly feel incompetent and thus no longer wish to play the sport.

The change in the criterion wrt the age of a player qualifying to participate in the tournament is to align this criterion with the perceived age of the players in the tournament, namely U/19 years of age. This is the same criterion that is used to determine who qualifies to play in inter-alia the U/19 World Cricket Cup and similar to the criterion used for the Australian U/18 Bowls Tournament which indicates that persons must be under the age of 18 as at 30 September the previous year to be able to participate in the tournament. If the current age criterion is to be kept the tournament should in fact be called the BSA **U/20** Inter-Districts Tournament.

7.10 By Bowls Gauteng North

It is proposed that Stipulation 5.1.1 of the BSA Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"5.1.1 The Executive shall consist of six persons, of which at least one shall be a female."

#### **MOTIVATION**

The amendment in the stipulation will ensure that at least one female is elected to the BSA Executive annually.

7.11 By Bowls Gauteng North

It is proposed that the following Stipulation be added to the BSA Constitution:

"5.2.6 Should insufficient nominations be received for the positions on the Executive nominations shall be called for from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. Should there be more than the required number of candidates nominated, voting shall take place in accordance with the provisions of section 5.3."

#### **MOTIVATION**

The addition of this stipulation will ensure that:

Should no female be nominated, that candidate(s) can be nominated at the Annual General Meeting;

Or should insufficient nominations (i.e. only 3 members nominated as Executive Members) be received, candidates can be nominated at the Annual General Meeting.

This will also then ensure that the required number of members are elected to the BSA Executive and that a Special General Meeting, or voting by email/post for additional member(s) is not required.

7.12 By Bowls Gauteng North

It is proposed that the Constitution be amended as follows to make provision for a General Meeting on the last weekend of February of each year:

“12      **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, GENERAL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

**12.1      Annual General Meeting**

- 12.1.1      The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the last weekend of August at a place determined by the Executive.
- 12.1.2      Forty-five days notice of such meeting shall be given to all Districts and other member bodies.
- 12.1.3      Bowls SA shall forward to each District, forty-five days before the Annual General Meeting, a copy of the Annual Report, Financial Statements duly audited, and the agenda for the meeting.
- 12.1.4      The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:
  - 12.1.4.1      Read the notice convening the meeting.
  - 12.1.4.2      Receive delegates' credentials.
  - 12.1.4.3      Read and confirm the minutes of the last annual general meeting and any special general meetings and to deal with the business arising there from.
  - 12.1.4.4      Consider and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statements.
  - 12.1.4.5      Approve the estimate of income and expenditure and set subscriptions for the ensuing year.
  - 12.1.4.6      Consider notices of motion of which due notice has been given.
  - 12.1.4.7      Elect Districts or other member bodies defined in clause 3.2 for affiliation.
  - 12.1.4.8      Elect Executive Officers for the ensuing year.
  - 12.1.4.9      Appoint an auditor.
  - 12.1.4.10      Receive a report from the Executive
  - 12.1.4.11      Note the dates and venues of the national championships and tournaments to be held during the following year.
  - 12.1.4.12      Consider other matters of interest including correspondence.
  - 12.1.4.13      Present badges of office to the Executive for the ensuing year.

**12.2      General Meetings**

- 12.2.1      A General Meeting shall be held on the last weekend of February at a place determined by the Executive.
- 12.2.2      Forty-five days notice of such meeting shall be given to all Districts and other member bodies.
- 12.2.3      Bowls SA shall forward to each District, forty-five days before the General Meeting, Financial Statements, and the agenda for the meeting.
- 12.2.4      The business of the General Meeting shall be to:
  - 12.2.4.1      Read the notice convening the meeting.
  - 12.2.4.2      Receive delegates' credentials.
  - 12.2.4.3      Read and confirm the minutes of the last Council meeting and to deal with the business arising there from.
  - 12.2.4.4      Consider the Financial Statements.

12.1.4.5 Consider the points on the Agenda. Districts may submit points for the Agendas, but such points shall be submitted to Bowls SA sixty days before the said meeting.

12.2.5 The Executive may at any time convene additional General Meetings of Council. Thirty days notice shall be given to all Districts of such a meeting.

### **12.3 Special General Meetings**

12.3.1 The Executive may at any time convene a Special General Meeting of Council. Thirty days notice shall be given to all Districts of such meeting.

12.3.2 The Executive shall upon receipt of a requisition from not less than three Districts, within fourteen days after receipt of such requisition, convene a Special General Meeting of Council. Such requisition shall state the nature of the business to be discussed at the special general meeting and shall be lodged with Bowls SA.

12.3.3 At any Special General Meeting only the business for which it has been convened shall be discussed.

12.4 Each District shall advise Bowls SA of the names of the delegates appointed to attend meetings. Such information shall reach Bowls SA at least 7 days before the commencement of the meeting in question.

12.5 Members of affiliated clubs and representatives of the Press shall be admitted to all meetings of Council (except when Council shall move into committee), but shall take no part in any business or discussion at such meetings nor have any vote.

12.6 No business shall be transacted at any meeting of Council unless there shall be personally present delegates from at least fifty percent of the Districts. No proxies or voting on behalf of absentee delegates shall be allowed.

12.7 If at any meeting of Council no quorum is present within thirty minutes after the time for which such meeting shall have been called, then and in such case:

12.7.1 Should such meeting be the Annual General Meeting of Council or a General Meeting the same shall be adjourned to be held at a time and place to be determined by the delegates and members of Council then present, and notice thereof shall be given to all Districts.

12.7.2 Should such meeting be a Special General Meeting convened upon requisition as set out in clause 12.3, such meeting shall forthwith be cancelled and no further special general meeting for the purpose of considering the same business as is set out in the said requisition may be convened for a period of three months after the date fixed for the holding of the said special general meeting.

The General Meeting can be hosted by the various Districts on a rotational basis to ensure that costs incurred by the Districts to attend this meeting are not carried by certain Districts only.

### **Motivation**

The holding of a general meeting will ensure that all Districts are kept abreast with the "goings-on" of Bowls SA and will also provide the Districts an additional opportunity to have any concerns/proposals addressed by the Executive and the Council. The additional meeting will also provide the Executive with an opportunity to have any of its concerns/proposals addressed by the Council without having to first wait for the Annual General Meeting. This meeting will thus ensure that any business that requires the approval of the Council can be addressed at the General Meeting and as such this business will not unnecessary be delayed.

7.13 By Bowls Gauteng North

### **SA NATIONALS**

The modus operandi and Conditions of Play should be changed to allow for :

The Singles to be an open competition – allowing anyone that wishes to play to enter – with an entry fee of R100-00 (or the equivalent of a single player's contribution to the entry fee of the pairs and/or fours). The Singles should be played in sections of four players and played on the first Saturday (round robin) and Sunday (three rounds of playoffs).

The Pairs should be played in sections of four and played on the Monday (round robin) and Tuesday (three rounds of playoffs). The Fours should be played in sections of four and played on the Wednesday (round robin) and Thursday (three rounds of playoffs).

Further playoffs can be played on the Friday, with the Semi-finals being played on the Saturday and the Finals on the Sunday.

#### **Motivation**

Having the Singles over the weekend will make it a lot easier for the hosting District to get the required markers, as a number of people work and are not really willing to take leave to do duty as a marker. The charging of a R100-00 entry fee will ensure that those who feel they have a chance will enter thus preventing a dramatic increase in the number of players playing in this discipline. Using the Sunday for three rounds of playoffs will also assist in the elimination of players.

The fours and pairs being played in sections of 4 will result in more players playing in the knock-out phase but again the 3 rounds of playoffs on the second day will assist in the elimination of players.

7.14 By Kingfisher Bowling Association

To do away with affiliation fees for all bowlers of 90 years of age and over.

#### **Motivation**

Bowlers in this age group have been retired for many years and their pensions are very small as they have not kept pace with inflation and some of them are not fit enough to play a full game of bowls. Yet it is good for their health both physically and mentally to be able to retain membership of their clubs and use the bowling green's.

Kingfisher has calculated, based on its total membership, that to do away with affiliation fees for this group would increase the affiliation fees per remaining members to Kingfisher and Bowl SA by 1%. As Kingfisher is predominantly a retirement area we would suggest that the Bowls SA affiliation increase would be less than 1% if this calculation applied to the total membership of Bowls SA.