



ESMBA 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Leamington Spa
Saturday 24 July 2021

President	Vacant
Chairman	Barry Hedges
General Secretary	Linda White
Treasurer	Simon Willies
Membership Secretary	Vacant
Competition Organiser	Brandon Whittaker
ICC Secretary	Steve Bailey
Coaching Director	Brian Baker
Umpires Director	Joseph Newsome
Development Officer	Vacant
Committee Member	Nicky Tresadern
Committee Member	Elaine Willies
Total Votes	9
Delegates from Counties	13
Grand total of votes	22

1. Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman opened the AGM by welcoming everyone to what was the first face-to-face meeting since March 2020. He said as there had not been a previous opportunity we would have a one minute silence to reflect on those members we had lost including George Clarke, our President.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from North Yorkshire, Kent, East Sussex, Derek Adams and Dennis Miller (Suffolk), Gordon Hughes (Somerset), Babs Morokutti (Essex) and Brian Nelson (Northants).

3. Minutes of 2019 AGM

There were no comments on the 2019 AGM Minutes and they were accepted.

Proposed - Barrie Chadwick
 Seconded - Martin McGregor

For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the 2019 AGM Minutes.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman asked if everyone had seen his report. He referred to his comments which highlighted how we have to ensure through change that the grass roots players are supported to enable them to keep bowling and, at the same time, encourage new players. There were no questions from the floor and his report was adopted.

Proposed - Simon Willies
Seconded - Brandon Whittaker

For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

6. Treasurer's report and approval of 2019/20 Accounts

Simon Willies confirmed that all paperwork had been circulated and asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report for 2019/20. There were none.

Proposed - Nicky Tresadern
Seconded - Joe Peters

For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

7. Proposals

7a.1 Change the title of the Constitution.
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

7a.2 Change wording to give inclusivity to everyone.
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

7a.3 Change wording to make gender neutral.
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

7a.4 It was agreed that the ESMBA Accounts will have an independent inspection.
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

7a.5 This change ensures that County Association Secretaries receive all relevant documentation for the AGM 28 days in advance.
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

7a.6 For a proposal to be considered at the AGM the Proposer and Seconder must be present.
For - 20 Against - 2 Abstentions - 0

7a.7 Change to ensure that all general meetings are open to everyone eligible to attend.
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

7a.8 Proposal to withdraw the need for a Rules Revision Meeting.

Robin Armstrong asked about rules governing combined competitions involving National qualifiers as part of an internal county event. It was confirmed that the whole competition is governed by the rules for the ESMBA qualifier.

For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

7b This change is to allow the National Governing Body to regulate and update the rules of the ESMBA.

The Chairman explained that there are situations which arise during the year that need a rule change, such as the bowling shoe issue, and we want to consider rule amendments at any time of the year and not need to wait five years for a Rule Revision meeting. He said that if a proposed change was contentious the counties would be approached for their opinions.

Barrie Chadwick said that Greater Manchester had discussed this change at a meeting and thought it gave the ESMBA carte blanche to change the rules. They thought members had to go with any changes for 12 months until the next AGM when they could put forward a proposal to change it again.

The Chairman said that the ESMBA would go to counties and umpires for their thoughts and it was not a management committee decision until that feedback was received. Replies received would in turn be distributed to all counties for their feedback.

David Millington Jones said his only concern was how rule changes were going to be implemented as rule books were not being distributed now. The Chairman said it was easier now as the rule book is shown on the website and there will be a date shown when the rule will change. We would not scrap the rule books but use a paper amendment showing when the change will come into force.

Martin McGregor asked for a list of updates to be put on the website showing when changes are made so they can be easily traced.

For - 20 Against - 2 Abstentions - 0

7c This proposal is to change the title of item 7 to Disciplinary and Appeals.

Barrie Chadwick asked if we are bound by the rule or law. It was explained that by working with the Bowls Development Alliance on safeguarding we need to look at our procedures and will have to address a common ground for disciplinaries and appeals.

For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

7d Change of wording in Appeals section to Royal Mail Special Delivery.

For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

8. Management Fees

It was proposed the previously circulated management fees for 2019/2020 be accepted in total.

Proposed - Barrie Chadwick

Seconded - Elise Daniell

For - 14 Against - 0 Abstentions - 8

There was a short break before the start of the 2021 AGM.

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