**WBA REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORT**

**For Broadway Bowling Club’s AGM on 17th November 2021**

The following matters were discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting of Worcestershire Bowling Association held via Zoom on 22nd October 2021.

* **Chairman’s Report:** The Chairman John Weston said it was good that some County matches and all the County Competitions had been able to take place this year. He apologised for having missed a good part of the season due to illness and thanked the committee for holding the fort in his absence.
* **Secretary’s Report:** The Secretary June Bell reported that after 90 years Brotherhood Club has ceased to exist. All clubs bowling from Cripplegate Park are continuing and a greens maintenance programme is in place for the future. Black Country and Crystal clubs are amalgamating and will have a new club name. Under the County’s constitution this will be classed as a new club and will require ratification at the AGM in December. Next year will be the 75th anniversary of the County ladies section and a request has been submitted to Bowls England for a celebration match. Bowls England are planning another “Big Bowls Weekend” from Friday 27th to Monday 30th May 2022. A national meeting of all counties is to be held on November 26th/27th for counties to put forward their views on the running of the National Championships this year. John Weston and Viv Hall will attend on behalf of Worcestershire. One of the things they will stress is the need to revert to the situation whereby both winners and runners-up compete in the National Championships at Leamington. A vote was taken as to whether the AGM in December should be by Zoom or in person and it was agreed that it would be in person on Sunday morning 5th December unless the Covid situation dictates otherwise. A vote on the venue was also taken and it was agreed it would be held at Droitwich Working Men’s Club.
* **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer Tony Keeling reported a closing balance of £26,537.46 plus a £10,000 investment which will mature in May 2022. A facility has been set up for payments to be made to and from the account by BACS. Currently 1522 members are registered with the WBA, 147 of which were recruited from the Big Bowls Weekend. A further 12 months Pro Zoom package has been purchased at a cost of £143.88, enabling 100 participants at meetings. A joint Men’s and Ladies luncheon was held at Worcestershire County Cricket ground in October with 114 attendees. The deficit for this event amounted to £267.44.
* **Competition Secretaries’ Reports:** Full reports will be given at the AGM in December. The Ladies Two Wood Day next year will be on Sunday 22nd May, at Pershore. The Pairs, Triples and Fours will all be 18 ends with the usual number of bowls. The Vernon Turner men’s competition will revert to 21 ends and 4 rinks.
* **Website:** Sid Barkas and Arthur Fox have commissioned Platform 81 to create a new website which hopefully will be up and running by the end of December. Google Sheets will be used again for competitions.
* **Greens Testing:** All greens have been measured and the details will be put on the website along with the green inspections schedule for 2022.
* **WBA Vacancies:** Concern was expressed at the number of vacancies on the ladies side. Currently there are no nominations for the posts of Ladies Senior Vice President, Ladies Junior Vice President, Ladies Competitive Team Manager and Ladies Match Secretary. The position of Men’s Junior Vice President is also vacant. There are two nominations for the post of Men’s Team Manager – Ivan Poole and Derek Bond – so a vote will be taken at the AGM. It was agreed to circulate the job descriptions of the vacant posts to the clubs in the hope that they will be filled and to put a shortened version on the website.
* **Safeguarding:**  John Weston and Sue Davies are the County’s Safeguarding Officers.
* **Propositions for AGM:** There are 11 propositions to be voted on at the December AGM. It was agreed that if it is not possible to hold a face-to-face meeting, clubs would be asked to give their votes prior to the AGM.
* **Date of Next Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting of the County will be held on Sunday 5th December 2021 and the next Executive Committee Meeting will be on Sunday 10th April 2022.