**WBA REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORT**

**For Broadway Bowling Club’s AGM on 18th November 2020**

The following matters were discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting of Worcestershire Bowling Association held via Zoom on 11th October 2020.

* **Chairman’s Report:** The Chairman John Weston said everything had been affected by Covid this year and the County was following guidelines from both the Government and Bowls England. Some Clubs had undertaken limited bowling and taster days but others had not opened at all.
* **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer reported a deficit of £5,890, largely due to Out Of Pocket Expenses paid in December 2019 with nothing to offset it. With regard to OOPE for the current year, the recommendation going to the County AGM is for 60% to be paid. Many clubs had received a £10,000 Council grant and some a small grant from Sport England. The Bowls England affiliation date has been changed from October to May. Clubs must supply the County with names and affiliations by 1st May next year, for forwarding to Bowls England by 31st May. St. James’ Place has not continued its sponsorship.
* **Yearbooks:** The Bowls England Yearbook, County Yearbook and green card will not be produced next year.
* **Website:** The current website will be updated and whether or not the County go ahead with the new website will depend on finances. Accessing of information from the current website has been changed to registered user access only, following suspicious activity.
* **Greens Testing:** No greens were tested in 2020 but the intention is to test all greens in 2021 if possible.
* **WBA Vacancies:** The vacant positions of Treasurer, Men’s Competition Secretary and Deputy Secretary have all been filled. The positions of Men’s County Match Secretary, Men’s and Ladies Junior Vice President, Ladies Team Manager, Development Officer, Coaching Co-ordinator, Umpire Co-ordinator and Greens Maintenance Officer remain unfilled.
* **Safeguarding:**  There are currently three Safeguarding Officers in place and there is a vacancy for another lady if possible.
* **Bowls England Registration Scheme:** This is now on the back burner. A comprehensive questionnaire has been sent to all clubs. It was thought that the new BE Chief Executive, Jon Cockcroft, is trying to change the image of bowls and is very pro-active.
* **Evesham Bowling Club:** It was reported that their new clubhouse is now complete and will be a huge improvement to their facilities.
* **Lilleshall Bowling Club:** It was reported that the ditches surrounding their green are being replaced by Avonmore, with Sport England footing the bill.
* **Date of Next Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting of the County will be held on Sunday 6th December 2020 via Zoom and the next Executive Committee Meeting will be on Sunday 11th April 2021.