

A meeting of the ECBA Emergency Committee held on 13 August at 16.08 via the Zoom video application.

Those present were: Tony Ellis, Sandy Dron, Pat Finney, Stephen Hill, Dave King, Richard Dodd, Terry Mizen and John Tully. Apologies were received from Alex Wightman.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and remarked on the sad death of Mrs Mary Clarke, wife of Past President Ken Clarke. Condolences had been offered to Ken on behalf of the Association.

The Secretary had asked that the committee consider the situation regarding holding the next scheduled full Executive Council meeting on 7 September. It was considered that the Covid situation was such that this meeting should be cancelled and should be replaced by a meeting of the Emergency Committee via Zoom.

The Treasurer reported that he had paid the first instalment of the fee for the Competition portal. He said that he would be reporting all payments in the current years' accounts. He forecast that there would be a reasonable excess of income over expenditure in this year's accounts. A preliminary report would be circulated before the next meeting.

The Competition Secretary reported that the three singles competitions were progressing as expected and that he would be providing commemorative glasses for the finalists. Consideration had been given to the possibility of duplication in the semi-finals.

The Chairman reported that Pat Foley had indicated he would be retiring at the AGM. Appropriate arrangements will be put in place to cover the operation of the website following the retirement of Pat Foley in November.

The Competition Secretary had previously circulated a recommendation that the prevailing Competition Regulations should apply to the three Singles Competitions in progress this year; in that Badges and credits would be awarded as normal. This was agreed.

The Match Secretary reported that next seasons programme had been circulated.

The Chairman reported that he would be attending the Bowls England Audit Committee and the terms of reference for the committee would be reviewed.

The Chairman reported that the Coaching Board had been constituted (4 Lady and 4 Gentlemen) Terry Mizen reported that the first board meeting would take place on 28 August.

Terry Mizen asked that consideration be given to the award of mementoes to some senior members of the Association, this was agreed with full details to be advised.

Terry Mizen asked for clarification of the details required by Bowls England on annual returns, Tony Ellis said he would investigate.

It was agreed that the Competition Secretary would write to all Club Secretaries via the County Secretary, informing them of the new competition portal. John Tully said he had written a PowerPoint presentation and was happy to deliver this to members around the county either in a face to face meetings or via Zoom.

It was agreed that the County AGM would take place on 7 November at a venue to be agreed and that some sort of hybrid meeting may be best (some members in attendance others attending via Zoom)

It was agreed that the next meeting of this committee would take place at 5 pm on 8 September. The meeting closed at 5 pm.