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Perthshire Bowling Association 115th Annual General Meeting held on
Sunday 26th November 2023
at Perth Bowling Club.

Welcome- Jim Sandilands welcomed the Perthshire Bowling Association to Perth Bowling Club for their Annual A.G.M. then handed the club over to President Gary Turpie

There were-19 clubs in attendance as well as 11 Committee members.

Apologies – pp Jim Maxwell, pp Willie Taylor, Blair Atholl, Stanley, and Sec G Barclay.

President – Gary Turpie welcomed all club representatives to the meeting. Gary then asked all present for a minute of silence for those who had passed. He said it had been an honour and privilege to represent the Association as President this last year. 2023 saw a return to all competitions and congratulations to all winners. Dunning retained the Top10 and will represent Perthshire in the Inter-County in 2024. Glencarse retained the Top5 and will represent Perthshire in the Inter-County next year.

The 2023 season saw another step forward in the AHT with the team beating both qualifiers, but unfortunately losing 2 matches. The U25 coaches and member clubs are moving forward really well with 20 entries in the U17 tournament. I would like to thank my committee for all their hard work in supporting me during my tenure. I would like to wish incoming president Willie Donaldson all the best for his year in office.

Minutes- Minutes of the 114th AGM held on Sunday 20th November 2021 had been circulated and were adopted by G. Turpie seconded by S Frogley.

Matters arising- None

Secretaries Report – Gordon's report had been circulated. Nothing further.

Treasures Report – Balance sheets were available to Club representatives on arrival. The reduction in bank balances of £1308 was slightly less than anticipated for the current year due in part to the various raffles held at Andrew Hamilton home matches. People who supplied prizes and who ran these are to be thanked very much for their help. Other than the above comment the finances look to be in reasonable health, however, increased costs are expected for this coming year. Thanks to Auditor John Hanvey. The accounts were adopted by the meeting.

Question re AHT catering expense of £3k. Ray reported that team members and supporters paid for their meals each match.

Team Secretaries Report – Had been circulated to each Club. Nothing further.

Gents Match Secretaries Report – Fraser commented that his work gets more and more challenging every year, but thanked each club that got the scores into him efficiently when they have competitions on their green. Top 10 has been retained by Dunning Bowling Club and will now represent Perthshire in the Inter County in 2024. Top 5 has been retained by Glencarse Bowling Club and will now represent Perthshire in the Inter County in 2024.

U25s & U17's Report – The report arrived just before the meeting commenced. It was read in full and the proposals within would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee. Secretary would circulate the report to each Club in due course. Thanks to Mandy and her team for the hard work.

Election of Office Bearers-

President – **Willie Donaldson** Proposed – G Turpie, Seconded- F Munro.

Vice President – **Allan Gardiner** Proposed-W Donaldson. Seconded – G Turpie.

Secretary- **Gordon Barclay**. Proposed – R Taylor. Seconded – G Stewart.

Treasurer – **Ray Taylor** Proposed – G Turpie. Seconded- F Munro.

Gents Match Secretary – **Fraser Munro**. Proposed – W Donaldson. Seconded – G Turpie.

Additional Committee Members –

James Scott. Proposed – R Taylor. Seconded – A Gardiner.

Stephen Gordon. Proposed – G Turpie. Seconded – S Frogley.

Graham Stewart. Proposed – S Frogley. Seconded – A Gardiner.

Jordan Baptie. – Proposed – S Frogley. Seconded – F Munro.

Arthur Donaldson.- Proposed – J Anderson. Seconded – C Boynes.

Stewart Frogley.- Proposed W Donaldson. Seconded – G Turpie.

Willie Gellatly. – Proposed S Frogley. Seconded – S Gordon

Gary Turpie. – Past President.

Auditor – John Hanvey was unavailable for 2024 audit. The Committee would need to discuss and replace.

Annual Fees- No Change

Honorarium.- No Change.

Championship Dates for 2024 – Semi-finals Alyth 12th July & Aberfeldy 13th July.

Finals Blairgowrie 20th July. Campbell Trophy 21st June.

Top10 semi & Final at Blairgowrie 10th August. Top5 Semi & Final at Glencarse 8th September

Bowls Scotland Update

Gary Cardle congratulated the new President and then commented:

- Clubs to inform me no later than 5.30pm (Seniors Results) and no later than 10pm (Main Draw Results) in order to send out updated draws in adequate time.
- Trialled the Singles in both O55's and Main Draw starting 30mins later at both Semi-Final and Final stages. However, after review and feedback from players in particular this will only happen at the Final of the Singles in the O55s and Main Draw in 2024 (2.30pm and 7.30pm).
- Planning to have a Piper for the players entering the green at the District Final on Friday 14th June (Afternoon / Evening) at Dunning BC (Anyone with any contacts, please let me know)
- Continued Sponsorship – Glenturret (O55s Singles / Singles), Dewar's Aberfeldy (Mixed Pairs)
- New Sponsorship – Dave Myles (Junior Singles)

Dates for Diary:

- District 6 Gents Semi Finals Monday 10th June (Afternoon/Evening) Blackford BC
Tuesday 11th June (Evening) Spittalfield BC.
- District 6 Gents Finals Friday 14th June (Afternoon/Evening) Dunning BC
- District 6 Mixed Pairs / Junior Singles Semi-Finals / Finals Sunday 16th June, Pitlochry BC

Nationals: 28th July – 3rd Aug (May Start on 26th with Mixed Pairs 26th and 27th) TBC

In addition, Gary stated that programmes for National were all under review and that BS had a 2-year supply of medals and would have a 3-year calendar. He also mentioned the utilisation of funding and any underused would be put back into a pot for distribution to other sporting bodies nationally.

Question – Any further information on the Top 10 BS competition? Gary reported this would be an open competition and that any Club could enter.

Andrew Hamilton Trophy

The President commented on the meeting in Aberdeen of the North Section on 19th November. All Associations had rejected the recent Bowls Scotland revisions to the AHT games. The meeting had therefore arranged to run their own competition for the Northern Trophy. This would consist of 7 games in 2024 with the PBA having 4 of these as away games. The top of the league would take the trophy. Discussions were also ongoing with respect to the format for 2025 which could be two groups of four or more together with a formal constitution for the event. The Northern Associations were very willing to play other geographical locations should they or BS wish. The northern co-ordinator for the BS AHT had resigned but was happy to co-ordinate the new arrangements.

There was agreement of the meeting to this process but one question arose as to payment of fees to BS. Ray reported that this current year the affiliation fee of £35 had just been paid but not the AHT fee of £150. It was expected there would be a fee for the new arrangements in due course.

Website

Ray reported that the website continued to be used with some 8000 visits over the year with each visit covering 3 to 4 pages per visit. He thanked all who had participated and should anyone have any suggestions to improve he would be happy to hear of them. He also stated that he would be retiring at the next AGM and the Committee were looking for someone to run the website.

A.O.C.B. -

Eddie Nicholson – Could the Secretary please send the paperwork to all the Past Presidents as some did not know the date of this year's AGM.

Ray – Suggested that he would be retiring from the Committee at the next AGM but was pleased to report that James Scott had expressed an interest in the post of Treasurer, and as such would help with the finance aspect until the next AGM.

Stewart – Urged all Clubs to support the 3 Counties by going to their AGM and participating in matches.

Willie - Closed the meeting by thanking everyone in attendance, and saying that he would endeavour to keep moving the Association forward. He then handed back the Club to Jim and thanked him for his hospitality.

Vote of thanks to the chair from the meeting

Meeting Closed at 14:52

R G Taylor

27/11/2023

