



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**(Meeting held by “Go-to-Meeting” conference call on 21 June 2020)**

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### **PRESENT:**

John Bell (JB) – President/Chairman  
Gerry Baker (GB) - Regional Director  
Darryl Clout (DC) - Regional Director  
Hazel Wilson (HW) – Appointed Director  
Ian Howard (IH) – Regional Director  
Claudius Lam (CL) – Regional Director  
Garry Collins (GC) – Regional Director

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gary Smith (GS) – Chief Executive  
Roger Black (RB) - Minute taker

### **APOLOGIES:**

None.

### **1. WELCOME:**

The President opened the meeting at 11.00 hours (UK time) and welcomed all to the Board meeting, particularly the newly elected Directors, IH, GB and DC. All Directors were afforded the opportunity of providing a short bio introducing themselves to the other Directors.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

IH - President of Bowls Canada.

DC - President Bowls Australia and a Director on the Board of Commonwealth Games Australia.  
No other changes required.

### **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Tabled:** Minutes of February 2020 Board meeting.

The minutes of the February 2020 meeting were accepted as a true record of the proceedings and approved unanimously.

### **4 BUSINESS ARISING**

There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda.

### **5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The President circulated his detailed report to Directors in advance of the meeting and in order to assist newly elected Directors, had included four earlier President’s reports covering a period of two years to provide them with an understanding as to what WB had been trying to achieve and why. The reports contained details of WB priorities, and how they were determined, achievements, difficulties, and the framework within which all actions were delivered.

JB then expanded and highlighted on the guiding criteria which was to provide the greatest benefit to the development and well-being of the sport, clearly achievable within the resources available and take advantage of any support from within the bowls community and to enhance the credibility and profile of World Bowls. Clear responsibility for their implementation within the appropriate budget along with anticipated timescales and target dates were required. JB briefly outlined and went over the priority areas reminding the Directors that detailed feedback from them was also essential and appreciated.

IOC recognition remained a priority although difficulties had been met and there had been little change since a report was provided to the Council in 2018. The number of countries within membership of WB remained a stumbling block as WB simply did not have the number of countries that were required. A new approach had been with a new organisation that administered other bowls related sports (petanque, boules, raffa etc) but it was found to be inappropriate for WB.

A new Strategic and Operational Plan required to be formulated and looked at again. Some work had already been carried out by GS and HW and was circulated to all Directors for ideas as to further progress. GS will now lead the Strategic Planning process with the Strategic Planning Committee along with JB, HW and IH. The aim will be to present a revised draft of the Strategic Plan and associated Operational Plan to the newly appointed Board for their input and scrutiny. JB emphasised that it would also benefit from being prepared in consultation with our MNAs. When finalised the Strategic Plan required to be published in a much more attractive format. High profile world events need to be maintained to raise the profile of the sport with almost all MNA's subscribed to the need for WB to organise major events to promote the profile and image of the sport. The 2019 World Challenge event held on Australia was a great success and the incorporation of the International Indoor Bowls Council within the World Bowls membership would enhance all indoor events.

As there was not a great deal of successful marketing and promotion of the sport across the globe, the joint initiative with Bowls Australia produced some creative marketing concepts and identified the most appropriate target market. All MNA's had received a copy of this initiative. The concepts needed to be adapted to suit regional differences.

JB then referred to the Development Strategy, produced initially to be of benefit to the emerging and "smaller" Nations - but necessarily taking into account the limited budget available. As it was failing to deliver the expected outcomes, it now required a significant input from all Regional Directors with GS heading the review into its current effectiveness. Poor local administrative practices also contributed in part to its failings. The more emerging Nations becoming members of WB increases the potential to meet eligibility target for IOC membership in the future. In relation to Development Members, GS added that there had to be genuine strategy and willingness to develop the sport in emerging countries. It was apparent in the past that individuals keen to introduce and develop the sport in their country were more interested in actually being able to play personally in International events rather than working at expanding and developing the sport. A basic strong administering infrastructure had to be in place to make the sport grow stronger within nations. JB reminded the meeting that GS has produced an advisory note for our smaller nations to provide guidance on good administrative practice, which should assist them in the future.

In tandem with Development, work continued on the creation of a WB Coaching Manual and syllabus, again targeted to the smaller Nations.

The website was continually being looked at and updated as a reference point for the sport and JB reminded Directors that new ideas were always sought.

JB referred to the excellent communications work carried out by David Allen in Australia but thought that better use could be made of publicity to confirm and consolidate WB credibility. The Directors agreed to extend his agreement with WB that had just expired for a further period of two years.

JB also made reference to the provision of an effective financial monitoring, managing and forecasting system which continued to be considered an important and efficient system operated by GS with the assistance of Howard Pryce.

The generation of external income continued to be difficult to achieve despite past efforts but continued to be a priority. It was thought the best opportunity remained in attracting a headline sponsor for some of the major WB events.

DC contributed by agreeing the priorities and that a review of the current strategic plan was essential, a statement backed up by IH. HW and GS had produced and issued a draft plan and a revised sub-committee comprising GS, IH, HW and DC to take it forward was agreed. IH added that the effects of the current pandemic required to be taken into account - HW mentioned that already the plan was out of date as a result of Covid-19 - and that fresh ideas were required. Overall the revised global Strategic Plan was produced for the benefit of our MNA's who should be consulted in the preparation and, as stated by GS, it had to be relevant to all cultures and relative to all MNA's. There are particular problems in the African continent where playing numbers were down, as with the majority of other countries, but actual countries were disappearing – Swaziland and Malawi - there are no Development Members, there is no or little Government funding and the sport was seen as being a throwback to colonial days. GB was well aware of the position and efforts would be made through development and strategic plans to create new and fresh initiatives. It was also important for MNA's to have a good basic infrastructure leading to having strong relationships with national Government Authorities and sporting bodies.

GB was concerned and alarmed at the continuing decrease of membership worldwide in the past ten years and recognised that the centre of activity, along with the finances, were mainly based in Australia. Most of the major events were now held in Australia, which he considered was not doing the sport any favours and solutions and marketing to arrest further the decline and increase membership seemed to be a priority. JB reminded the meeting that most other sports also had declining participants and a decline in membership. DC added that Australia was one of the few countries that actually bid for events despite the fact all MNA's were offered the opportunity to bid for WB events. The cost of hosting events was considerable and GS suggested that perhaps a rota system should be in place whereby, with future forward planning, countries were then able to host the four yearly World Bowls Championships in the knowledge that it could be up to 24 years before they were required to do so again. HW suggested MNA's should be asked if the cost and financial implications of hosting WB events was the main consideration/issue/determining factor and if so, the Board would have to discuss and review the bidding/hosting criteria of such events.

**Resolved:**

GS to lead the Strategic Planning Review together with HW, DC and IH. JB will continue to have a watching brief over the process.

GS to lead a review of the Development Strategy including the Development Assistance Application Scheme.

MNA's, through the Regional Directors, to be consulted in the preparation of the Strategic Plan.

## **6. REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

**Tabled:** Written reports from the Regional and Appointed Directors had been included with the papers issued to all MNA's in advance of the Council meeting due to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 during the World Championships. Concise updates, where appropriate, are detailed below:-

### **Europe:**

GC advised that the British Isles bodies for men and women had agreed to merge in 2022 and that the EBU had created a new Constitution and arranged dates for their Championships in 2021.

### **Asia:**

CL reported that Asian Championships due in September 2020 had been cancelled as a result of Covid-19 and will be re-scheduled in the second half of 2021.

The "Pan Asia Pacific Open" is an event planned for October 2020 in Henan, China.

The HKLBA will make a decision on the Hong Kong Classic in July 2020 and bowls has now been resumed in Hong Kong.

Lawn bowls will be a showcase sport at the World Masters Games in Japan in May 2021.

### **Oceania:**

DC reported that he has been in touch with Phil Jones, President Oceania Bowls Confederation, to try and get a picture of what the thinking was around the establishment of this body and what it has done since inception. Communication was proving difficult but it would appear that Phil's main aim is still to see an event come to fruition and that he shall work closely with him, Bowls Australia and Bowls New Zealand to see what can be achieved.

Contact has been established with an individual in the Australian Government who has recently been appointed to a new body called the 'Sports Diplomacy Advisory Council' - a representative group from sport, academia and the public service charged with, among other things, building linkages with neighbours in the Pacific through sport.

'Sports Diplomacy 2030' is an Australian Government program which is designed to develop pathways for elite Pacific athletes and teams to participate in major international and Australian competitions. It is also designed to facilitate access for emerging Pacific athletes to participate in high performance training.

DC will enlist BA's help in accessing this program and also both BA and Bowls NZ to facilitate Coach and Official Development training for those members who need assistance and who respond to any offers that are made. Both organisations have already been generous in offering assistance where needed.

### **Americas:**

IH reported that Bowls Canada (BCB) had established a Covid-19 Response Team to provide best practices for bowls clubs/safety of bowlers. Many clubs had opted to close for the season and Bowls Canada had cancelled payment of fees for this season, as were all BCB sanctioned events. Para bowls, safe sport, diversity and inclusion practices all continue to be important priorities with working groups being established to reimagine ways to innovate the sport and make it more inviting to participants and spectators

## **7. MEDIA & PR & SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTS**

Both GS and GC issued all the available returns on social media statistics to the Board including interaction with Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Web-site data in its various formats, graphs and statistical analysis and covering all aspects of interaction with the WB website was issued to Directors for information.

**Resolved:**

The Board agreed a further two-year extension to the original 2016 agreement between David Allen and World Bowls with appreciation for all his continued efforts on behalf of World Bowls. Additional information including a comprehensive report from David Allen on his activities over the year would be circulated to the Directors.

**8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:**

**Tabled:** Chief Executive's written, detailed report was circulated to all Directors prior to the meeting.

**Affiliation & Membership:**

The latest updated registered membership spreadsheet was included in the report to the Directors.

2020 affiliation fees were still to be received from Bangladesh (Annual Return of Registered Members also outstanding), China,(now received), Malawi (Annual Return of Registered Members also outstanding), PNG, Sweden (Annual Return of Registered Members also outstanding – now received) Zimbabwe and Malawi, whose 2019 affiliation fees were also outstanding. As all contact has been lost with Bowling Union of Malawi, GB would have one last attempt to contact them and if no progress was made, the Board agreed to the termination of their membership.

Bowls PNG Ltd has been suspended by the PNG Olympic Committee due to constitutional issues and as result their membership of World Bowls has been suspended. Progress to resolve this matter was continuing.

Jamaica LBA had still not settled their long outstanding penalty fee invoice relating to late withdrawals from the 2019 Atlantic Championships although recent correspondence from Jamaica LBA indicate that the Jamaican Olympic Committee have agreed to settle. (Now settled) No payments had been received to settle the outstanding penalty fee invoice from Zambia. Correspondence has been received recently from Ramble Oxley on behalf of a Malaysian Indoor Bowls Federation going into some detail regarding domestic issues/disputes relating to Malaysian Lawn Bowls Federation, the recognised MNA in Malaysia, basically seeking approval by World Bowls and indeed World Bowls membership of this indoor federation. Their request for approval/membership was rejected as the World Bowls constitution clearly states that no new membership application can be processed from a separate indoor organisation in the World Bowls existing member nations. Their avenue is to affiliate to MLBF and any domestic issues/disputes are a matter for the MLBF to resolve in consultation with/arbitration by the Malaysian Sports Authorities as considered necessary.

Directors have been furnished with the Associate Membership application form from International Bowls for the Disabled (IBD), who are currently a Recognised Association within the World Bowls constitution, together with all relevant background information from Kerry Clark CNZM, OBE relating to the application. This membership application is very much linked to the demands of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and Kerry Clark, CNZM, OBE advises that both the CGF and the IPC are awaiting a result of the application before taking further action. GS provided to the Board a comprehensive, detailed background to all the intertwining factors surrounding the lead-up to the application and recommended Associate Membership. This was unanimously approved by the Board. Kerry Clark would be asked to review the Constitution of IBD to identify areas that required amendment as a result of membership of WB.

**Resolved:**

The Board agreed to the IBD becoming an Associate Member of World Bowls.  
Kerry Clark to be asked to review their Constitution to ensure compliance with WB requirements – e.g. WADA related matters and the Laws of the Sport

**Administration Guidance and Biennial Council Meeting**

GS advised that Administration Guidance Notes for New & Developing Member Authorities were issued to all relevant MNAs for the Biennial Council Meeting on 21 May 2020 and that all reports presented to MNAs were duly adopted, Laws amendments resolutions approved and results of election of the President and Regional Directors duly ratified.

**Legal Matters**

Appointment of Director forms for new Directors DC, IH & GB and Termination of Appointment forms for retiring directors WM, JM & SR have been completed and submitted to Companies Registry.

**Bowls Manufacturing and Testing Matters**

WB recently learned of the death of Dr Bruce Barry, based in Australia, accredited consultant/inspector in the southern hemisphere for this area of World Bowls governance. Condolences and appreciation for Bruce's many years of commitment and expertise to his World Bowls duties were duly conveyed to his family.

Don Sherman, long associated with testing at Bendigo, Australia has expressed a strong interest to take on this World Bowls role and GS recommended he be appointed subject to consultation with Rob Curran, who currently works at Drakes Pride Liverpool UK, who took over from Dr Ron Barron following his retirement from the role of World Bowls consultant/inspector in the northern hemisphere.

The World Bowls Licensed Bowls Manufacturers pay an annual licence fee to World Bowls with the license being from 1 April to the following 31 March with the annual licence fee being invoiced in two equal instalments, The first instalment is due for settlement by 31 March and the second instalment by 30 September. GS recommended that the Board should agree to waive the second half instalment of this year's annual licence fee bearing in mind the impact on their businesses of the pandemic. This was unanimously agreed and factored into the financial forecasts for 2021.

**Resolved:**

It was agreed to waive the second half instalment of the year's annual licence fee paid by the Licensed Bowls Manufacturers due to the impact of the covid-19 virus on their business. Provisional approval given by the Board to appoint Don Sherman as an accredited inspector.

**World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**

GS continues to work closely with the WB Medical Consultant Dr Colin Reid on all WADA Code compliance requirements including corrective actions resulting from the most recent Compliance Questionnaire issued by WADA

WADA has announced a revised 2021 WADA Code, which requires WB to review the World

Bowls Anti-Doping Regulations to ensure they meet the requirements of the revised WADA Code.

**Laws Committee Matters:**

Kerry Clark, CNZM,OBE, reported to the Board that a discussion had taken place within the Laws Committee (LC) regarding the re-accreditation of ITO's in circumstances where only one ITO was involved and where it was thought that it was not economical to justify the cost of such an assessment exercise. It was considered that if 10 or more were available for training/assessment, then this was viable from a development point of view. RB updated the Board on the position at the moment and it was agreed he would consult with the Regional Director GB to ascertain if there was a solution to this problem in Africa.

The organising team for the Birmingham 2022 CG would prefer each team at the 2022 CG to play with a particular colour of bowls of their choice. The CGF has been advised as to the reasons this has not happened before – mainly financial – but it was considered that the matter should be raised again and that discussions should be undertaken with manufacturers and CGA's as soon as possible. GS reminded the Board of the reasons this was not adopted in the past which included players having a personal preference on make and model of bowls, the colour requested not being available, personal preferences, countries asking for the same colour etc. At World level, it was thought players should be allowed to play with their preferred set of bowls.

Kerry Clark personally supported this idea primarily from a promotion and media point of view, and added that discussions with Manufacturers and CGAs needed to start soon. Overall, the Board supported in principal the desire to have this explored and implemented, subject to it being practical.

The formats of the para disciplines at CG 2022 are still subject to on-going discussions.

**Action:**

RB to liaise with GB to ascertain away forward in the African continent to maintain and develop the ITO system.

**Events**

The 2020 World Bowls Championships, to be held in the Gold Coast, Australia are currently postponed until corresponding dates in May/June 2021. At present it has been agreed to follow the same timetable for deadline dates in relation to reconfirmation of entry (by end of August 2020) and confirmation/re-confirmation of selected athletes, the disciplines and playing positions in which they will be playing (10 February 2021). It was not known if all the originally confirmed entries are able to re-confirm that they will participate.

However, DC reported that there had been some concerning indications that international travel restrictions in Australia could possibly last into the middle of 2021.

DC will now replace WM as the nominated World Bowls representative to attend the Organising Committee meetings for this event. It had not been decided if there was a minimum number of countries required to participate in the Championships and this would be reviewed when the pandemic issue improved.

As previously advised, the 2020 World Singles Champion of Champions, which was scheduled to be held in Adelaide, Australia later this year was cancelled and the next edition of this annual event will be the 2021 World Singles Champion of Champions being anticipated to be held in the latter part of 2021. The venue for the 2021 event is yet to be decided with the deadline date for receipt of bids to host the event having been extended until 31 July 2020.

World Bowls is aware that many national authorities have already announced the cancellation of their national competitions in 2020 due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore their current National Singles Champions as at 31 March 2020 who would have been eligible to participate in the now cancelled 2020 World Singles Champion of Champions will still be 'current' National Singles Champions as at 31 March 2021, the eligibility date for the 2021 World Singles Champion of Champions.

World Bowls is also aware that there are a few Member Authorities who consider that they will be in a position to conduct further National Singles Championships before the 31 March 2021. Some of these Member Authorities have enquired regarding eligibility of their current National Singles Champions, who have missed out on participation in the cancelled 2020 World Singles Champion of Champions, to also participate in the 2021 World Singles Champion of Champions. Due to the exceptional circumstances, World Bowls will in these cases accept both sets of National Singles Champions as being eligible to participate in the 2021 World Singles Champion of Champions (subject to meeting other eligibility criteria detailed in World Bowls Regulations) when confirmed entries for the event are invited in early 2021.

**Resolved:**

World Bowls will accept both sets of National Singles Champions as detailed above as being eligible to participate in the 2021 World Singles Champion of Champions (subject to meeting other eligibility criteria detailed in World Bowls Regulations) when confirmed entries for the event are invited in early 2021.

Adelaide B.C. was the scheduled venue for the 2020 World Singles Champion of Champions and was given first option to host the 2021 event but have within the last few days advised that they will not be in a position to do so. MNAs have been invited to submit bids to host the 2021 & 2022 World Singles Champion of Champions with a deadline date for receipt of bids of 31 July 2020. The CEO Bowls Australia has indicated confidence in being able to find a club to host and Cyprus has also indicated potential interest.

The 2020 World Bowls Indoor Championships were scheduled to be held at Bristol, England and were required to be cancelled due to Covid-19. It had been agreed that this annual World Bowls/IIBC event would alternate initially between the UK and long standing hosts of our previous World Cup i.e. Warilla, Australia with World Bowls being the lead organising body for the event. The 2021 event requires to be progressed with Warilla/Bowls Australia in consultation with the International Indoor Bowls Council (IIBC).

The Atlantic Senior Championships are to be held in Cyprus with the dates changed to 13<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 from their original December 2020 dates.

IIBC is the lead organisation of this IIBC/World Bowls World Under 25 event and IIBC had just confirmed that County Antrim IBC, N. Ireland would host the event in December 2020 when the pandemic hit. IIBC have confirmed that the event will not now be held in December 2020 and the Board will be updated regarding this event and plans for 2021. GC enquired if there was the possibility of questions on the age criteria for the under 25 series as players eligible for the 2020 event but were too old to enter the 2021 event. GS confirmed this would be looked at in due course.

GS confirmed the dates for the 2021 EBU Championships this event to be held in Ayr, Scotland 2-7 August 2021, immediately following on the Scottish National Championships

The scheduling of the 2021 World Bowls Challenge which had been proposed to be held again at Moama, Australia, has not been progressed since the global pandemic took hold. No formal

discussions had taken place but DC advised the club remained keen to host the event. Had the Biennial Council meeting been held during the World Championships, an update from Hong Kong on the 2023 Asia Pacific Championships and the 2024 World would have been presented at the Council Meeting at Club Helensvale. World Bowls now requires full updates relating to these events within the next 3 months and formal agreements need to be prepared and finalised asap thereafter.

### **Dissolution of CMSB/Discussions with ex-officials of CMSB**

GS provided a full report and update on the above subject, briefly referred to in the President's report.

Following receipt of an invitation from officials detailed below, it had previously been agreed that JB and GS would attend a conference in Turkey in April to have discussions with officials connected with Confederacion des Sports de Boules (CMSB), an umbrella body of 'boules' type sports ( the International Federations of Boules Lyonnaise, Petanque and Raffa being the members) an IOC recognised body of which World Bowls had previously been a member for a few years. The two officials with whom we were due to meet were from the International Federations of Boules Lyonnaise & Raffa.

During 2012 World Bowls terminated its membership as it was concluded that the relationship was not working effectively in the best interests of the sport of Lawn Bowls. Subsequently a few years later WB commenced its own IOC Recognition Application process and all MNAs have been made fully aware of the changing goalposts and hurdles faced in this regard.

Due to the pandemic restrictions on travel the meeting was cancelled and it was agreed to continue discussions by email. What followed was a barrage of email exchanges conducted by GS with the officials in full consultation with President JB.

Early in these exchanges it was revealed that there had been major issues between the members of CMSB plus international sports bodies like IOC, GAISF & ARISF had certain issues with elements of its constitution. CMSB either had to amend its constitution and obviously settle internal differences or somehow establish a new body which they hoped (no guarantee) would be able to hold on to recognition by IOC etc.

WB was advised that the Petanque International Federation had resigned as a member of CMSB automatically dissolving CMSB and that the only option left for the Boules Lyonnaise and Raffa International Federations was to seek to establish a new body.

As these exchanges continued it became more and more evident to GS & JB that this was a mess of a situation in which World Bowls did not wish to be dragged into. As a result, WB withdrew from further discussions. If IOC recognition is to remain as a realistic strategic objective the Board were required to consider next steps in that process.

### **Strategic Plan, Development Strategy & Operational Plan**

Since the initial considerations relating to the review of these Plans, the sport globally, World Bowls and MNAs have been faced with the considerable impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic. The Board's decision as to the level of reduction of 2021 affiliation fees and the resulting decrease in income in 2021 plus any review of future levels of affiliation fees will need to be taken into account when considering realistic, achievable strategic priorities and associated action plans, particularly in the early part of the 2021-2024 Plans.

GS reminded the Board that WB are committed to involving MNAs in the Strategic Planning process and with the commitment for Regional Directors to establish more regular robust and

effective communications with their Regional MNA's this would appear to present the ideal opportunity to progress such involvement at the earliest to gather feedback for the Strategic Planning Committee to consider.

As far as the review of the Development Strategy and the Development Assistance Application process is concerned, GS thanked those present and the recently retired directors for their independently submitted comments. Submissions so far certainly cover a wide range of thoughts on the matter. What could be said is that submissions have endorsed the long held beliefs that enhanced and effective communications and effective administration structure of national authorities and their administrative and communication skills are absolute pre-requisites as a platform for further effective development in individual nations. Again, fresh input from the new Regional Directors together with the discussions which take place during early enhanced communication with their Regional MNAs should certainly result in additional input to the review process.

## **9. FINANCE REPORT**

GS had circulated to the Board all the relevant up to date financial papers in advance of the meeting. The Board has already committed to a reduction in 2021 World Bowls affiliation fees to financially assist its MNAs to recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. To assist the Board's considerations and ultimate decision as to the exact level of reduction to the 2021 fees the Board is willing to comfortably apply, after consultation with the WB financial consultant Howard Pryse in the preparation of the financial forecasts for consideration ahead of this subject, GS provided the Board with several different forecasts based on a range of reductions in fees.

Both DC and IH outlined the financial positions in their respective countries with IH advising that the Bowls Canada Board decided to eliminate fees due for 2020, due to Covid-19 having a negative impact on bowls clubs across Canada, in that many clubs might not open, and therefore will not collect any dues whatsoever.

Additionally, Bowls South Africa had emailed their Regional Director, GB asking him to raise their issues with WB the fixed affiliation fee basis for the annual fees. After a full discussion the board resolved that the 2021 affiliation fees will be levied at a level of 50% of the amount paid for 2020. At DC's suggestion, MNA's should also be reminded that a reduction in WB income would impact on the ability of WB to carry out projects within the next 12 months as contained in any revised Strategic Plan.

### **Resolved:**

The Board agreed and resolved that the 2021 World Bowls affiliation fees will be levied at a level of 50% of the amount paid by Member Authorities for 2020.

It was also resolved that in the forthcoming months a full review of future affiliation fees will be undertaken.

## **10. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

HW raised her concerns regarding the possibility of quota restrictions on the number of athletes from each country being allowed to participate in the Commonwealth Games and the potential impact this may have on the number of bowlers that could be included in the National quota of athletes.

**Future Meetings:**

It was proposed to hold the next conference meeting provisionally on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – 11.00am UK start time.

Roger Black  
29th June 2020