

NOTICE is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of the Company Bowls England (Company No. 06297656 England & Wales) Will be held at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 24th February 2024 at Goodwood Bowls Club, Leicestershire, LE5 2FH

AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Notice convening the meeting

This is the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Company known as Bowls England whose company number is 06297656 which was convened by notice dated 6 th February 2024. This meeting has been called in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Notice of Meeting will have provided you with the business that is to be dealt with on this occasion.

3. Apologies

4. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bowls England held at Goodwood Bowls Club in Leicester on Saturday 25th February 2023, already circulated, as a true and correct record.

5. To receive the 2023 Annual Report

6. To receive any additional comments from the Board Chair

7. To receive the 2023 Report of the Directors and Financial Statements

8. To ratify the following for 2024 and 2025

8.1 Affiliation Fee 2024 - £7

8.2 Affiliation Fee 2025 - £7 plus inflationary increase as of 1 October 2024

9. To formally ratify the following appointments

- 9.1. Bowls England Directors – period 2024-27
Adam Tanner
Mal Evans

There was no **10.**

11. To receive propositions or amendments/additions to the Rules and Regulations

11.1 National Competitions Review Propositions

11.1.2 BLUE RIBAND

Proposition 1. To elevate Blue Riband and Performance events at the Aviva National Finals

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

11.1.3 PERFORMANCE

Proposition 2. To elevate top-level county competition consistent with international level

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
NO	Carried - 53 YES & 40 NO

Proposition 3. To amend playing numbers and formats in White Rose Trophy & Amy Rose Bowl

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
NO	YES Carried

Proposition 4. To standardise the age in all junior events to under 24 on 1 April annually for both genders

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
NO	YES Carried

Proposition 5. To introduce under 17 singles events for both genders

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

Proposition 6. To create multi-county regional events

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

11.1.4 TEAM SPIRIT

Proposition 7. To retain Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy in agreed format

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES TO KNOCK OUT AND PLATE	53 YES TO ROUND ROBIN 40 YES TO KNOCK OUT & PLATE

Proposition 8. To introduce a Mixed Over 60 Inter-County event

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
NO	YES Carried

Proposition 9. To revamp the Top Club event to attract more clubs

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
NO	NO – Not Carried

Proposition 10. To amend the Club Two Fours to an open event

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

Proposition 11. To restrict entry in the Champion of Champions to ‘Club Champions ONLY’

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

11.1.5 PARTICIPATION

Proposition 12. To remove the Two-Bowl Singles Championship from the Aviva National Finals programme

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
NO	NO - NOT CARRIED (2 Bowl remains)

Proposition 13. To set the age limit for all senior events (excluding Senior Fours) to players aged over 60 on 1 April annually and permit daytime play in those events (from 2025)

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

Proposition 14. To retain the Senior Fours age limit in line with British Isles qualification requirements (*Over 55*)

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

Proposition 15. To introduce ‘Novice Pairs’ for new and less experienced players (*there was a concern about how many years as a player constituted as a “Novice”. This was going to be looked at as 3 or 5 years*)

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
NO	YES Carried

Proposition 16. To change eligibility to the Family Pairs to anyone who has not played International or County level (Balcomb and Walker) representative bowls in the last 5 years

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	Carried 59 YES & 34 NO

11.1.6 COMPETITIONS MANAGEMENT

Proposition 17. To further investigate how to consolidate the administration for the benefit of players and administrators as part of implementation plan, taking into account the array of systems already in place at county level

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

Proposition 18. County Associations to continue to manage Championship events

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

Proposition 19. To introduce set dates in the later rounds of the Top Club as a trial for 2025 as part of national calendar

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

11.2 COUNTY PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 20. *That, the Junior men's competition "The White Rose" allow Counties to put forward two teams each year, with effect from 2024.*

WITHDRAWN following vote on Proposition 3

Proposed by: Bowls Hampshire Seconded By: Bowls Surrey

Proposition 21. *That there is an addition to the current qualifying rules.*

QUALIFIERS FOR NATIONAL FINALS

We would like to ADD the following paragraph:

The counties with TWO entrants (A & B) shall be shown in the championship draw to be in separate halves. Therefore, removing the "OPEN" draw that is now in place.

Proposed by: Bowls Devon Seconded By: Bowls Cornwall

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
YES	YES Carried

Proposition 22. *That the area final stage of the Tony Allcock, Men's and Ladies Top Club and the Men's Club 2 Fours to be played on a neutral green.*

Proposed by: Bowls Cornwall Seconded By: Bowls Devon

Our 2 votes according to HB players & clubs:	Actual Vote & score if Cards counted:
NO	YES Carried

The remaining items followed the BE Agenda: