



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2017 March 25th 2017 at 1.30pm

Held at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Masthead Close, Dartford, Kent, DA2 6QF

Present:

Officers

Martin Eggleton, President	Ken Buchan, Management Committee
Bob Parker, National Umpire	Colin Roper, National Coach
Cary Bush, Treasurer	David Baxter, National Secretary
Martin Hughes, Vice President	David Mason, Management Committee
Ray Keemer-Richards, Nat. Mem. Secretary	

Members

Annette Eggleton	Tiny Neville (TN)	Tony Mann (TM)
Brian Burfitt	Trish Neville	Dawn Constable
Janice Keemer-Richards	Mike Sheppard	Richard Powell
Adrian Thomas	Mary Sheppard	Simon Adamsdale
Faith Thomas	Jim Marstin	Frank Charlesworth
	Jack Milner	Christine Peat

1. To confirm the date of notice of the meeting

Notice and call for resolutions was sent to regions and clubs and published on our web site on the 23rd January and Life members on the 28th of January. The change of venue was notified on 22nd of February and then the Agenda and Supporting Papers were sent out and published 5th of March.

Tony Mann pointed out that the first notice should also give the time of the meeting. Noted

2. To receive apologies for absence

Alan Forse	Steve Slade	Michelle Roe
Mike Arnold	Simon Bird	Steve McKenna
Marilyn Gravell	Malcolm McKenzie	Brian Stote
Kath Knight	Toni Gates	Bob Gaywood
Chris Garrett	John Proctor	

3. To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (19th March 2016)

Proposed Adrian Thomas, seconded Tiny Neville. Approved

4. To receive the National President's report

The report will be available on the EPA website (PRESIDENTS2017AGM.pdf) so rather than read it out an interview format was used to probe the President's year. The interview was initiated by Vice President Martin Hughes with other members contributing questions and clarifications.

Highlights.

On Success Martin highlighted the success in European Championships of Sarah Huntley, bronze medal in shooting, Ladies Espoirs bronze medal and Veterans the Nations Cup winners. The organisation of the Espoirs has been built using the model of our successful Junior system



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On Playing The Ladies squad system is developing well and will complete a first cycle with the top 16 ranked players attending a training weekend in Dunkerque with input from French coaches. In the coming year we will look to replicate this system in the Men's game. MH noted that the 2017 Vets and Espoirs events were in doubt because of a lack of venue and that the FIPJP is changing eligibility rules for National teams.

ME said that if one viewed the recent international events through the lens of an Olympic bid the Worlds in Madagascar 2016 and China 2017 show global reach, the new Doubles, mixed doubles and singles in Ghent 2017 look like an Olympic format and the eligibility change look like an alignment with IOC rules.

TM commenting on the change to a Men's Squad said that a feeling of loss of control was a concern for players and a lack of clarity on the arrangements feeds that concern. He emphasised the need for clear communications.

ME acknowledged that but said that while measurables would play a big part in selection decisions it was not possible to just have fixed criteria. MH stressed the need for a process that can deliver a team able to perform. A step in that direction will be to take a group to an event in Belgium in August.

TN Attitude is important. Hope that the old view of qualifying for a trip was no more. ME confirmed that we strongly oppose that and we need to develop a more professional approach not just at national level e.g. the Southern approach to Hayling 2016.

KB Queried if we were aware of the Schools Sports Initiative which now included pétanque and is an opportunity for a school.

On Coaching Martin observed that under Colin Roper's leadership we have moved forwards and now have 103 club coaches with an advanced course now available we will look to build up a group of county coaches.

On Umpiring Bob Parker leads the Umpire Commission and organised one course last year and 3 are planned for next year to build our umpire numbers. DM queried whether the exam is too hard as recent candidates have failed. ME said looking for better linkage between the course and the exam. TR noted that the rule book seems very different now from the previous one of 10 years ago.

On the Inter-Regional Championships. Innovation of the Junior and CoC Shooting Championships had worked really well and hoped to repeat it this year. Several members questioned the allocation accommodation process. ME said we hadn't made any changes this year and was uncertain as to why there had been a Social media frenzy.

On Diversity MH asked about the dearth of female and younger members on the Management Committee. ME asserted that our diversity is terrible and we do need more variety.

Aspiration To host a European Championships.

5. To receive, and if so resolved, adopt the Association's accounts, Auditor's and Financial Reports (for the Financial Year ending 31st December 2016)

Cary Bush presented the accounts and provided members with a view of the budget, published on our website (Accounts 2016 for AGM.pdf).

The motion to approve the accounts was proposed by R Parker, seconded by R Powell and passed unanimously.

6. To determine the rates of registration fees and subscriptions

No motion from the Management Committee, so fees remain unchanged at £20 Adult, £5 Junior, £35 Club Affiliation, £40 League Affiliation.

7. To consider, motions to amend the Constitution

None

8. To declare the election of Management Committee Members

Ken Buchan Nominated by: Kent League – Mike Cubitt (President)

Alan Roden Nominated by: Chiltern – Neil Stevenson (President)



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Jim Marstin Nominated by: Kent – Bob Gaywood (President)

being the only nominees were declared elected.

9. To declare the election of National Officers

National President Martin Eggleton

Nominated by Alan Roden, Robert Parker, Colin Roper

National Vice President Martin Hughes

Nominated by Cary Bush, Colin Roper, Robert Parker,

National Secretary David Baxter

Nominated By: Alan Roden, Robert Parker, Colin Roper

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10. To declare the election of Arbitrators

No nominations.

11. To appoint an Auditor or Auditors

Ged Barton was elected the previous year on a two year term.

12. To consider other business as the Presiding Officer may admit (no vote to be taken)

a) Are event entries only electronic? No, electronic or mail as last year.

b) Clear insurance advice was requested. ME acknowledged that the 'Insurances Explained' document needs updating to reflect the changes to the insurance provisions that have come in this year.

c) Some people receive multiple copies of the same email and Juniors get things that aren't to do with juniors. DB said that we need everyone to have an email contact which does mean some club secretaries are getting extra copies because their email has been listed and the volume of email traffic precludes segmenting the lists.

d) Can more training be given on the IMG database? Yes, people need to contact Ray Keemer-Richards.

e) Inter-Regional Software on the web site? No we only publish the output results.

f) TM asked where are the Sussex rule books? It seems they were left at Worthing for collection.

g) TM asked why the Crowborough League had not been listed. DB said that the 2016 form had gone astray and he had sent a 2017 renewal to the contact supplied by Sussex and that form has now been received and their details are now listed on our Web Page.

He thanked the members in attendance and closed the meeting at 3.42pm.



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