



**Minutes of the First Annual General Meeting  
of the Joint English Umpires Association  
held at Leamington Victoria Park  
on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010.**

**Present:** 143 members

**Apologies:** 66 members.

**Mr Ray White**, Chairman of the joint Steering Committee opened the meeting and called for a minutes silence in memory of colleagues who had died during the year.

Mr White indicated that the new Association would have 1088 members, (534 men and 554 women) 140 inactive members and both Associations had 18 life members between them.

#### **Association Name**

Three proposals were introduced by their proposers.

- Keith Thorne – to retain English Bowls Umpires Association.
- Peter Price - Association of English Bowls Umpires
- Colin Hills - Bowls Umpires Association of England.

A paper ballot was taken and **English Bowls Umpires Association** was preferred by a majority.

#### **Constitution**

The published constitution was proposed by Brian Burton and seconded by Jessie Clark, but before the motion was put to a vote, the meeting agreed to consider the following three amendments proposed by Colin Hills.

1. deletion of paragraph 3.5 concerning discipline  
defeated by a show of hands
2. request that the two associations (EBUA and EWUA) be included in paragraph 3.1  
defeated by a show of hands
3. Election of regional representatives to remain in the regions and not be a function of the AGM.  
defeated by a show of hands

The original motion to accept the constitution was taken by a show of hands and passed with an overwhelming majority.

## **Council and Officers**

The nominated Officers were accepted by the meeting en bloc.

Chairman	Ray White
Deputy Chairman	Mavis Wellington
Secretary	Rick Moore
Deputy Secretary	Jessie Clark
Treasurer	Vernon Findell
Development	Allan Thornhill

## **Finance**

Vernon Findell introduced himself to the meeting and confirmed he was satisfied with the accounts of the EWUA. He would also like the standing order system to continue.

## **Uniform**

Rick Moore clarified the present position. The women's blue and red and the men's burgundy would continue, side by side, for up to five years. The introduction of navy trousers and burgundy tops is to accommodate times, particularly Indoor Nationals, when men and women work together,

A new uniform would only be considered when all other issues have been resolved.

## **Administration**

Rick Moore explained the constitution stipulated that the EBUA is a Council run Association. The day to day affairs would be in the hands of the executive.

## **Any Other Business.**

- Cheating in bowls: Representations have and will continue to be made to World Bowls Ltd for changes to the Laws of the Sport.
- Expenses: The 30 mile radius restriction was queried, it was stated by the secretary that the whole subject of expenses and a relationship with National Governing Bodies, along with individual Counties would be a continuing subject for the executive to resolve. The Secretary said he wanted to create an Umpires Charter.
- Indoor Laws: The WIBC Laws of the Sport, with effect from September 2010, will no longer allow the mat to be given away, except for the first and extra ends.
- Development of examinations: It is hoped that a new system will be ready for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011
- Child Protection Panel: Carol Watt Sullivan represents the EBUA on that committee
- Health and Safety: Umpires should not be expected to make announcements regarding safety & fire risks; it should be a representative of the organisers.

- The Chairman sought permission to destroy the ballot papers.
- A vote of thanks was given to the Steering Committee for all their work in helping to bring about today's result
- The first Council meeting will be arranged for the autumn.
- The 2011 Annual General Meeting will be held in April and a microphone will be provided.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.