

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 16th January 2012

The 72nd Annual General Meeting was held in Renfield St. Stevens Church Centre on Monday 16th January 2012 at 2.00pm.

President Pat Philpot welcomed members from 89 Clubs & then introduced her top table.

Cancer Research - President Pat was delighted to welcome Professor Jim Norman & Dr Jesica Diaz-Vero from the Beatson Institute & presented them with a cheque for £28,000. Jim thanked all the Clubs for their efforts in raising the money, & told us that the money would be put to good use. President Pat announced that the West has given the Beatson Institute £1,104 626 in total.

A minute's silence was observed for members who have passed away.

Apologies - Received from 25 Clubs, 5 Council Member, & 3 Past Presidents.

Minutes - previously circulated were proposed by Irene Murdoch, Springburn BC, & seconded by Marion Campbell, Giffnock BC.

No Matters arising.

Treasurer's Report - Hon. Treasurer Anne Marie asked if there were any queries. Anne McCaig asked why the printing/stationery costs were so high & Anne Marie explained that there had been a requirement to buy a lot of stationery this year. Anne Marie asked all the Clubs to make sure that nothing was sent to our previous Treasurer's home as the family are finding this very distressing. It is now 18 months since Sheena died.

Treasurer's Report - Proposed by Angelene Scott Dickson, Croftfoot BC, seconded by Sheena Stewart, Kilmarnock BC.

Auditors' Report - given by Past President Sheila Cockburn who said that Anne Marie's books were in very good order.

Hon. Secretary's Report - Sheila reported we were sad to lose one of our District Secretaries, Liz Berretti, in July due to Cancer. Bowling wise we have had a fairly good year, despite the mixed weather. She thanked all the Clubs that gave us greens & entered teams in our competitions.

The results of our Championship are as follows:-

	Winners	Runners Up
• Singles	Burnbank Hamilton BC	Blacklands BC
• Pairs	Galston BC	Garrowhill BC
• 2 Bowl	Vale of Leven BC	Lesmahagow BC
• Triples	Ayr Forehill BC	Kirn/Hunter's Quay BC
• Fours	Galston BC	Blackhill BC

We hope our winning Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours will represent the Association in the Torrance Purvis Top Ten in 2012.

JLS Charity Trophy was won by Priorscroft BC, runners up Riverside BC. Congratulations to all who participated.

Regrettably we have lost a few Clubs due to falling membership & Club closures.

The East v West game was rained off for the second time in 4 years. We hope for better weather this year! In the Torrance Purvis Competition we reached the ¼ Final stage before losing to Wigtownshire.

We are currently short of 2 District Secretaries & Sheila urged these Districts to find someone to come forward & support us.

The West website has been revised at no cost to the Association & we will try and keep the information as up to date as possible.

Sheila thanked all the Clubs for their help & support; she thanked President Pat for organising the friendly games & for playing so well for us in the Torrance Purvis, Immediate Past President Margaret for organising the Torrance Purvis, & all the Council for their help & support. She finished by wishing the incoming President & Vice President a very happy & successful year.

Retiring President's Remarks - President Pat said how much she had enjoyed her year. She enjoyed travelling around to all the venues by car, bus or train and meeting so many people. She thanked Dunblane BC for their support, & she hopes all our winners are looking forward to playing in the Top Ten. She is looking forward to organising the venues & games for 2012. Pat thanked her Executive & Council for their support.

Elections - Peggy Kelly (Hamilton Caledonian BC) was proposed as President for 2012 & seconded by Margaret Taylor (Hamilton Caledonian BC). President Peggy was duly elected. She was presented with her chain of office, & said how honoured she was to be invited to be President of the West of Scotland WBA. She thanked Hamilton Caledonian BC for all their support & for hosting the Semi Finals last July. Her first duty was to present Past President Pat with her badge & confer Honorary Membership on her.

Vice President - President Peggy proposed Dorothy Heaney (Woodend BC) as her Vice President & this was seconded by Janette Brown (Kelvindale BC) Dorothy was duly elected. Unfortunately Dorothy was not able to be at the meeting as she is suffering from a bad viral infection.

Hon. Secretary - Sheila McLaren is willing to stay on.

Hon. Treasurer - Anne Marie Sullivan is willing to stay on.

New District Secretaries - 3 new appointments. District 2 - Agnes McMillan Linwood BC, District 11 - Jennifer Hamilton Darvel BC, District 13 - Jenny Terras Troon BC.

Auditors - Mrs Sheila Cockburn wishes to resign. Mrs Margaret Bell is willing to continue & Mrs Ellen Park has agreed to assist her.

Annual subscriptions - Status Quo 1 - 40 members £20, 41+ members £25.

Competition Fees - Status Quo - Fours £8, Triples £6, Pairs £4, Singles £2, JLS minimum £5.

Competition Dates 2012 - Prelims w/c 7th May, 1st rd w/c 21st May, 2nd rd w/c 4th June, 3rd rd w/c 18th June, District Finals w/c 2nd July, last 14 Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th July, ¼ Finals Thursday 19th July, Semi Finals Tuesday 31st July, Finals Thursday 2nd August. JLS Charity Game week beginning 25th June. East v West Thursday 23rd August.

Whitecraigs BC raised the point that there are 2 public holidays on 4th & 5th of June to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, & that it might be difficult for some Clubs to give greens on one or both of these dates. Secretary Sheila replied that we appreciate that there could be a problem, but hoped that there would be enough greens available so that we do not have to encroach on other Associations' days.

Bowls stamping - We will follow the Bowls Scotland rule - a legible stamp.

Proposals

1. Reducing the age limit to 16 years by the date of the prelim round - Passed
2. Bowls stamping to follow Bowls Scotland - Passed
3. £5 default fee increased to £10 - Passed.

Pauline Kirkpatrick (old Kilpatrick BC) asked as the age limit is being reduced would it cause a problem with the juniors? As we do not have juniors there is no conflict for the West.

AOCB - Mary Hamilton (St Vincent BC) asked if Associate members could play in the West or do we only allowed Full members. The West does not stipulate that lady members should be Full members or Associate members.

President Peggy closed the meeting at 2.50pm, thanked everyone for coming, & wished them a safe journey home.

Past President Margaret thanked Immediate Past President Pat & President Peggy for the way they had conducted the meeting & asked everyone to join with her in a vote of thanks.