

**The West of Scotland  
Women's Bowling Association**  
Established 1934

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The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in  
Renfield St. Stephen's Church Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow  
on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 2.00pm prompt.**

Clubs are entitled to send two representatives, only one of whom is allowed to vote.

Voting cards **will be handed out at the registration desk.**

**According to Paragraph 6 of our Constitution, any Club wishing to withdraw its membership must inform the Honorary Secretary in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting; otherwise they will be liable for the ensuing year's subscription.**

Sheila M McLaren

**Hon. Secretary**

**Agenda**

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Honorary Secretary's Report

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Election of Office Bearers & Introduction of New Members of Council

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Any Other Competent Business

November 2011

Dear Secretary,

It is once again time to notify you of our next Annual General Meeting, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support for the Association. We on the Council do appreciate your help and input and I hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting in January.

I have tried this year to use e-mail when contacting Clubs and in most cases it seems to be working well. I would be grateful if, when you fill in your Competition entry forms, you could where possible also supply an e-mail address. As we still have some "snail mail" going missing I would appreciate it if you could note the contents of the following paragraph.

**The notice issued to all Clubs when joining the Association asks Club Secretaries to notify the Hon. Secretary if they have not received their AGM notices by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December, their Competition entry and fee forms by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February, and receipt of their Competition entry fees by the closing date stated on the Competition form, (which for 2012 will be 16<sup>th</sup> March). I would ask you, or any Secretary following on after you, to note and comply with this.**

I would like you to continue sending invitations to your Opening Day and offer of rinks for the Competitions direct to your District Secretary. If you are not sure who your District Secretary is please refer to the letter sent out with the Competition entry form at the end of January. For those Districts who do not have a District Secretary there will be a contact nominated on that letter for you to use until a District Secretary can be found. I would also ask you to pass this information to all the relevant people in your Club.

In the case of **Openings**, your District Secretary usually organises which ones she is able to attend, and which ones she will pass on to a Past President or another Council member. If your Club is celebrating a Special Year we like to ask our President or Vice President to attend. You can see that the more notice we have the easier it is for us to be able to support all our Clubs.

It is much the same for **Rinks for Competitions**. It is easier for your District Secretary to organise the rounds if she has all her rinks offered in good time.

If you find any mistakes in your address please let me know immediately. We have tried this year to have more information available on our website (<http://www.woswba.org.uk>), and feedback indicates that this has been helpful to those playing in our Competitions, and also to those who have misplaced their copies of our Rules etc! We will try to extend the site and keep it updated.

Best wishes to you all, from President Pat and the Council.

*Sheila M. O'Hare*

## Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting was held in Renfield St. Stevens Church Centre on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 2.00pm.

President Margaret McGowan welcomed 92 delegates and then introduced her top table.

**Cancer Research:** President Margaret was delighted to welcome Professor Jim Norman and Dr Elena Rainero from the Beatson Institute and presented them with a cheque for £30,000. Professor Jim Norman thanked all the Clubs for their efforts in raising the money, and assured us that it would be put to good use.

A minute's silence was observed for members who had passed away. Special mention was made of our Hon. Treasurer Mrs Sheena Clark and Past President Mrs Margaret McMillan.

**Apologies:** Received from 29 Clubs, 4 Council Members, and 5 Past Presidents.

**Minutes:** Previously circulated were proposed by Pauline Kirkpatrick, Old Kilpatrick BC, and seconded by June Goligher, Mount Florida BC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Acting Treasurer Anne Marie asked if there were any queries, and explained that any donations to our Cancer Fund received by her after the end of October will be included in next year's statement.

**Auditors' Report:** Given by Past President Sheila Cockburn who said that she and Past President Margaret Bell found the books were in good order. She also praised the way Anne Marie had taken over after the sudden death of Sheena Clark.

**Hon. Secretary's Report:** Sheila reported that we had another good year, winning the East v West game in its 70<sup>th</sup> year, and reaching the Last 4 in the Torrance Purvis Top Ten games.

The results of our Championship were as follows:-

- Singles      Bellshill & Mossend BC r/u      Bonnybridge BC
- Pairs        Kirkhill BC                              r/u      Garrowhill BC
- 2 Bowl      Lesmahagow BC                        r/u      Gourock Park BC
- Triples      Halfway & District BC                r/u      Dunblane BC
- Fours        Denny BC                                 r/u      St Vincent BC

Our winning Singles, Pairs, Triples, and Fours will represent the Association in the Torrance Purvis Top Ten in 2011.

JLS Charity Trophy was won by Raploch BC, r/u Giffnock BC.

Regrettably we have lost a few Clubs, but we are delighted to welcome Troon BC back into the Association.

At present there are 244 Clubs members of the Association.

**Retiring President's Remarks:** President Margaret said how much she had enjoyed her year. It was hard work attending all the special events, exciting going to all the new places, meeting up with so many nice people and being treated with such warm friendship every time. She thanked everyone for coming, and also thanked Irvine Winton BC for hosting her Finals and President's Day. She hoped all our winners are looking forward to playing in the Top Ten, and she is looking forward to organising the venues and games for 2011. She thanked the Executive and Council for their support.

**Elections:** Pat Philpot (Dunblane BC) was proposed as President for 2011 and seconded by Margery Robertson (Dunblane BC). President Pat was duly elected. She was presented with her chain of office and said how honoured she was to be invited to be President of the West of Scotland WBA. She thanked Denny BC for hosting the Semi Finals last July. Her first duty was to present Margaret with her Past President's badge and confer Honorary Membership on her.

Vice President - President Pat proposed Peggy Kelly (Hamilton Caledonian BC) as her Vice President and this was seconded by Nancy Scott (Hamilton Caledonian BC). Peggy was duly elected. She was presented with her badge and said how delighted she was to have been asked to be Vice President. She thanked all the Clubs in her District (8), and wished President Pat all the very best for her year.

Hon. Secretary - Sheila McLaren is willing to continue.

Hon. Treasurer - President Pat proposed Acting Treasurer Anne Marie Sullivan (Anchor BC) and this was seconded by Margaret Goldrick (Anchor BC). As there were no other nominations Anne Marie was duly elected.

New District Secretaries – One new appointment,

District 3 - Carol Dalglish (Newlands BC)

Auditors - PP Sheila Cockburn and PP Margaret Bell are willing to continue.

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

**Competition Fees:** Status Quo, Fours £8, Triples £6, Pairs £4, Singles £2, JLS Charity Game minimum £5.

**Competition Dates 2011** - Prelims w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> Round w/c 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round w/c 30<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> Round w/c 13<sup>th</sup> June, District Finals w/c 27<sup>th</sup> June, Last 14 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July, ¼ Finals 14<sup>th</sup> July, Semi Finals 19<sup>th</sup> July, Finals 21<sup>st</sup> July. JLS Charity Game week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> June. East v West 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**Bowls stamping:** We will follow the Bowls Scotland rule namely 'A legible stamp. Wooden bowls must have a current stamp or later'.

### **Proposals:**

1. The wearing of Club colours will be permitted if they are registered with Bowls Scotland and worn by all team members - Passed
2. Honoraria to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer to be increased by £150 each - Passed by 80 votes to 2
3. Hospitality increased from 50p to £1 - Passed.

**AOCB:** None

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

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

## Council Proposals for 2012

1. The age criteria for Competition entrants is to be 16 or over before the date of the start of the Preliminary Round.
2. The Bowls stamping rule to be the same as Bowls Scotland.
3. The fine of £5 levied against defaulting players or Clubs to increased to £10.

Comments will be very welcome at the Annual General Meeting, so please come along and let us know your feelings on these proposals.

If you have subjects for discussion at the meeting - Please let me have them, in writing, by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

**District Secretaries are currently required for Districts 1 & 8.**

### Competition dates for 2012:-

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| Preliminary Round     | w/b Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Round | w/b Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round | w/b Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June                         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round | w/b Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June                        |
| District Final        | w/b Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                         |
| Last 14               | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July |
| ¼ Finals              | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                          |
| Semi-Finals           | Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July                           |
| Finals                | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August                         |

Jean L. Sinclair Charity games - week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

East v West Game - date and venue to be arranged

Hon Secretary

*Sheila M. McLaren.*

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