



BRITISH UNIVERSITIES TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Extraordinary General Meeting

MINUTES

Saturday 25th February 2017, MFA Nottingham – 14:45

1. Attendees and Apologies

a. Attendees

Tim Hughes (Chair), Sarah Hood (Secretary), Paul Marks, James Larkin, Kian Mistry, Phil Manning, Nicky Donowski, Frazer Bowen, Ali Ryall, Hugh Raynor, Ross Lewis.

b. Apologies

Kirsty Ralph

2. Constitutional Amendments

Tim Hughes outlined the proposal, its background and implications, referencing that BUTBA players who play these joint events do not have to declare their highest average, so may be entering under a lower average than non-BUTBA entrants. In some instances this could be as big a difference as 20 pins.

If the proposal weren't to be passed, then the Airport Doubles probably wouldn't achieve sanction (though that isn't known for sure without speaking to the BTBA Tour Director). Were that the case, the tournament would need to be run as BUTBA only tournament.

Paul Marks explained that the original thinking behind this rule was to encourage BUTBA bowlers to enter the tournaments and to give BUTBA members an added advantage to running the tournaments. Paul commented that this is a BUTBA event and as such the BTBA should respect our right to use our own rules in the running of our events.

James Larkin suggested that based on entry numbers for Nuneaton, and with the location of the next collaboration event being in the South, several miles away from a lot of the BUTBA membership, we may not be able to attract enough entrants to make the event viable without allowing BTBA members to play. In short BUTBA need the support of the BTBA more than they need us in our current state.

Frazer Bowen asked how many teams had entered the Nuneaton Doubles and how many of those were BUTBA.

Tim Hughes confirmed that 38 teams had entered but less than 10 were BUTBA teams.

Frazer Bowen questioned what the collaboration is achieving, taking into account the dwindling numbers of players on the BUTBA tour this season, when no new players have been recruited through the joint BTBA/BUTBA tournaments. With the proposed set up, it would seem that BUTBA are getting very little in return for the work invested to run the tournaments.

Sarah Hood noted that while the BTBA is keen for us to take a cut of the tournament profits, our current constitution does not allow for this.



Sarah Hood suggested that as Nuneaton was only the second joint tournament run, we might not have given the collaboration a fair chance yet to conclude that it will not help recruit new players to the BUTBA tour.

Ross Lewis agreed the current two tier average system was unfair, but was in favour of whichever answer was of the greatest benefit to keeping the BUTBA tour running as long as possible.

It was confirmed that were students to enter BTBA tournaments, costs are usually in the range of £40-50. Ross felt that this was too high for most students to consider playing BTBA events.

Phil Manning suggested that as our sport's governing body we have a duty to support their initiatives and if we want their support to help keep the tour running then we should be willing to accept their rules. As this proposal is for only one event, as an exception to the written BUTBA standing orders, he didn't think there were any problems with the proposal.

- a. Vote – do the council agree to suspend Tournament Standing Order RNK14 for the Airport Doubles only in 2017.

The votes were cast as follows:

For – 9 votes

Against – 1 vote

Abstain – 1 vote

Therefore the proposal was passed.

3. AOB

During the proposal discussion there was concern raised by several attendees about the state of the BUTBA tour this season, and the feasibility of it continuing next season.

Frazer Bowen asked when would be a suitable time for the council to discuss the future of BUTBA and what could be done to save the tour from potentially folding next season. It is felt that an EOSM meeting in September would be too late to make any substantial plans. It was agreed Frazer would look to call another EGM at the first available opportunity where attendance from both students and ex-students could be maximised.

The meeting was closed at 15:15.