BOWLS LEICESTERSHIRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Administrator's Report

Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

In my last report for the 2021 AGM, I explained how the County had gone through several constitutional changes designed to truly become unified. At that time there were still processes and procedures which needed to be reviewed and modified to ensure that there is equal opportunity across both the men's and ladies' sections. Through 2022 the Board and the two Section Management Committees have worked hard to this end and I believe that the decision to hold a joint County Presentation Lunch this year is the last major step. There will, of course, be minor changes to how the County works as time goes on but the major work is complete.

During 2022 we did not have a full Management Committee on either the Men's or Ladies Sections with the men's section missing a Junior VP due to the resignation of John Ventham for personal reasons. This was very unfortunate as he was at the point of becoming President having served as JVP & SVP in the previous years and we all wish him, and his wife Liz, all the best for the future. John stepping down meant that David Bray moved to President and Chis Jackson came straight into the SVP position and for most of the year we had no JVP. However, it's not all bad news, during the season a volunteer was found for the vacant position of JVP, David Lynch of Blaby BC who has already strengthened the men's committee. The Ladies Section team were in a worse position with nobody in the Presidential positions but did an excellent job supporting the role of Ladies President with a group of Past Presidents acting in the position at critical matches etc.

At this point I would like to thank all the members of the Board and Section Committees for the work they have carried out though the year and always do when needed. A special thanks to Steve Beamish who started the year as Men's Secretary but unfortunately had to resign recently due ill health.

As you can see, we do need, and always will need, more people to be involved at the County, and Section level administration, there are vacant Officer's positions in both the Ladies and Men's Section committees. So, if you think you might like to be part of Bowls Leicestershire in the future, please email or call the Administrator or either of the two Section Secretaries for a chat.

To finish, I would like to say that this will be my last report as Administrator as I am retiring from the position at the AGM after 6 years in the job. I have enjoyed being Administrator and believe that the County is in a much better position than it was when I began but it's time for some new ideas in the role and I look forward to seeing how the County will develop over the next few years. We are now fully Unified, and I think the Men's and Ladies Section are working well together and I hope it will continue function for the good of all its members in the future.

I wish you all well for the winter and next season.

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