

MOTION FOR THE 2021 AGM AGENDA OF THE SOMERSET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

(Proposed by Somerton & District Bowls Club)

1. Proposal

That the Ladies Fear Cup Competition be reduced from three rinks to two rinks with the proviso that Clubs may enter two teams (designated A and B) if they so wish.

2. Justification

This motion was defeated at the 2019 AGM but in view of the poor support for the Competition this year it seems probable that more Clubs would welcome a reduction in team size to enable their participation. To put this into context, in the first two rounds of the Fear Cup this year, there were 27 scheduled matches with 10 of these being conceded and in the Fear Plate there were 15 scheduled matches with 11 of these being conceded. Since these matches were mostly scheduled for July, Covid restrictions are unlikely to have been the primary determining factor. The number of Clubs participating in this Competition is declining year on year.

3. Benefits

By making the requirement that Clubs only require eight ladies to be fielded it should be possible to reverse the decline in the number of participating Clubs. The number of Clubs defaulting should also decrease. Under this proposal, larger Clubs would be able to field two teams, thereby increasing the number (from twelve to sixteen). The proposal would almost certainly increase the number of fixtures actually played thereby providing Club bowlers with more competitive matches. In addition, the sustainability of the Competition in future years will be maintained.