

SURREY COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2014
AT THE MANSEL ROAD CENTRE

Present: President Mrs Maxine Glazebrook, SVP Mrs Zoe Hollins, IPP Mrs Maureen Vandrau, Secretary Miss Bobbie Potheary, Competition Secretaries Mrs Jean Hewett and Mrs Ann Rapley, Webmaster and Year Book Secretary Miss Marianne Ward. Delegate to Bowls England Mrs Pauline Biddlecombe, Past Presidents Mrs Veronica Pickering, Mrs Tessa Davis, Mrs Maureen Stone, Mrs Ann Bolton.

President Maxine opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, especially any new delegates. Maxine thanked everyone for their generous donations to her charity, The Anthony Nolan Trust which had raised £4,627.30. The Anthony Nolan Trust had sent a handwritten letter and a certificate thanking everyone.

1. APOLOGIES:

Sandra Tracey (JVP)	Jackie Taylor (Treasurer)
Jan Pedersen (Assistant Secretary)	Pam Garden (Match Secretary)
Louisa Smith (Life Member)	Jennifer Cryer (Life Member)
Kate Allan (Safeguarding Officer)	Gill Platt (Life Member)
Gill Bonnell (Past President)	Edna Wheaton (Past President)
Jean Watson (Zone 3 secretary)	Pat Chappell (Zone 1 secretary)

2. MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting on 8th April 2014 having already been circulated were approved and signed by the President.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

President's Tour to Somerset. Unfortunately, because only 29 ladies came to Somerset on tour this year, it had to be cut down to five days from Monday to Friday. However, this did not prevent us having a really good tour. President Maxine told the meeting how much everyone had enjoyed the event.

Johns Trophy and Walker Cup. Surrey won the Johns Trophy for the 20th time and also the Walker Cup for the 7th time. This meant the double was achieved for the first time under B.E. the last time this was done was in 1998 again by Surrey under the EWBA. Maxine told the meeting how exciting these two wins were and congratulated the players who were present.

There were no further matters arising from the floor.

4. BOWLS ENGLAND DELEGATES REPORT – Pauline Biddlecombe our delegate to Bowls England reported.

a) British Isles Bowls Council under 18 singles. The highest placed male bowler in the 2015 Sutton Winson Trophy will be put forward as England's representative in the BIBC under 18 singles due to commence in 2016.

b) Named Entrant in County/National Championships. Should the named entrant in a County Championship event be unable to participate due to exceptional circumstances, the team may request the use of an additional player (in addition to the original players that formed the team in the first match). Such a request must be made in writing to Bowls England via the County Association for consideration.

c) Middleton Cup/Johns Trophy Group Stages – Extra End. In the Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy group stages, an extra end or ends must be played in the event of a tie where both points and shots are level. The extra end will not count towards the score of that individual match, but must be recorded for use when, and only when, there is equality on points and shots difference between the two counties concerned at the conclusion of the group stages. The extra end need not be played in any other circumstance during the group stages.

d) Dress Code. Shorts and other sports type apparel may be worn by men and women in Bowls England National **Competitions** so long as they have been previously approved and licensed by Bowls England. (n.b. competitions not championships).

e) Common Start Time for County Championships. From **2016** all County Championship rounds must be played either on weekdays in the evenings, with a start time no earlier than 6pm, or at weekends. For weekday games, an earlier start time could be mutually arranged subject to the agreement of both parties.

f) Entry Cards for 2015 B.E. National Competitions. Entry cards that enable clubs and individuals to enter a number of competitions using the same form are now available on line. There is now a club competition form (to be completed by the club secretary or other club representative) for the following national competitions: Club Two Fours – Men; Top Club – Men; Top Club – Women; Tony Allcock Trophy – Mixed (aged 60 or over); Champion of Champions men and women. Entry forms are also available for individual competitions: Mixed pairs; mixed fours; family pairs; senior singles men and women; senior pairs men and women. These forms are also available from B.E. by telephone 01926 334609.

g) B.E. JVP Nominations. Three ladies have been nominated for the B.E. JVP 2015. Hazel Marke (Hampshire), Freda Thomas (Huntingdonshire), Viv Tomlinson (Lancashire) on your behalf and as agreed by the Executive Pauline has voted for Viv Tomlinson.

5. **SURREY DINNER COMMITTEE REPORT.** Our Annual Dinner and presentation of prizes will be held at 'Silvermere' Inn on the Lake, Redhill Road, Cobham KT11 1EF on Friday 24th October. Reception 6.15pm for 7.0pm start. Tickets are priced at £30 and order forms were sent out to clubs with the other affiliation papers. They are also on sale here today as are raffle tickets. This will be the last opportunity to purchase tickets as we have to give 'Silvermere' our numbers.

Please try to come, you can be sure of a very good evening out with dancing after the prize-giving. Please let us have any **RAFFLE PRIZES** you are able to donate. It is only with your help with raffle prizes that we are able to break even.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT. As in previous years, the secretary's report was not read out. It had been approved by the Executive and will be printed in full in the AGM agenda and in the 2015 year book.

7. TREASURERS REPORT. Treasurer Jackie Taylor is unwell and unable to produce accounts. She will do this for the AGM.

8. COMPETITION SECRETARIES REPORT. Ann Rapley said all went well this year. Jean Hewett gave her thanks to Doreen Prior our Life Member and retired Competition Secretary for helping her out on her first year taking results when she had been on a pre-arranged holiday.

9. SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS REPORT. Kate Allan could not be at the meeting. She sent a short report - 'I feel almost embarrassed that I have so little to report. In the past six months I think I have had only three queries about Vetting and Barring Service clearance, all resolved by referral to Bowls England. Not much of a report but of course it is good to have so few problems arising.'

As Kate says, this is good because it means there are very few problems with safeguarding.

10. BENEVOLENT SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jill Huggett Benevolent Secretary and Treasurer said 'Thanks to Sandra for forwarding mail on to me, it takes a little while for everyone to get used to a change in secretary especially when mid-year. The Benevolent Fund is there to be used by all clubs whose players fall sick, have an accident or a serious operation and deserve to be cheered up with flowers or a gift of some kind. I can arrange a voucher, whether it be M&S, Boots, garden or book voucher, but if flowers are preferred just send me the receipt and I will reimburse you with a cheque. Several of our ladies have had special birthdays this year and we are always pleased to send our best wishes with a card. Christmas gifts (only 12 weeks or by so) if you would like a past lady bowler remembered I will need their name and address a.s.a.p. several delegates have already emailed me with their requests. Each recipient will receive a £20 gift voucher by the AGM.'

11. ZONE SECRETARIES REPORTS. Pat Chappell (Zone 1) was unable to attend so no report.

Diane Tarran (Zone 2) reported 'This year is was very difficult for me to raise teams for the Zone 2 games. Joy Adamson gave me a list of 73 names of all the ladies in Zone 2 who have Surrey badges, plus the names of ladies with points. Thank you very much Joy. Unfortunately quite a few of those ladies no longer play, are ill, old or infirm, or play in the Johns games, so I sent out about 45 invitations to play. The initial response was 18 who were available to play for one or more games, and three saying they were not available. The number prepared to go to Mytchett was 7. After a lot of telephoning I managed to get my number of willing players up to a total of 28 and played the Mytchett game with no reserves. I am grateful to the Executive for addressing this problem. (See a.o.b) I think the decision to open the games to include ladies who are going in for Surrey competitions in that year is a good one. I think these ladies may be more eager to go in for the Zone games than those who have played in them many times before, and I hope that some Surrey competitors will be included as a matter of principal rather than just as backstops. I would like to suggest that we zone secretaries forward to each other the list of clubs in our zone for the opposing zone secretary to consider and to put forward her suggestions as to which clubs would be mutually convenient or acceptable. This could be done by email at least to start with. I am grateful to all the ladies who played for Zone 2 this year. We started off well, but once again were slaughtered by Zone 4 – my congratulations to zone 4 for being zone champions. I am also grateful to Purley Bury

who hosted our home game this year and to West Wimbledon and Mytchett for their hospitality, and I look forward to more friendly competition between us next year.

Jean Watson (Zone 3) was unwell but sent this report - First of all I would like to congratulate Marion Beach and her players from Zone 4 on winning the Phil Hill Trophy for 2014. Zone 3 managed to be the runners-up this year. I would like to thank the Oxshott & Chessington BCs for hosting our 2 home matches and Purley BC for the away fixture. My thanks also go to the Zone 3 Ladies for their support for all the games. It was disappointing that not all the Zone Games were able to be played this year due to lack of support from the County Players and it has been noted that some players will not travel long distances which makes the Zone Secretaries task harder to be able to get out teams for their away matches. I hope the new format for 2015 proposed by the Executive Committee that all ladies who play in the Surrey Competitions will have the opportunity to play in the Zone Games is successful and that no more Zone Games will have to be given walk-overs due to lack of support. Please support your Zone Secretaries who put a lot of work into compiling teams for these friendly and competitive games and enjoy the experience of what it is like to play in a County Game.

Marion Beach (Zone 4) reports 'Once again I had difficulty getting badged ladies to play in the zone games, particularly from the larger clubs. Unfortunately, zone 1 had to concede their game to us. The half badged ladies and unbadged ladies came to my rescue. They all played well and were pleased to play and all enjoyed the games. We won this year and I would like to thank them and the badged ladies who did apply for the games. I would like to thank Oxshott and Mytchett ladies for looking after us so well and making us welcome. Next year the format will be changing.

12. SURREY C.W.B.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. This will be held on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 1.15pm at Leatherhead Leisure Centre. Plenty of free parking for which tickets will be issued with your agendas. There is also a café. All affiliated members are welcome to come but only two delegates from each club are entitled to vote.

No propositions have been received.

We do have a nomination for Junior Vice President. This is for Shan Maylin (Southey) seconded by Supreme B.C. Most of you will know Shan who is a regular player in our Johns team. Shan is now retired and can devote time for the next four years.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. After the AGM the next meeting will be here at the Mansel Road Centre at 12.30pm on Tuesday 7th April 2015. This is the meeting when your year books must be collected. If you cannot send a delegate, please arrange for someone else to collect the year books for you.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a) Competition results from Leamington. Apart from the wonderful achievement of our team winning both the Johns Trophy and the Walker Cup, results of the other games at Leamington as follows:

Our Amy-Rose 31's and under double rink again reached the final beating last year's winners Devon on route but losing to Sussex this time.

Top Club – Egham our Surrey winners beat Didcot B.C. Berkshire in the first inter County round 3-1 and Milton Regis, Kent in the second inter county round. At Leamington in the quarter final they beat Kings, Devon 2-2 (90-69); Semi-Final beat Broadway, Worcester 2-2 (93-69) and in the Final beat Saffron Ladies, Sussex 2-2 (84-57). Egham therefore became the first Surrey club to win this competition since its inception in 1996.

Senior Pairs – Inger Newman and Norma Beales (Egham) lost 18-19 in their first round.

Senior Singles – Sharmishta Patel (Sutton) lost in her first round 16-21.

Junior Pairs – Kelly McCarthy and Rachel Winter (Egham) Lost their 2nd round first game 17-18.

Junior singles – Kelly McCarthy (Egham) lost 20-21 in her first round. Katie Cumper (Woodbridge Hill) won her second round first game 21-20, her last 16 21-19 but lost in the quarter final 2-21.

National Champion of Champions – Stephanie Elgar (Windlesham) won her Last 16 first round 21-11 to reach the quarter final next round where she lost 17-21.

Tony Allcock Trophy – club mixed double rink. Supreme lost in the quarter finals 36 – 32 to Norfolk B.C.

Championship – 4 wood singles. Sheila Seddon lost in her first round 16-21. Carol McGrail won her preliminary round 21-11 and her first round 21-6 losing 14-21 in her second round.

Two-wood singles – Jackie Tytherleigh (Mayford Hall) lost 15-16 in her first round. Sharmishta Patel (Sutton) won her first round 16-5, her second round 17-5 but lost in the last 16 10-15.

Pairs – Carol Searle and Pat Bourne (Purley Bury) lost in their first round 13-26. Norma Beales and Pauline Clark (Egham) won their first round 16-15 but lost their second round 16-23.

Triples – Liz Anderson, Shan Maylin and Debbie Souter (Southey) lost their first round 12-17.

Kelly Jenkins, Debbie Sarratt and Pam Garden (Egham) won their first round 16-15 but lost their second round 9-16.

Fours – Sharmishta Patel, Rosemary Cavilla, Maureen Vandrau and Margaret Smith (Sutton) won their preliminary round 21-8 but lost in the first round 21-23. Carol Searle, Margaret Gordon, Sheila Cable and Pat Bourne (Purley Bury) won the first round 18-11, the second round 20-11 but lost in the last 16 9-25.

Mixed Pairs – Sarah Howick (Cheam Ladies) and Dennis Hennessy (Wandilea) won their first game – the last 16 20-11 but lost in the quarter finals 16-17.

Mixed Fours – Kelly Jenkins, Debbie Sarratt, (Egham) Ian Jenkins (Weybridge) and Dennis Hennessy (Wandilea) lost in their first game, the last 16 – 17-19.

b) Senior International Team 2015. Pat Bourne (Purley Bury) has been selected again for the Senior Women's International team to play in 2015. Debbie Sarratt (Egham) has been selected as non-travelling reserve. Pat was part of the team this year who won the International series in Jersey. She played three to Kent's Wendy King and their rink won all their games. In 2015 the series will be at Leamington from Sunday 14th June to Tuesday 16th June. This is a great opportunity for a visit to Leamington next year to watch England win again.

c) Benevolent Triples. We are aware from letters and emails that because of more drop outs than usual, some teams were left hanging around for several hours this season. In an effort to try to prevent this happening in future, we are suggesting a new format from 2016. All clubs will be given a letter explaining what is proposed at the AGM. We will be asking you for your comments/suggestions before the April meeting next year.

For your interest, our Surrey winners, Liz Anderson, Shan Maylin and Debbie Souter (Southey) were the top placed National winners and will receive the trophy at the B.E. women's dinner.

d) Bowls England celebration matches. The board of Bowls England have said from 2015 to 2019 they are prepared to consider requests for matches from clubs celebrating 25 years. In addition that special celebrations such as the opening of a new clubhouse or green would be considered. Previously clubs had to be celebrating 50 years rising in multiples of 25 years.

e) Zone Games. Since 1984, the County have been running an Inter-Zone League. This was originally set up for badged bowlers only who were not in the Johns or Walker Cup teams. In those days badged players could only expect to be selected for one or two county friendly games each season. The zone games meant more games were available. The zone secretaries have been finding it very difficult during the last 2 or 3 seasons to get enough badged players to put their names down to play. Pat Chappell the Zone 1 secretary had to concede her game against zone 4 this season as she could not get enough players. In an effort to help and with ideas from the four zone secretaries, the Executive have agreed to change the format for 2015, as a start, to give the zone secretaries a wider choice. Badged county players who do not play in the Johns or Walker cup are still eligible in addition to unbadged players who enter county competitions. We can only hope this helps as these are very competitive games and we want them to continue.

f) Zones. At our last meeting clubs were told that because of the imbalance in the number of clubs and competitors in the zones, zone 1a and 1b would be amalgamated and that four clubs would be moved into different zones. You may remember Jan Pedersen had brought along a map with coloured pins to show the position of clubs. These changes were to take effect from 2015. However, following representations from the four clubs who were to be moved and several other clubs, your Executive agreed to defer this decision. The clubs in Zone 1 and the four other clubs were advised of this decision. A sub-committee has been set up with Pam Garden our Match Secretary chairing, comprising the two competition secretaries, Jean Hewett and Ann Rapley and the four zone secretaries. It is hoped, that some more acceptable solution can be found. Pam and her committee will keep the clubs affected advised.

g) Common Start times for County Competitions. You will have heard Pauline say there is to be a new B.E. regulation from **2016**. The new regulation will say: 'all county championships leading to National Championships shall be played either on weekdays in the evenings with a start time no earlier than 6pm or at weekends.

For weekday games an earlier start time may be arranged by mutual agreement between competitors, but in the absence of mutual agreement the start time of 6pm will be adhered to.'

This should not present too many problems with us as in practice, this is almost what we do anyway. All it does is make a regulation, which will actually make it easier for our competition secretaries, when there is a start time dispute.

In 2015 our quarter finals will start at 6.0pm instead of 2.0pm as this year. County finals day will be on a Sunday instead of a weekday. However, semi-finals day for 2015 will stand. This will have to be looked at for 2016. 2016 is the year the standardised weeks of the year change, so this may make it easier.

h) Bowls England Women's Dinner and Counties Meeting. To be held at St Johns' Hotel in Solihull on the evening of Saturday 22nd November with the first Counties Meeting being held earlier in the same day. The Counties Meeting will enable up to four representatives from each unified County Association to attend, together with Honorary Members and Life Members of Bowls England, and have their say in a less formal setting than a Company Meeting, especially with regard to propositions that will then be considered in full at the AGM in February 2015. Tickets priced at £30 can be ordered through treasurer Jackie. Menu can be obtained through secretary Bobbie.

i) Johns Trophy and Walker Cup matches 2015.

Bowls England have re-drawn the groups for the Johns Trophy from 2015. We will now be in South Section B which includes Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Kent and Middlesex. This means we will have to play four games in our league as against three this season. Our first two games will be away on Saturday 6th June against Hampshire and on Saturday 20th June against Buckinghamshire. We then play Middlesex at home on Saturday 27th June and Kent at home on Saturday 4th July both at Sutton B.C. In 2016, these games are reversed, the home games being away and vice versa against the same counties as 2015. We have been drawn in the preliminary round of the Walker Cup at home against Oxfordshire on Sunday 24th May. The venue to be arranged.

j) Council Meeting Minutes. At the suggestion, our April Council meeting minutes have been put on our website. This means that all members have the opportunity to read them and know what activities are going on in the county. If you have any suggestions for inclusion on our website, please let our secretary know.

Any Other Business from the floor.

Marianne Ward (Webmaster and Year book secretary) asked clubs who were celebrating anniversaries and who would like to advertise this in the year book to contact her.

Jacqui Poat (Woking Park) thanked Marianne for her excellent and informative website.

Tricia Squibb (Burpham) reported the sad death of Mrs Ann Potter (Burpham) who died on 30th September. Details of her funeral on 14th October at Guildford crematorium at 2.25 and after at

Wey Valley I.B.C. Ann had been a member of Guildford B.C. for many years and helped form Burpham B.C 24 years ago. The club are very grateful. She will be sorely missed.

Tricia also asked if there was a ruling on whether trial ends should be played in club friendly games. Reply – there is no such ruling. This is mainly done by the captains to shorten the match because of the weather.

Sylvia Russell (Cheam Fields) was concerned about B.E. ruling regarding start times of championship games, it being traditional for the men to want to play their games during the evenings. Charlotte Emanuel (Egham) advised this had always been a problem with a large club but these games could always be played at another green.

Maureen Stone (Sutton) asked about the Benevolent 2 wood triples new format. Advised all clubs would be given a letter at the AGM proposing that from 2016 these games should be played in a similar format to the Surrey champion of champions and officers cup with the matches prior to the last 16 being on a 'play by' date. The last four teams from each zone would then play on one day at one of the larger clubs with two greens i.e. Croydon, Sutton or Old Coulsdon. Maureen thought this was a good idea. Clubs would be asked for their views by the April 2015 meeting.

Sylvia Collingwood (Redhill) asked if the zone 2 wood singles for zone 2 could be held at Old Coulsdon rather than Croydon. Jean Hewett advised this had already been arranged for 2015 but she would bear it in mind for future occasions.

200 club draw. August First – 8 – Castle Green B.C. Second – 23 – Jackie Taylor (Treasurer). Third – 111 Pauline Biddlecombe (B.E. delegate). September First – 56 Jean Taylor (Caterham), Second – 39 Joan Good. Third – 15 – Jean Capell (Croydon). October First 9 – Bobbie Martin (Grangewood). Second – 108 – Pauline Biddlecombe. Third – 7 – Maureen Coyle (Wallington).

President thanked the tea ladies Mary Cathcart and Norma Powell. Dorothy Roberts (Purley Ladies) and Maggie Randall (Mytchett) volunteered for 2015.

Meeting closed at: 2.15pm