



SURREY COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT Mrs Zoe Hollins

The
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Funeralcare

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2015

HELD AT THE MANSEL ROAD CENTRE, WIMBLEDON

Those present: President Mrs Z. Hollins, SVP Mrs S. Tracey, JVP Mrs S. Maylin, IPP Mrs M. Glazebrook, Secretary Mrs S. Mitchell, Asst Sec Mrs J. Pedersen, Treasurer Mrs J. Taylor, Match Sec Mrs P. Garden, Competition Sec. Mrs J. Hewett, Webmaster and Year Book Secretary Miss M. Ward, Delegate to Bowls England Mrs P. Biddlecombe, Benevolent Sec Mrs J. Huggett.
Past Presidents: Mrs V. Pickering. Mrs T. Davis, Mrs M. Vandrau, Mrs A. Bolton.
Life Members: Miss R. Potheary, Mrs G. Platt
50 Delegates

President Zoe welcomed everyone to the meeting especially the new delegates and she is looking forward to meeting and playing with of you throughout the season.

Zoe asked for a few minutes reflection on the members we know of who have passed away – Mildred Barney (Cheam Ladies), Carol Ware and Marjorie Francis. (Croydon) Christine Gilbert (Banstead Neville) and June Wheatley (Sutton)

Zoe explained her charity and hoped we could all support her and them.

Apologies for absence: Life Members, Mrs J. Adamson, Miss L. Smith, Miss D. Prior.
Comp. Sec Mrs A. Rapley, Safeguarding Officer Mrs K. Allen, Past Presidents: Mrs G. Bonnell, Mrs M. Stone. Zone Sec. Mrs J. Watson
14 Delegates

Minutes of Meeting held 6th October 2014 having been circulated were taken as read. Proposed for acceptance Mrs J. Poat (Woking Park) seconded by Mrs M. Vandrau (Sutton)
Signed by the President

Matters Arising – 1 item from Mrs S Caley (Merton Park) – will be addressed under the Benevolent Secretary's report

Finance and Officers Allowances - Jackie Taylor

Jackie referred to the printouts circulated and explained the statements in the club folders.

Only fee subject to change is the affiliation fee if the men change theirs.

Surrey Year Book to rise by 50p to £4.00 : we loose money every year

Changes for 2016 will be £11.00 for reserves travelling to County Matches.

For near away games where there is no coach, players will pay £14.50 and **the County** will then pay car drivers £5.00 per player in their car.

Fees for the Umpires are paid by their association apart from Unbadged Singles and Benevolent Triples.

Changes were proposed for acceptance by Mrs A. Roll (Sutton) and seconded Mrs P.Chappell (West Wimbledon)- agreed by all present

The audited accounts were presented to the meeting – There were no questions from the floor and the accounts were proposed for acceptance by Mrs T. Squibb (Burpham) and seconded by Mrs S. Collingwood (Redhill) – accepted by all present.

Competitions

Jean Hewett had nothing to report, wished everyone a happy season. The last 16 of the competitions will be taking part of an evening this year and Jean asked if the delegates had any proposals for refreshments after these games.

After a short discussion, players reaching these rounds will be asked what they would prefer.

There were various suggestions including BBQ's, hot rolls etc. and clubs running these for the whole evening, therefore, to include spectators.

Tricia Squibb (Burpham) pointed out that in the year book (page 119) zone 4, 2 Wood Singles is to be played at Guildford, but it is going to be held at Burpham. Note to be made on the website and Ann Rapley to be notified

- Champion of Champions – no report
- Officer's Cup – Mrs J. Poat, please ring your results in as soon as possible up to 10.30pm

- Benevolent Triples – Shirley Clarke – All the draws are in your envelopes, and only those playing in the preliminary rounds have a contact sheet.

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Last year there were issues where teams did not arrive for their games at the last 16 stage of their zone, and this caused problems with the running of the day. Please if you are not able to attend let Shirley know in advance. Out of courtesy please ring your opponent too. Will delegates please pass this onto your club members that are participating.

Surrey Annual Dinner and Prize Giving

Friday 23rd October 2015 6.15 for 7.00pm.

We are returning to Silvermere, but they have been made very aware of the issues we had last year and that we are giving them one last chance.

It is difficult to find a venue big enough and central for the County.

Order forms for tickets will be sent to club secretaries, tickets and raffle tickets will be at the October Council meeting.

Year Book Secretary's Report – Marianne Ward

Number of books not collected – please can anyone help by taking them and please remember to empty the folders as well.

Thank you

We really do need to stress to clubs not attending these meetings that they must arrange for collection of their books and paperwork – Sheron suggests we post them in future and send the clubs the bills – will it make them stop and think?

Benevolent Secretary's Report – Jill Huggett

Jill first addressed the issue raised earlier by Sheila Caley – what does it mean by tokens?

Jill said that at Christmas, M and S tokens were sent, but clubs can ask for other tokens if that is their wish. The gifts are to the value of £20.00, and clubs may ask for something else, or even buy their own gift provided they send in the receipt.

Christmas - Clubs with 50 or more members can ask for 3 gifts, those less than 50 are able to have 2 gifts.

Report

Unfortunately, Nat West Bank have been very slow in approving new signatories to the Benevolent Fund Account and for some time it has only been possible to send out Get Well cards, however, we are now in a position to take new applications for any lady member who has a serious illness or injury. Please contact me by email – to save postage and delay. Remember £20.00 is spent on a gift or voucher. If you wish to indicate the type of gift or voucher it would be very welcome.

You will see from the Year Book that donations were down last year, but with an increase in gifts.

Sadly in the past few months we have lost 3 very special ladies. Christine Gilbert of Banstead Neville who fought cancer for some time and despite years of intensive treatment was always able to smile and be cheerful – a truly wonderful lady.

Carol Ware of Croydon fought her cancer bravely and delighted us all with her appearance at last year's semi-finals day. We were all very concerned when she gave us the latest news of her condition. Carol was a great bowler and won many competitions!

June Wheatley suffered a stroke and spent some months in hospital. June played at Sutton both indoor and outdoor and she was the SCWIBA president in 2004. Many bowling friends paid frequent visits to her in hospital trying to keep her going.

I know many of you attended their funerals and sympathy cards were sent to their relatives from our Association.

Child Protection Officers Report – Kate Allen

Nothing of any significance to report

Bowls England Report – Pauline Biddlecombe

The 2015 Bowls England Presidential Team was ratified at the AGM

President – Marcia Dunstone (Hertfordshire)

Senior Vice President – Michael Jennings (Cornwall)

Junior Vice President – Viv Tomlinson (Lancashire)

Immediate Past President – Adie Lloyd (Wiltshire)

The electronic ballot results were announced at the AGM and formally ratified for the Bowls England Directors – Norma Hazzledine and Geoff Applegate had been elected unopposed as Chair of International Events and Operational Services respectively from 2015 – 2018

All committees are listed on page 12 of the 2015 Year Book.

Blythe Liggins have been appointed again as Bowls England lawyers, but there is a change of Auditors and Accountants – Dafferns has been appointed.

Bowls England continues to be financially healthy and its net worth is some £2.43 million and a full breakdown is available in the 2015 edition of the Year Book. However with effect from 2016 the entry fees for National Championships will be £2.50 per person, £4.50 per person for National

Competitions, Top Club and Two Fours will be £30.00 per entry and Middleton Cup and John's Trophy will be £70.00 per entry

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As regards Youth Development it is hoped to have an under 18 Academy, and under 18 Test Match, and a National Under 18 Singles Championship. The details of these initiatives are yet to be finalised, but County Associations will be kept informed of progress.

Please ensure that your club contact with Bowls England has received the changes in CASC – if not please make contact with Alistair Hollis in the office on 01926 334609.

The Counties Meeting to be held in November, prior to the Ladies Dinner, will start at 12 noon to enable representatives to participate in an extended debate with regard to future developments within our sport. Finally Ladies it is envisaged that the Men's Dinner will move from the Hilton Hotel, Coventry, to the St John's Hotel Solihull.

200 Club

Draw results	1 st - £40.00	Jean Hewett (Caterham)
	2 nd - £20.00	Pauline Biddlecombe (Southey)
	3 rd - £10.00	Jean Taylor (Caterham)

Any Other Business

Sheron:

- 2nd round of the Top Club to be held on Saturday 30th May not Sunday 31st. clubs notified by email (Club Secretaries) and posted on the website.

Gill Sperring (Epsom) asked if by mutual agreement the date can remain as clubs already have commitments for that date – yes only mutually.

Sylvia Russell (Cheam Fields) Executive asked to check the calendar for clashes with their matches. Many clubs would not visit the website during the winter period and not find changes posted. This has been noted.

- Benevolent Fund – Many Ladies like to receive the gifts, especially older Ladies who no longer bowl. Our fund is falling and clubs are urged to send donations in to enable the County to continue caring for these ladies.
- The Surrey Bowls Unified Body is run as an umbrella association for purposes of providing a direct link with Bowls England. The Men and the Ladies each run their own matters separately.

Communication from one club as to why they send money to 2 different benevolent accounts within Surrey – Men and Ladies – as we are a unified body. Both funds are run very differently as the Men have Trustees for their fund which is much larger than that of the Ladies

- Emphasis was made on the necessity to keep the Executive up to date with any changes with delegates, secretaries, their telephone numbers and email addresses. We are trying to update email addresses and contact details, but can only do so if changes are communicated to us.
- We have very few hits on our website compared to the men. Whilst we understand many clubs do not have access to the website we want to encourage all clubs to use the website, as the plan is for all forms and documents clubs require will be available to download. Use of the website will also allow the "Surrey Umbrella" to look for sponsors and offer them the selling of advertising.

The 2015 competition draw is going onto the website and results will be added as soon as they are known

Hard copies would be available but clubs will be charged for these copies.

- We have a proposed change for the Benevolent Triples as presented at the AGM and clubs were asked for their response. To date we have only received one response from Cheam Ladies suggesting there is "proportional representation" of the zones – fewer entrants fewer through to the last 16. Last year's winner were from zone 1 and they played 7 games out of a maximum of 8.

Following our last Executive meeting a letter was sent by email asking all clubs to discuss and bring their views to this meeting - 6 responses to date.

President Zoe – this topic is an item discussed at all the Executive meetings and is quite an emotive subject. The Executive tried to change some clubs round out of zone 1 (a) and (b) but some clubs objected, so please do give this some thought as to how this can be resolved and let us know.

The Executive are looking at different ways at present. Pam has a letter for all zone one clubs to take back and discuss with your committees

Many clubs do not meet over the winter and have not had a chance to discuss the format of the 2016 Benevolent Triples so the date has been extended. Clubs should reply to Sheron by the 31st May. Please take it back to your clubs ladies.

- Shirts and jackets – bain of Sheron's life since coming into post. All county players have been contacted now and should have their order completed and a line is being drawn under it all. If shirts/jackets are outstanding please contact Sheron before **30th April 2015**

Zoe Hollins updated on her tour. There are 31 tourists at present but we would like more. Old chestnut of men on the tour – 17 of the current 31 have no objections, one definite no and the rest have not responded. Several women want to tour but will only come if their partner can come too.

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This is where we are now. Anyone interested please let Zoe know as soon as possible as we need to look into booking the flights as soon as we can.

Jackie Taylor has copies of the new Bowls England rule books at £1.50 each or they can be purchased directly from Bowls England.

Diane Tarran Zone 2 Secretary

When the suggestion was made that the qualification for playing in the zone games should be extended to include Ladies who are entering County competitions I thought it was an excellent idea. In preparation for this meeting I set about writing a letter to each of the ladies listed in the 2014 Year Book, inviting them to put their names forward to play in the zone games. Then Marianne told me she had a list of the ladies who have entered the competitions for this year, which she sent me and I wrote letters to them as well. Then I remembered that Marianne said the list only had the one name for pairs, triples and fours. I requested that the named people shared the information with their team members.

When I finished listing all the names I had 110 and I only need 48 players.

If I get all the replies I am going to disappoint so many as I will honour the badged players first.

Please will zone 2 delegates explain this situation to their ladies.

Perhaps eligibility in future should be restricted to badged players and those reaching the semi-finals of the competitions.

Pauline Biddlecombe – confused as thought the zone games were for ladies who did not reach John's level

Sheron – only badged players who do not play in the John's have played in the zone games until now.

Marion Beach – I have a problem with so many badged players who can't be bothered to put their names down. I had to rely on unbadged players who supported me and were absolutely brilliant.

Sheron – asked delegates to go back to their clubs and encourage all badged players to make themselves available for selection in the zone games.

Diane Tarran has been asked by her club to bring to the attention of the council and subsequently Bowls England, the objection they have to the stark white woods and the coloured ones with stripes. When rolling up the green they flash like a migraine pattern and could also cause epileptic type fits. They would like it minuted their wish to have these bowls banned

Pauline Biddlecombe –has by good authority that they have been tested by the Umpires Association and are perfectly legal and there is nothing we can do.

Maxine Glazebrook – whilst on subject of applying for games, in your envelopes you will find a letter inviting you as your club delegate to apply for Executive games. Please let me know your availability, but please bear in mind you will need a County shirt.

Tessa Davis (Bookham) – page 109 of the year book there is an advertisement for a short introductory markers course. Tessa introduced it at her club, and has done another session but as she is the only person running the course there is no way she can visit other clubs. Where it has come from nobody knows and should not be in the year book.

Date of next meeting Monday 5th October 1pm at the Mansel Centre.

Thank you to Shirley West (Castle Green) and Maggie Randall (Mytchett) for doing the teas/coffees today

Volunteers for the October meeting – Sheila Caley (Merton Park) and Pat Titchner (Malden Manor)

Meeting closed 14.00hrs