



SURREY COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT Mrs Zoe Hollins

The
Co-operative
Funeralcare

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 5 October 2015

HELD AT THE MANSEL ROAD CENTRE, WIMBLEDON

Those present: President Mrs Z. Hollins, SVP Mrs S. Tracey, IPP Mrs M. Glazebrook, Secretary Mrs S. Mitchell, Treasurer Mrs J. Taylor, Competition Secretaries Mrs J. Hewett and Mrs A Rapley, 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

Zoe asked for a few minutes reflection on the members we know of who have passed away – Louisa Smith (latterly of Ember) Renee Wickins (Chessington) and Joyce Suter (Chipstead).

Apologies for absence: Mrs J. Adamson Life Member, Mrs S Maylin (JVP) Mrs P Garden (Match Secretary), Mrs J Pedersen (Assistant Secretary)

Safeguarding Officer Mrs K. Allen, Past President Mrs G. Bonnell, Zone Secretaries Mrs J. Watson and Mrs D Tarran.

12 Delegates

Minutes of Meeting held 5 April 2015 having been circulated were taken as read. Proposed for acceptance Mrs S Clarke (Weybridge) and seconded Mrs J. Poat (Woking Park) Signed by the President

Matters Arising There were no matters arising.

Bowls England Delegates Report Mrs P Biddlecombe reported that four Surrey ladies had trials for the England squad. They were Gemma Barnett who was to play 3 to Sophie Tolchard and Margaret Smith who would be leading for Wendy King's rink which also included Pat Bourne who did not have to trial. Debbie Sarratt was travelling reserve and Shan Maylin was non-travelling reserve. Therefore five Surrey ladies in the England squad.

Pauline advised that Bowls England competition fees had gone up from £2.30 to £2.50 but this rise was included in the fees members paid to the County. She also asked that Clubs notified Bowls England of an email address Bowls England could communicate to. There was quite a lot of information coming out of Bowls England at present for example relating to insurance which is not just buildings insurance but employers' liability, public liability etc and it would be useful for clubs to have this information to hand. Clubs were asked to make sure that whoever is the registered BE contact they pass relevant information on.

Surrey Dinner Committee Report Jackie Taylor reported that the sale of tickets was going well but that she still had some available if anyone wanted to purchase any. Raffle tickets were also on sale with Jean Hewett at the meeting.

Hon Secretary read her report. This will be available in print on the website and also in the AGM Agenda for acceptance at the AGM.

President Zoe read her Addendum. This will also be available in print on the website and in the AGM Agenda.

Finance and Officers Allowances - Jackie Taylor

Jackie reported that the accounts were not yet available but she intended to have them prepared in time for the AGM

Safeguarding Officer's Report – this was incorporated into the Hon Secretary's report.

Hon Benevolent Secretary's Report – “Ladies, judging by the amount of thank you cards I received last December, the Christmas Gifts continue to be very popular with ladies who no longer bowl but still retain an interest in your club. Some delegates have already given me names and addresses of those they wish to be included this year. Please let me have full details by 1 November (small clubs can ask for a maximum of 2, large clubs a maximum of 3) the gifts will be ready for collection at the AGM on 17 November. **Please make sure there is someone there to pick them up.**

Once again we sent out many cards and gifts to the sick and injured – again it is up to your club to let me have details before anything can happen.

A couple of special birthdays to mention, Joyce Parker (Croydon) who was our Patrons organiser for many years and Jean Carder MBE (Ewell Ladies and Life Member) both celebrated their 90th birthdays this summer. Sympathy cards are sent to families of lost loved ones.”

There was no Patrons' report

Zone Secretaries' Report

Zone 1 Pat Chappell congratulated Zone 1 on their win. She reported that she thought Zone 1 had done very well indeed bearing in mind they had to play triples as she could not raise enough people to play rinks. She asked that all Zone 1 Clubs ask their members who are eligible to put their names down for these matches as they are great fun and she felt sure Zone 1 would do much better with rinks instead of triples. She also thanked those clubs who had hosted these events for their time and efforts.

Zone 2 Diane Tarran reported that for the first time, the qualification to play in the Zone games was changed from Badged players only to Badged players plus ladies who had entered Surrey Competitions this year.

I sent out individual invitations to the ladies on Joy Adamson's list of Badged Players, and also to all the ladies named listed under their Club entries in the Year Book as having entered Surrey competitions. That came to a total of 142 invitations I actually sent out. I had 39 replies, of which 19 were badged players and 20 were unbadged. Every one of those players played in at least one game. 10 badged and 6 unbadged played in the first game; 11 badged and 5 unbadged played in the second game; 7 badged and 9 unbadged played in the third game – which may have seemed an unwise choice of players in view of the fact that this game was against Zone 4 – but the teams were selected to be fair to all the players who put their names forward and were available for this game. Zone 2 won against Zones 1 and 3.

Conclusion If all the Zones are prepared to play unbadged players in their teams then the current arrangement can continue. If the other Zones do not need to, or are not willing to play unbadged

players in their teams, the playing field is not level and I am not in favour of the present arrangement continuing. I am grateful to Godstone and Old Coulsdon for hosting the first and last Zone games, and thank the players who played for Zone 2 this year.

Zone 3 Jean Watson reported I would like to congratulate Marion Beach and her players from Zone 4 on winning the Phil Hill Trophy for 2015. My thanks also go to the Zone 3 Ladies for their support for all the games. I am pleased to report that changing the entry format this year encouraged some of the Zone 3 unbadged players to put their names forward and play in some of the Zone Games. My thanks to the Sutton Club for hosting one of the Zone Games.

Zone 4 Marion Beach reported “A big thank you to all the ladies who supported me, particularly those who are always the first to apply for games. We won the league this year so a big well done. Unfortunately, I still had to struggle for names as there are a lot of ladies who will only play home games. I feel it is only fair to give ladies who are prepared to travel homes games as well but this does not go down well with the home game ladies. I have approached Jean Watson (Zone 3 Secretary) with a view to playing the games at Sutton who have two greens which should eliminate Home v Away games and she is sounding out Sutton’s views with regard to this. Jean has suggested that the four zone secretaries should then get together to discuss this. Thank you to all clubs who hosted the games and looked after us so well.

Amendments to Surrey County Women’s Association Constitution

The Hon Secretary had mentioned these amendments in her report and asked delegates to go back to their clubs to discuss these amendments and whether they would vote to approve them. The Constitution with amendments in red will be sent out with the Council minutes.

Surrey County Women’s Bowling Association’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 November at 13.15. Plenty of free parking. Nominations and propositions to be received by Hon Secretary no later than 21 October 2015.

Date of next Counsel meeting

Tuesday 5 April 2016 at 1pm at the Mansel Road Centre at Trinity United Reform Church Mansel Road Wimbledon SW19 4AA

Any Other Business

Benevolent Triples. In Anne Coward’s absence, The Hon Secretary read out the formula for arriving at the number of teams from each zone to go through to the last sixteen. However, in view of the BE rule which states that the Benevolent Triples had to be played in the same way as other County and Championship competitions in the form of a straight knockout competition it was impossible to determine a winner out of an odd number. After much discussion, it was agreed by a majority show of hands that the Benevolent Triples would be run as all other competitions by the Competition Secretaries in their zones. There would be play-by dates and then a quarter, semi and final, the winner’s cards being forwarded to Bowls England to determine the National winner. Sheila Seddon (Milford) asked that the competition actually start a bit later in the season and not at the very beginning when everyone was heavily engaged in National and County competitions. The Hon Secretary stated that the Competition Secretaries would look at the dates and we would circulate these as soon as possible.

Ronnie Pickering (Newdigate) asked what should happen in the case of severe weather during competition. She was advised that if severe weather conditions made greens unplayable a new green

should be found. Should this not be possible the Competition Secretary should be notified as soon as possible and the game played at the earliest date following the completion of the round and before the next round. Please see regulation 6.12.

Pauline Biddlecombe (Southey) raised the question of one or two errors on the new joint Surrey Competition form. Hon Secretary advised that the cost of the Benevolent Triples was £4.50 and not £10.50. The Officer's Cup was free. NB: New forms are now available on the Surrey County Women's Bowling Association's website.

Thank you to Muriel Kelly (Purley Bury) and Janet Exall (Old Coulsdon) for doing the teas/coffees today

Volunteers for the April meeting – Maggie Randall (Mychett) and Ronnie Pickering (Newdigate).

Meeting closed 14.40hrs