



SURREY COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT Mrs Zoe Hollins

The
Co-operative
Funeralcare

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17TH NOVEMBER 2015
Held at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre, Guildford Road, Leatherhead, KT22 9BL

Prior to the start of the meeting a minutes silence was observed for those members who are no longer with us, and for those who are victims of terrorism

Present: President Mrs Z. Hollins, SVP Mrs S. Tracey, JVP Mrs S. Maylin, Secretary Mrs S. Mitchell, Asst Secretary Mrs J. Pedersen, Treasurer Mrs J. Taylor, Match Secretary Mrs P. Garden, Competition Secretaries Mrs J. Hewett and Mrs A. Rapley, Benevolent Secretary Mrs J. Huggett, Webmaster and Year Book Secretary Miss M. Ward, Bowls England Delegate Mrs P. Biddlecombe. Life Members, Mrs J Adamson, Mrs G. Platt and Miss R. Pothecary.
Past Presidents, Mrs G. Bonnell, Mrs T. Davis, Mrs M. Stone, Mrs M. Vandrau
68 Delegates

1 Notice of Meeting

Meeting opened at 1.20pm and the Secretary read the Notice Convening the Meeting. President Zoe then welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those attending for the first time then asked for confirmation that everyone had placed their parking tickets in their cars. The President does have an addendum in the agenda, but reiterated what a truly wonderful year she has had. The money raised for her charity was £3,292.00 and they were absolutely delighted to receive this. Zoe gave thanks again for all the support she has received from everybody and especially her club Milford

2 Apologies for Absence

Life Members, Miss J. Carder MBE and Mrs J. Cryer: Past Presidents, Mrs A. Bolton and Mrs C. Winter. Officers, IPP Mrs M. Glazebrook and Welfare/Safeguarding Officer Mrs K. Allen
15 delegates

3 Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2014 having been circulated prior to this meeting were taken as read and proposed for acceptance by Mrs G. Bonnell (Cheam Fields) and seconded by Mrs G. Platt (Milford)
Approved and signed by the President.

4 Matters Arising

No matters arising

5 Hon Secretary's Report

This was circulated in the agenda and has been approved by the Executive Committee. No questions arising, proposed for acceptance by Mrs M. Vandrau (Sutton) and seconded by Mrs M. Stone (Sutton).

6 Financial Statement for 2015 – Mrs J Taylor

All clubs have received statements of the unaudited accounts in their folders. We have received £850.00 from our Sponsors and been repaid £500.00 from the Unified Association Account. Our Life Member Louisa Smith passed away in the summer and Jackie has sold some of her clothes and raised £175.00 towards County funds. Questions from the floor – Mrs C. Emanuel (Egham) asked why the Officers Expenses were double – Jackie replied that not all 2014 expenses were received in time and are therefore included in this year's accounts.

7 Benevolent Fund Statement for 2015 – Mrs J. Huggett.

Benevolent fund statements are in all club folders. There is not a great deal to report this year except that gifts and cards continue to be sent out during the year. The amount of Christmas Gifts are down on last year and I can't think why as it's good to remember ladies who no longer bowl but still retain an interest in your club and I am sure they would

be delighted to receive a surprise Christmas gift. This year we have given a £20.00 M & S voucher plus a Christmas card from your club and one from the Benevolent Fund, all in a small gift bag.

Once again a very big thank you to Sylvia Russell for auditing the Benevolent fund accounts.

A big thank you also to Jackie Taylor for visiting Louisa Smith whilst in hospital and for arranging the flowers for her funeral. Louisa had no family, but was well known by many of you as a Competition Secretary and a Life Member of our Association.

Please don't forget to contact me if you wish any member of your club to receive flowers or a gift voucher.

Jill concluded by presenting Sylvia with a flower arrangement.

Accounts proposed for acceptance by Mrs P. Biddlecombe (Southey) and seconded by Mrs S. Collingwood (Redhill) carried unanimously

8 Allowances for Officers

These allowances were approved at the April Council meeting and envelopes given to the Officers by President Zoe.

9 Election of Scrutineers

To ensure the amendments to the constitution are agreed we will need scrutineers

Mrs G. Bonnell (Cheam Fields), Mrs C. Emanuel (Egham) and Mrs M. Vandrau (Sutton)

10 Bowls England Presidential Team 2016

President	Michael Jennings (Cornwall)
SVP	Viv Tomlinson (Lancashire)
JVP	Bill Smith (Leicestershire)

11 Recommendations and Proposals to Bowls England

Just before the Bowls England (BE) annual dinner on Saturday 21st November at the St John's Hotel Solihull, the Counties Meeting will be held with Bowls England, where it is a less formal meeting and Counties can air their views, ask questions and speak their minds. Any proposals can be discussed and then be put on the BE AGM agenda for February 2016.

The Surrey County Women's Bowling Association has decided to suggest that the quarter finals of the John's Trophy has a designated BE venue within the boundaries of the County in the same way as the Walker Cup. This will save the headache for the County Secretaries of trying to find a venue at such short notice.

Agreed by all present that Surrey should present this at the Counties' Meeting

Miss R. Potheary stated that Surrey had tried this before but was not successful

12 Amendments to the Constitution Proposed by the Executive Committee.

The committee proposes that the meeting agree the re-numbering of the clauses in the Constitution as listed in Annex "A", and to the amendments as found in the Agenda.

It was agreed by all present Secretary Sheron was not required to read Annex "A" to the members present and a block vote be taken – proposed Miss R. Potheary (West Byfleet) seconded Mrs P. Chappell (West Wimbledon) - agreed unanimously

Amendments to the Constitution, as in the Agenda, were read by Sheron and voting agreed unanimously

13 Election of Officers

President Zoe presented Sandra Tracey (Sutton) with the Chain of Office and her President's Badge. Jennifer Asten (Sutton) presented Sandra with a flower arrangement from her club Sutton and assured Sandra of their full support at all times

President Sandra said:

"In 2013 I was approached by Maureen Vandrau and asked if I wanted her old job. My response was to laugh, as I sincerely thought she was joking, but she was serious!

I had just attained my badge that year and thought that everyone would ask "Sandra Tracey who the hell is she?. I certainly didn't know too many people playing at County level, so why should they know me.

Once I had digested the idea and discussed it with my husband David, he then convinced me I could do the job and would get his full support.

I thought I would delay the acceptance for a year to enable people to get to know me, but when nobody else was willing to take on the position, I thought why delay?

Jill Huggett approached me at a match and offered to take on the Benevolent Secretary's roll, so there was no escape – thanks Jill.

I had big boots to fill from the past, but realised what an honour and privilege it was to be asked to represent such a great County as Surrey.

With all that you have achieved in the last few years, I shall be proud to be your President this coming Season.

I have experienced every conceivable emotion through my Senior Vice year, cried with the winners and finalists, and I'm sure my blood pressure soared when I attended every match.

I now have to give big thank you's to some people. The last two years have been a huge learning process for me to find out about the proceedings of Surrey. Thank you to Maxine, Zoe and Shan, I could not have wished for a better team to work with. Their support, knowledge and company has been great. Thank you to all the Executive who have put up with my lack of knowledge, especially Sheron who seems to know the answer to any question you can throw her way.

A huge thank you to my club Sutton for attending and supporting me today. For giving me their reassurance that they will be behind me throughout my Presidency and for proposing me for the position. I have total confidence in the Committee and the helpers.

A big thank you to my first club Banstead Neville, who seconded me. I had six great years there, being inspired by the great Lady, Christine Gilbert with whom I loved to bowl and achieved my first points towards my badge.

I now look forward to the next summer season 2016 and will do my utmost to fulfil my Presidential duties. If my tour to Kent is half the fun we had in Dublin, and with the results of 2015, I will be one happy lady.

Please forgive me in advance for any mistakes I make, because I can assure you there will be some".

Zoe then presented Shan with her SVP badge and pocket.

Sandra on behalf of Maxine gave Zoe the Past President's Badge and a plaque commemorating her year.

Officers of the Association are happy to continue and were returned unopposed, a block vote was agreed for these positions – proposed Dorothy Roberts (Purley Ladies) seconded Jennifer Asten (Sutton) - carried unanimously.

There is still a vacancy for the Junior Vice President if anyone would like to take on the roll.

Secretary Mrs S. Mitchell (Croydon): Asst Sec. Mrs J. Pedersen (Mytchett): Treasurer Mrs J. Taylor (Chertsey): Asst Treasurer Mrs Z. Hollins (Milford): Match Sec. Mrs P. Garden (Egham): Comp. Sec. 1 & 2 Mrs J. Hewett (Caterham) 3 & 4 Mrs A. Rapley (Windlesham): Year Book Sec. and Webmaster Miss M. Ward (Oxshott): Benevolent Sec Mrs J. Huggett (Reigate Priory): Welfare/Safeguarding Officer Mrs K. Allen (Horsell): BE Representative Mrs P. Biddlecombe (Southey): C of C Mrs M. Stone (Sutton): Officers Cup Mrs J. Poat (Woking Park)

14 Election of Zone Secretaries

Zone 1	Pat Chappell (West Wimbledon)
Zone 2	Dianne Tarran (Purley Bury)
Zone 3	Jean Watson (Sutton)
Zone 4	Marion Beach (Windlesham)

15 Election of Sub Committees

Selection	Officers as per rule 9.2.3.1 and one representative of each competition zone
Emergency	Officers as per rule and three members to be elected who must be past serving Officers or Presidents of the Association Mrs P. Biddlecombe Miss J. Carder MBE Miss R. Potheary
Executive	Officers as per rule 9.2.1.1
Dinner	Officers as per rule 9.2.2.1
John's Selection	Officers as per rule 9.2.3.3 Mrs P. Garden Mrs S. Maylin Mrs J. Taylor

16 Any Other Business

- Benevolent Two Wood Triples, as discussed at the October Council Meeting will now be run by the Competition Secretaries as any other competition, down to the last 16. A venue and date will be set in the calender by the County for the last 16 and onward stages
- 200 Club Draw

November	£100.00 – 62 – Jean Taylor (Caterham) £50.00 – 40 - Diane Tarran (Purley Bury) £10.00 – 5 – Marion Beach (Windlesham)
August	£50.00 – 17 – Jean Digman (Southwark Sports) £20.00 – 81 – Shelagh Harrison (Dorking) £10.00 - 65 – Sheron Mitchell (Croydon)
September	£50.00 – 63 – Ann Rapley (Windlesham) £20.00 – 48 – Redhill BC £10.00 – 16 – Jean Digman (Southwark Sport)
October	£50.00 – 18 – Jacqui Poat (Woking Park) £20.00 – 38 – Shan Maylin (Southey) £10.00 – 47 – Sylvia Collingwood (Redhill)

Reminder next Council Meeting Tuesday 5th April 2016 at the Mansel Road Centre, Trinity United Reformed Church Mansel Road Wimbledon SW19 4AA

Business from the floor

- Jill Huggett (Reigate Priory) – a reminder that Jill has nothing to do with Benevolent Two Wood Triples, she is the Benevolent Secretary.
- Mary Jones (Chessington) – why have names of badged bowlers been taken from then Year Book? Sheron – They will all be on the website in the future as the County needs to cut the cost of the Year Book which has been running at a loss for some years.
Also she is still waiting for a county shirt – Sheron will contact Mary when new order received.
- Gill Gawne (Sutton) – there is no place on the new affiliation forms for new life Patrons – will address when forms are reviewed
- Maureen Grimwood (Malden Manor) – is the Welfare Officer and the Safeguarding Officer one and the same – yes as far as we know
- Linda Lofty (West End) – can a coach be a Welfare Officer – can't see any reason why not
- Pauline Biddlecombe (BE Delegate) – no space for her report will deliver here.
BE members are urged to join a campaign to tell George Osborne how much they value the grass roots sport.
BE is backing a new campaign to promote support for grassroots sports ahead of the Governments comprehensive spending review on 25th November.(more info on BE website News item 9.11.15 for full report)
BDA has announced a special winter package application window – now open to mark 7500 new members recruited form BDA funding activities – Window will remain open until 5pm on Monday 30th November (more info on BE website news item 16.11.15)
BDA has announced Safeguarding in Bowls and all clubs should encourage their members including coaches, volunteers and particulary club Welfare Officers to attend relevant training courses
Details – contact Alistair Hollis in BE office 01926 334609 or visit www.playbowls.org
- Marion Beach (Windlesham) Is there a reason why all the single rooms for the tour were taken before the advertisement came out at the October Council Meeting.
Sandra – it is a small hotel with limited spaces for single rooms, and when I chose this hotel I really thought more Ladies would share. The bedrooms are all very big and two could share quite easily and not realise they were in the same room. Sandra has a plan of all the rooms and hopes to accommodate everyone.
- Tessa Davis (Bookham) – I don't know if everyone realises that from next year the only coaching qualification that will be recognised will be a BDA qualification. All EBCS qualifications are relevant but any you take now will not be recognised by BE or Sport England.
- Jacqui Poat (Woking Park) – I would like to thank Jan for taking over the running of the Officers Cup when I was taken ill
- Diane Tarran (Purley Bury) – The Zone Secretaries have agreed that all the zone games next year will be one venue, Sutton. They will be played on the dates as set by the County.

Meeting Closed 2.30pm