



SURREY COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT Mrs Sandra Tracey

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2016
HELD AT THE MANSEL ROAD CENTRE, WIMBLEDON

Those present: President Mrs S. Tracey, SVP Mrs S. Maylin, JVP Mrs D. Roberts, IPP and Asst Treasurer Mrs Z. Hollins, Secretary Mrs S. Mitchell, Treasurer Mrs J. Taylor, Asst Sec. Mrs J. Pedersen, Comp. Sec Mrs A. Rapley, Webmaster and Year Book Sec Miss M. Ward, Delegate to Bowls England Mrs P. Biddlecombe, Benevolent Sec Mrs J. Huggett
Past Presidents, Mrs G. Bonnell, Mrs A. Bolton, Mrs T. Davis, Mrs M. Glazebrook, Mrs V. Pickering, Mrs M. Vandrau
59 Delegates

President Sandra welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a minutes silence in memory of the Ladies we have lost and also in recognition of all the unrest and atrocities in the world.
Pat Hatt, Sheila Crowe, Liz Warren, Ann Enoch and Sue Maskell.

Apologies for Absence: Mrs P. Garden, Mrs J Hewett, Mrs J. Poat, Mrs M. Stone, Mrs Kate Allan and 10 delegates.

We have received a message to say Sylvia Collingwood (Redhill) has had an accident on her way to the meeting and Jill Huggett will follow up for us and report back

Minutes of the meeting held 5th October 2015 having been circulated were taken as read and proposed for acceptance by Gill Bonnell (Cheam Fields) and seconded by Maureen Vandrau (Sutton).

Minutes signed by the President

There were no matters arising

Finance – Jackie Taylor

Comparing the Account sheet you received at the AGM to the one today, the Auditors have moved the £95.11p in the 2015 column from deficit to surplus.

Accounts proposed for acceptance Jean Watson (Sutton) and seconded Pam Jones (Heathfield) and were signed off for the year as at 7 September 2015.

Jackie informed Council that the Officers have all agreed to forego their allowances and will have expenses only.

It was confirmed that the County would, in future, be paying 30p per mile towards fuel but this would be kept under review, particularly as fuel costs seemed to be rising although a long way off from the previous prices of £149 a litre.

Proposed costings for 2017 were circulated to all present and explained by Jackie

Proposed for acceptance Bobbie Pothecary (West Byfleet) seconded Diane Tarran (Purley Bury)

Competition Secretary – Ann Rapley

Wishes everyone a good season.

Zone 4 please note first round of the triples is 6th May not 16th.

When ringing in results of pairs triples and fours please remember to give the names of the team members

Secretary – Sharon Mitchell

Due to the Sport England edict regarding Working Ladies, BE has advised that accommodation for working ladies must be given. Hence the changes in timings of competitions i.e. instead of only being played on the said date, provided everyone is in agreement competitions can be played earlier i.e. an earlier date and earlier than 6pm. If, however, the parties cannot agree then the default time of 6pm - 6.30pm must be adhered to.

Due to this ruling we changed our 2 wood day to a weekend. This caused great problems in giving a play-on date for the Top Club which has usually been the BE play-by date. Depending on the calendar this will no longer be the case and Surrey will advise of the play-on date in consultation with the fixtures and the rest of the calendar. Therefore, reliance on the BE play-by date being the play-on date no longer applies. We will endeavour to make sure we can continue with the play-on

dates but there will be times later on in the draw where this will not always be possible. We would ask all participating clubs to be aware of this. Where the calendar does not allow for a play-on date the play-by date rule will apply.

This year has been particularly difficult as not only did the weeks change but there was also confusion within the counties in that some counties wanted to continue as if the week had not changed and some did not. You will see that all quarter finals will again be played at 6pm and the semi-final is to be played from 11am so that the actual programme can be put together once again to accommodate working ladies later on in the day and into the early evening. Once again this made putting the calendar together even more difficult.

Benevolent Triples

Please check the Year Book to that you can see there is a completely new format. The Competition Secretaries have taken over the running of this competition and there are now play-by dates until the quarter, semi and finals are played. The quarter finals and semi-finals will be run alongside the Junior 2 wood competitions which will start a couple of hours after the quarter finals.

Bowls England Delegates Report – Mrs P. Biddlecombe advised Council that Bowls England achieved a large surplus in 2015 much of which can be attributed to the continued savings achieved by the relocation to Royal Leamington Spa and probably in regard to the riverside Offices, given freely by Warwickshire Council. Also in 2014 there were no major international events abroad in the accounting year.. The former office in Worthing continues to provide regular income meaning Bowls England current net worth stands at £2.6 million. Since unification membership has reduced by 17.43% but despite this ongoing reduction in membership income, the relocation related and other savings made off set the ever increasing general costs enabling the Board to again recommend no increase in Affiliation Fees. The Director responsible for Finance is grateful to sponsors together with the invaluable help from the Friends of English Bowling.

Entry Forms for those Clubs wishing to enter Club of the Year can be downloaded from the Bowls England website and the closing date is 1st August 2016

2016 National competitions are now online and competitors can download appropriate information With effect from 2017 there will be three additional competitions

1. Under 25 Pairs for the Men to be run similarly to the Ladies
2. Senior Fours for each gender run by Bowls England similar to the Senior Singles and Pairs, and the National winners will go forward to the British Isles Championship.

Storm Katie – any club affected by Katie may apply to the Bowls England Office at

alistair@bowlsengland.com for funding as some may become available to assist your club prior to the 2016 season. Bowls England is unable to assist directly with funding but will help with applications to third party organisations

Following the votes taken at the Bowls England AGM the White Rose Trophy for the Men and the Amy Rose Bowl for the Ladies stay as they were.

In his closing remarks the Chairman of the Board thanked all those Club and County Volunteers. Especially those who were retiring. He also drew the meetings attention to the fact that Bowls England was coming up to its 10th year and some members of the Board could be retiring in the not too distant future, not just because of age but more work is being carried out in the office, and also there is a need to attract younger volunteers to help develop the sport, especially those who would be interested in serving on Bowls England Committees and the Boards. He added that Directors do not have to be County Authorised Representatives or Officers and therefore an opportunity to serve is open to all, and Counties were asked to consider future candidates.

Other additional comments from the Chair were the major decisions that will face the Board over the coming months, which included consideration of Bowls England future office accommodation, coaching, membership, and Official Clothing for Directors and the Presidential Team.

Dinner Committee Report – We are again returning to Silvermere “Inn on The Lake” Redhill Road Cobham KT11 1EF on Friday 28th October 6.15 for 7.00 pm.

Please do try to come along as we have a live singer this year. We do appreciate some of you do have a long drive home but do try and stay for the dancing.

Please will you all remind semi finalists they should attend the prizegiving as they do receive a prize.

Year Book Secretary – Sheron Mitchell

The Year Book has been running at a loss and the price had already been raised to £4.00. We now have new printers and hope you like the new format. By removing the history, prize winners over the years and other historical information, we have cut down on our costs. All this information is on the website. Similarly, by changing the photographs and only having the Executive and prize winners we have also saved a considerable amount of colour printing. The accounts and one advertisement are slightly blurred although legible and that is something Marianne and I will look at for next year.

Marianne has put in an awful lot of hours and work on the new book and I would like you all to show your appreciation to her.

Benevolent Secretary's Report – Mrs J. Hugget reported that at 30.03.16 the balance in the fund was at £9,429.98

8 clubs have made a donation to the fund in this financial year.

15 gifts including flowers to David and Lynne Bourne on their move to Bexhill

Requests for cards has increased and if you want to contact me, please email rather than phone as it gives me a record for my file.

Safeguarding Officer's Report –

Only 2 enquiries since the last report and if you have any issues re safeguarding please do contact her at any time

200 Club

The draw was made but names were not available

£50.00 number 20

£20.00 number 5

£10.00 number 17

Jackie will send cheques to the winners

Zone Secretaries Reports

All secretaries reported they have put invitations for Ladies to take part in the zone games in the club folders and they all hope for a good response

Date of the next Council Meeting

Tuesday 4th October 2016 1pm at the Mansel Centre, Trinity United Reformed Church, Mansel Road Wimbledon SW19 4AA

Any Other Business

Vivien Mutucumarana (Gonville) – asked two questions about the size of each zone with reference to the inequality of games in each zone to reach final stages, and how bowlers were given trials for the competitive matches.

Sheron replied that the zones have been an ongoing issue for many years and had been discussed for hours. There was no immediate solution.

Regard selection for a trial this is done by the elected selection committee who use consistency of bowling as shown by numbers of points and other things.

President Sandra informed Council her charity for this season will be Alzhiemers society

Sheron – Secretaries Meetings – importance of attending

Sheron urged all clubs to attend one of the meetings, if Secretaries are unable to attend please send a representative. It was suggested that ladies had been told that it was a men's meeting and they could not attend. Sheron stated this was not the case and that all were welcome, ladies and gentlemen and that if secretaries and/or delegates could not attend, Club would find it very useful if they actually sent somebody.

The joint forms on the whole worked well and they have been amended so that those club secretaries who do not use computers can actually complete them and they will not have the problem of zeros in the columns. One of the complaints received from a few clubs was that the men had taken over the forms completely and they had not been discussed with the ladies. All members of bowls club even if they do not play in County competitions must pay affiliation fees as is normal with all governing bodies in sport. Just over a quarter of the competition and affiliation fees were paid in by BACS payment which was a straight transfer from bank to bank.

We held a Surrey County Bowls Association Board meeting yesterday and the question of the name of the County's umbrella was discussed. A pennant had been designed for the mixed Presidents' celebratory games with clubs and this shows the name Surrey County Bowls, i.e. SCB. Are you happy with this or do you have any other ideas? All present were happy.

The Board of Surrey County Bowls Association are moving forward towards amalgamation. To this end there will be a working party for want of a better phrase looking at both the Men's and Ladies' Constitutions with a view to having a joint constitution which will incorporate how our different Associations actually work. This will then enable us to have one insurance policy which we currently do not have. It will be a slow process and myself, Zoe Hollins and Pauline Biddlecombe will be working on the working party. Our own constitution is still in need of work in any event.

The Surrey Bowls forms do not accommodate for Patrons' names. In future those ladies who are Patrons of Bowls England will be listed, however the Surrey Patrons may not.

In order to ensure that our life members are recognised and also our annual members, I would ask that Clubs advise the Executive of any Patrons and what category they fall in.

I have been asked to raise the question of Patrons' games by the organiser of those games for the men being mixed and whether the Surrey Ladies are in favour of this. However, the Men's Constitution does not allow for mixed games as they are a Men's Association with the exception of celebratory games that Clubs may request to be mixed. Therefore, at this moment in time this matter can go no further. The only mixed games we can play are one's celebratory matches requested by the Clubs.

Since Joyce Parker's retirement as Patrons' Secretary, I wonder if there is anybody who would be prepared to take on the role of accumulating the information for the website of Surrey Annual and Life Members please – Charlotte Emanuel (Egham) volunteered.

The Executive Committee have agreed to move the closing date for the end of the financial year from 7th September to 30th September. This would make more sense as the outdoor season will have finished. The Expenses for the Committee are to be submitted monthly thus making less demand at the end of the financial year

Finally, for those you of who are not aware, Bowlsweat Direct at Carshalton is closing on 23 May when their lease runs out. The shop is being opened at Wey Valley and on that day everything is being sold with a 10% discount.

Meeting closed 2.10pm