



SURREY COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT Mrs Sandra Tracey

The
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER 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, Asst Sec. Mrs J. Pedersen, Comp. Secs Mrs A. Rapley and Mrs J. Hewett, Webmaster and Year Book Sec Miss M. Ward, Delegate to Bowls England Mrs P. Biddlecombe, Benevolent Sec Mrs J. Huggett
Past Presidents, Mrs A. Bolton, Mrs M. Glazebrook, Mrs V. Pickering, Mrs M. Stone, Mrs M. Vandrau and 44 Delegates

President Sandra welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a moments silence in memory of the Ladies we have lost since last we met:
Dulcie Daldorph – President 1979: Mary Mower Wandilea: Mary Hilton Mytchett: Hazel Williams Auriol Park: Pat Titchner Malden Manor: Vera Deane Epsom Ladies: Margeret Lawrence Malden Manor: Joan Neale Gonville

Apologies for Absence: Mrs J. Taylor, Mrs P. Garden, Mrs Kate Allan, Mrs G. Bonnell, Mrs T. Davis and 14 delegates.

Minutes of the meeting held 5th April 2016, having been circulated were taken as read.
Minutes signed by the President

There were no matters arising

Bowls England Delegates Report – Mrs P. Biddlecombe

Madam President, Officers and Ladies

Well it does not seem possible that nearly six months have passed since our last meeting – but there we are – dare I say that the older we get the quicker time appears to pass.

Your Executive have had to vote on the incoming Junior Vice President of Bowls England – two nominations, Freda Thomas from Huntingdonshire and Hazel Marke Hampshire. I can confirm that Surrey has voted for Hazel Marke.

Internationally England Ladies did not do very well – yes our Juniors were successful at the British Isles and International Series in Bridgend Wales, but our Seniors finished in third place having been beaten by 20 shots by Scotland and 10 shots by Wales, but did record good wins against Ireland and Jersey. However the British Isles Fours title was brought home to England by the Northamptonshire rink. It is good to report that Surrey did have four players on duty, Pat Bourne, Margaret Smith, Gemma Barnett and Debbie Sarratt. I can confirm that a new “English” club was formed at the Sighthill Club in Edinburgh – the “Prosecco Club” with a very distinguished Presidential membership.

Surrey continued to fly the flag at the International Trials in September when it was very good to see Shan Maylin, Debbie Sarratt, Margaret Smith and Debbie Souter playing some very good bowls but only Debbie Sarratt was selected to play in 2017 with Margaret Smith being Non Travelling reserve. However let us hope that our girls can be invited to trial again next year.

At the National Championships our girls did well – Egham winning the Fours, Sutton Finalists in the Triples and Quarter Finalists in the Champion of Champions, 2 Wood Singles, Tony Alcock Trophy and the Amy Rose 31's and Under.

Egham reached the semi finals of the Top Club losing out to the eventual winners.

With effect from 2017 please remember that we will have a Senior Fours – both Ladies and Gentlemen – which will be run in Counties as all other Championships, with the winners proceeding to Leamington for the Nationals and then the National Winners proceeding to the British Isles the following year. The members of the rink should be 55 or over on the 1st April on the year of competition and all be from the same club as their other Championships have been entered from. The finals at Leamington will be the men in the middle of the Ladies Championships and the Ladies 23rd to 25th August.

Also with effect from 2017 all Counties with 5% or more total number of entries in that National Championship from the previous year will be entitled to three representatives, so hopefully we should have a semi-final play off in Surrey to ascertain the third representative at the Nationals in Singles, Two Wood Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

Some good news – Team England has secured funding for the 2018 Commonwealth Games – Sport England has awarded Commonwealth Games England £4million of National Lottery funding to support Team England's preparation and give them the competitive edge on Australia's Gold Coast in 18 months time

Finally if you wish to have your say in the future of bowls please participate in a survey put together in conjunction with the Bowls Development Alliance, and the survey can be found on

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParticipationSurvey16>

Jan has copies of the proposed survey literature

Finance and Surrey Dinner Report – Zoe Hollins

Jackie being unwell and unable to be at the meeting, Zoe reported she will do all she can to help Jackie with the accounts in preparing them for the AGM

Zoe is selling dinner tickets today and anyone wanting them please let her know.

Secretary's Reprt – Sheron Mitchell

Sheron read her report to Council and it will be printed in full in the AGM Agenda

President's Addendum – Sandra Tracey

Sandra read her report to Council and it will be printed in full in the AGM Agenda

Competition Secretaries – Ann Rapley and J. Hewett

Neither had anything to report

Benevolent Secretary's Report – Jill Hugget

The renewal date for the Benevolnet Fund has changed from 31st August to 30th September which brings it in line with the main Surrey County Women's Bowling Association Account

This will hopefully give clubs more time to arrange donations etc.

Could I please ask you to send a covering note with your cheque so there will be a record on file.

Several times this year I have opened an envelope to find just a cheque with a name written on the back.

Gifts and Cards continue throughout the year cheering up Ladies who are unwell or have had a nasty accident. We try to find out if they would prefer flowers or a gift voucher. Often a Club member will go out and buy some flowers and send me the receipt, a cheque is sent back by return. Christmas Gift requests were slightly down last year, however, judging by the thank you letters they are still very welcome. Would delegates let me have their requests by 31st October – they will be ready for collection at the November AGM.

Sympathy Cards are sent to families who have lost loved ones and sadly there have been several to remember this year.

Thank you to Sylvia Russell for working so hard to get these accounts audited for our meeting today.

Zone Secretaries Reports

Zone 1 – Pat Chappell

President Sandra and members of the Executive

I would like to congratulate Zone 3 on winning this year. We were in the lead going into the last match against Zone 3 and were beaten 3 games to 1. I would like to thank all those Ladies fom Zone 1, badged and unbadged, who played his year, especially Chris Jenkins (Wandilea) who took charge when I was away the first match.

I understand the concerns of the other Zone Secretaries about playing all our matches at Sutton but as far as Zone 1 is concerned this is the first year I have had reserves for all the matches, so for me it was a success

Lets hope we can go one better next year.

Zone 2 – Diane Tarran

Madam President Officers and Ladeis of SCWBA

I would like to start my report by congratulating Zone 3 on winning the Inter Zone League – a credit to Jean Watson

Next I would like to thank all the Ladies who played for Zone 2 this year, badged and unbadged. I had a total of 42 Ladies wishing to play, with 48 playing positions to be filled over the three games. I could have filled the teams with badged players, playing them several times, but instead I chose to give everybody one game with three Ladies playing two. Inevitably the games were not of the same standard as in passed years, but I'm sure we all enjoyed ourselves. I would be interested to learn what the other Zone Secretaries felt about the new system.

I would also be interested to know how the other Secretaries and their members feel about all the Zone games being held at Sutton. There are small clubs who would welcome the chance to host a zone game, having us use their green and giving them a small amount of publicity and income. Our members certainly enjoyed the different clubs we found for them in the past. I understand too that some Zone 4 members, who complained when we went to different clubs previously, are now complaining that Sutton is too far away. There's no pleasing some people.

I've been Zone Secretary since the AGM in 2007, when on impulse I volunteered from the floor to fill the vacancy for Zone 2 Secretary. I've decided it is now time for me to hand over to someone else, and Val Hobart, also from Purley Bury, has agreed to take over from me after the forthcoming AGM.

I have enjoyed being the Zone Secretary, despite the fraught moments when someone cries off at the last moment, and I've had to find a replacement in a hurry, or several when players are held up in a traffic jam!! I've met a lot of new people and made some good friends, enjoying many happy times.

Before I leave I would like to thank Pat, Jean and Marion for all their help and co-operation over the years and I must say how very sorry I was to learn that Jean is having to give up as Zone 3 Secretary due to her eye problems.

I wish Val every success as Zone 2 Secretary and I wish everyone a good winter.

Zone 3 – Jean Watson

In Jean's absence Maureen Vandrau reported that Jean has health issues and will also be standing down as Zone 3 Secretary next year – any volunteers to take over?

Zone 4 – Marion Beach

All the games were held at Sutton this year and I had a lot of support. There were a few grumbles, but most of the Ladies thought it was a good idea. A big thanks to all who supported me.

The first game I did have a problem as another fixture was arranged for that date and Ladies who had agreed to play for me decided they wanted to play in that game.

I would like to congratulate Zone 3 and to thank Sutton Bowling Club for their hospitality.

The games next year will be on a Thursday and will be at Sutton, so we will be giving it another try, to see how things work.

JVP 2017

This position remains open and anyone who would like to join the Presidential Team please contact Sheron

Constitution and Rule Changes

There are no changes for the constitution, although there are a few anomalies which need addressing, but work is now underway for a unified constitution

Rule Changes:

Where necessary in the listing of all championships add **Senior Fours**

1.4 to now read – National Top Club Competition. This competition will now revert to play by dates as published by Bowls England

1.8 After opportunity, whether add "she is ".....

1.15.1 after the sentence add – Failure to do so may result in immediate disqualification. Such failure may also render the offender liable to exclusion from all County Competitions and Championships in the following season, at the Executive's absolute discretion.

1.19 New Addition – Bad Weather – If bad weather results in the greenkeeper stopping play in any match, every endeavour must be made to find another green on which to play. The relevant Competition Secretary shall be informed if a stoppage prevents the match being played by or on the specified date

Old 1.19 now 1.20 and all others move down one.

1.24 – New Addition – Surrey County Women's Bowling Association will implement the guidelines laid down by Bowls England from the quarter final stages of all Championships listed in 1.2 above with regard to Slow Play.

2.6 New Addition – In relation to the above Championships, should the number of entries from Surrey for each discipline, exceed the number stipulated by Bowls England, a third place player or team will qualify to represent the County at the National Championships. In that event the losing Semi Finalists shall play against one another to determine who will qualify.

2.7 – New Addition – Championship Senior Fours (Four players from the same club). Players shall be aged 55 years and over on April 1st in the year of Competition. Each game shall consist of 21 ends – two bowls each player. In the event of the scores being equal when all ends have been played, an extra end or ends must be played until a decision is reached. The final shall be played on the County Semi Finals Day and the winners qualify to represent the County at the National Championships. Old 2.6 becomes 2.8 and all others move on 2 numbers finishing with 2.14

200 Club Draw

August -	£25.00 – Ronnie Owens
	£15.00 - Pauline Biddlecombe
	£5.00 – Sheron Mitchell
September	£25.00 – Pauline Biddlecombe
	£15.00 – Jean Hewett
	£5.00 – Pauline Biddlecombe
October	£25.00 – Jacqui Poat
	£15.00 – Pauline Biddlecombe
	£5.00 – Ronnie Owens

Reminder of AGM – **Tuesday 15th November 2016, 1.15pm at Leatherhead Leisure Centre, Guildford Road, Leatherhead KT22 9BL**

President Sandra thanked the tea ladies – Pam Jones (Heathfield) and Diane Tarran (Purley Bury) Volunteers for April – Maggie Randall (Mytchett) and Margaret Court (Tongham)
Thank you Ladies

Date of the next Council Meeting

Tuesday 4th April 2017, 1pm at the Mansel Centre, Trinity United Reformed Church, Mansel Road Wimbledon SW19 4AA

Any Other Business

- Zoe Hollins - Anyone who has not ordered their dinner tickets please do so as we require your meal orders as soon as possible.
- Ronnie Pickering – Newdigate - informed us of the death of Coleen Milsom – Dorking
- Pat Chappell – West Wimbledon - informed us of the passing of Joyce Risse – Malden Ladies
- Maureen Stone – Sutton - asked about the Benevolent Triples and 2 Wood Singles Day – Sheron replied that after her report delegates should return to their clubs and discuss
 - A) whether they would rather have a day for the Benevolent Triples or play by dates as this year. Date allocated on the Calendar is 28th July
 - B) do they want 2 Wood Singles Day on a Sunday or revert back to a Monday – date allocated on the calendar - Monday 26th June or Sunday 11th June. Sheron had to get permission from Bowls England to revert back to a Monday if this is what you want

Please bring your Club's decision to the AGM for the vote

- Carolyn Lythgoe – Camberley – asked for clarification of the rules with regard to bad weather
- Sylvia Russell – Cheam Fields – why were the days for the competitions swapped – Sheron replied that it was due to the number of competitors and the number of rounds required to reach the final stages of some competitions
- Sylvia Collingwood – Redhill – thanked every Club and Delegate who sent her good wishes following her “argument with a tree” on her way to the April Council Meeting. Hopes to be back to bowling next year
- Jenny Baird – Ember – are parking tickets for the AGM available – they will be circulated with the AGM agendas.
- Shan Maylin SVP – Jean Hewett has raffle tickets for the dinner dance if anyone wants to buy today.

Meeting closed 14.20 hrs