



SURREY COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT Mrs Sandra Tracey

The
Co-operative
Funeralcare

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15TH NOVEMBER 2016
Held at the Leatherhaed Leisure Centre, Guildford Road, Leatherhead, KT22 9BL

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. Secs Mrs J. Hewett and Mrs A. Rapley; Webmaster and Year Book Secretary Miss M. Ward; Bowls England Delegate Mrs P. Biddlecombe;
Life Members Mrs G. Platt and Miss R. Pothecary.
Past Presidents: Mrs A. Bolton; Mrs G. Bonnell; Mrs T. Davis; Mrs M. Glazebrook; Mrs V. Pickering; Mrs S. Stone; Mrs M. Vandrau; Mrs E. Wheaton
65 Delegates and 7 guests

1. Notice of the Meeting

Meeting opened at 1.22pm and the Secretary read the notice convening the meeting
President Sandra welcomed all delegates and club members and checking they had their parking tickets on their cars and signed into the book.
Sandra's addendum is in the agenda but she would like to add a big thank you to everyone who helped raise £1915.00 for her Alzheimers Charity.

2. Apologies for Absence;

Life Members: Mrs J. Adamson; Miss J. Carder MBE, Mrs J. Cryer; Past President Mrs C. Winter; Safeguarding Officer Mrs K. Allen and 10 delegates

3. Minutes of the Last AGM

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2015 having been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read, proposed for acceptance by Jacqui Poat (Woking Park) and seconded by Edna Wheaton (Mid-Surrey).
Approved by all present and signed by the President

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising

5. Secretary's Report

This was circulated in the agenda and approved by the Executive Committee
No questions arising proposed for acceptance Gill Platt (Milford) and seconded by Gill Bonnell (Cheam Fields)

6. Financial Statement

Jackie Taylor – Treasurer – reported she was unable to balance the accounts as there was difficulty agreeing the affiliation fees due to the changes made last year when the men got all the money and it was then sent to us.
She is nearly there and will send the accounts to clubs as soon as possible
Pleased to report we have received £1000.00 from the sponsors and the plan is to hold onto the money and use for something special.
She was saddened as she wanted to go out in a blaze of glory.

7. Benevolent Statement – Jill Huggett

All present had copies of the statement and Jill reported -
President Sandra, Executive and Delegates
I would like to thank all clubs for their generous donations throughout the year, the account looks in a healthy position with a balance of £10021.00
Please make a note that the financial year starts on 1st October and ends on 30th September to be in line with the main SCWBA accounts
Please continue to notify me of any member who is ill, had had an operation or broken a limb.
The Christmas Gifts are ready for collection today. The number of requests is going down every year, for example in 2014 there were 28, in 2015 there were 21 and this year down to 17 – this causes Jill concerns.
Finally I would like to thank Sylvia Russell who audits the Benevolent Accounts, and please accept this gift from us
There were no questions from the floor

8. Bowls England Delegates Report – Pauline Biddlecombe

Madam President, Officers and Ladies

As I have mentioned in previous years Bowls England (BE) holds a Counties Meeting prior to the Ladies Annual National Dinner, this year to be held in Coventry. It is a less formal meeting and this years meeting will cover items such as the Bowls Development Plan, What is a Disaster Fund and what Constitutes a Disaster? Affiliation fees, National Championship Report 2019 , Regional Meetings, BE Academy, and if time for it anything that comes from the floor.

9. Election of Scrutineers

Des Hanreck (Ashted) and Jackie Tytherleigh (Mayford Hall)

10. Bowls England

At the counties meeting there are 4 representatives from each County present and any propositions may be put forward for consideration at the BE AGM in February.
Surrey Ladies will be represented at this meeting by Sheron and Pauline.

11. Vote of Thanks - Maureen Vandrau (Sutton)

As I look around this room I see a number of Ladies who like me have had the privilege of serving on this Executive Committee. In my opinion the most well oiled County Executive in all of England. These Ladies work tirelessly for the benefit of Surrey Bowls and put in a huge number of hours in order to make everything run as smoothly as it does.

On behalf of all bowlers and passed bowlers present here today, I offer a most sincere vote of thanks to this amazing band of Ladies for all that they do to make bowling in Surrey the pleasure that it is for all of us.

Jackie we are going to miss you terribly.

12. Election of Officer

President Sandra passed over her Chain of Office and President's Badge to Shan Maylin – Southey. Caroline Duarte of Southey presented Shan with flowers from her club

President Shan said:

“Well, not sure how I managed to get this far without being sacked, but I have! Who would have thought it? I'm probably not the “orthodox” type of person to be considered as President but then” a change is as good as a rest”

I must thank my club Southey, for their belief, encouragement and support in nominating me for the Presidency and also Supreme for having the courage in seconding me.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years of office, although I haven't always done everything correctly, but with all the support of the fantastic Executive Committee I'm getting there.

I hope I will make as good a President as all my predecessors and I am looking forward to taking on the mantle (with a little bit of trepidation it has to be said) and only hope I will make you proud.

I am really looking forward to a very happy and fun filled 2017, during which time I will be leading a tour to Carmarthen – the County of my birth. There are notices in the delegates envelopes, along with application forms. I would be delighted if you would like to join me. Application forms can be photocopied, taken from the website or give Jan a call”.

Shan gave Sandra her IPP badge and a memento from the county.

Sandra presented Dorothy Roberts (Purley Ladies) with her SVP Badge

Sandra then introduced Penny Bruno (Knaphill) and welcomed her to the Presidential Team and presented her with the JVP Badge

Penny thanked her club Knaphill for nominating her and Windlesham for seconding her. She was pleased to have managed the first step by getting onto the stage without tripping!! She was honoured to be asked to join the team and looking around the room sees many familiar faces, and will have a lot to learn from Sandra, Shan and Dorothy, and hopes she can maintain the standards set by those before her.

Sandra thanked Zoe for her 4 years on the Presidential team and presented her with a memento.

Officers (as listed in the agenda) are prepared to stand again and are offered unopposed with the exception of our Treasurer Jackie who is retiring and Zoe Hollins (Milford) has been nominated to take over.

Delegates present agreed to elect the remaining Executive Committee “en bloc” – proposed by Linda Pillman (Ember) and seconded Maureen Vandrau (Sutton)

The position of the Auditor is in abeyance

13. Propositions from Bowls England – Pauline Biddlecombe

There are 3 propositions from three different counties for discussion at the Counties Meeting with a view of going to BE AGM in February. From Oxfordshire, regarding the John's and Middleton Cup playing of dead rubbers. If the result of the last rubber to be played in the Round Robin sessions would not affect the overall result and going forward to the quarter finals for that area, does it have to be played? This would save money and time of those concerned – agreed by Surrey delegates

The other matter is the John's games start time, 2.00pm not 1.30pm – historically we started 1.30 so we were away before the evening sessions on the host green – Surrey Ladies agree with 1.30 Similar matter sent to BE from Warwickshire.

The last one from Bedfordshire is saying the blue blazers for the BE Officers be retained. It has been agreed by BE Board that the Officers wear black blazers – agreed by all present we agree with Bedfordshire.

Sheron and Pauline given a mandate to vote for this

14. Election of Zone Secretaries (Rule 5.1(b) (i))

Zone 1 Mrs Pat Chappell (Wimbledon Park)
Zone 2 Mrs Val Hobart (Purley Bury)
Zone 3 Vacant
Zone 4 Mrs Marion Beach (Windlesham)

Requests for a Zone 3 secretary were made but nobody came forward – try again at the April Council Meeting.

Two Ladies standing down as Zone Secretaries, Diane Tarran and Jean Watson were presented with flowers by President Sandra

15. Election of Sub Committees

a) Selection: Officers as per rule and one representative from each competition zone (Rule 9.2.3.1)

b) Emergency: Officers as per rule and three members to be elected who must be past serving Officers or Presidents of the Association (Rule 9.1.1.2)

Standing for Election Mrs P Biddlecombe
Miss J Carder MBE
Miss R. Potheary

c) Executive: Officers as per rule (Rule 9.2.1.1)

d) Dinner : Officers as per rule (Rule 9.2.2.2)

e) John's Selection: Officers as per rule (Rule 9.2.3.3) to be elected after this meeting

All above proposed for acceptance by Val Knight (Reigate Priory), seconded Pat Chappell (Wimbledon Park)

Carried by all present

16. Any Other Business

16.1-Benevolent Triples – discussed at the October Council Meeting and delegates asked to take back to their clubs – do we want to continue as this year – play by dates or revert to a day as previously?

Comments from the floor – Sylvia Russell (Cheam Fields) revert back but without movement of players between zones: Gill Sperring (Epsom Ladies) Clubs like to have the day so they can support each other: Margaret Bullen (Gonville) If playing on one day some clubs like ours with fewer members, can commit to the competitions

Voting for a fixed Day with prelim rounds as necessary, as opposed to play by dates - Proposed Jackie Tytherleigh (Mayford Hall) seconded Caroline Duarte (Southey)

Vote carried 57 – 5 will play Friday 28th July 2017

16.2 – 2 Wood Day – clubs were asked which day they would prefer – Sunday as this year with poor attendance or back to a Monday. Agreed back to a Monday by an over whelming majority.

Date for the 2 Wood Day – Monday 26th June 2017

16.3 – Apology from Sheron to Jean Watson (Zone 3) – Jean had sent a report for the October Meeting but gremlins got into Sheron's machine !

Jean's report read as follows "On behalf of Zone 3 Ladies – we were thrilled to win the Phil Hill Trophy this year.

Out of the 29 clubs in Zone 3 only 8 Clubs put in entries to play in the zone (41 players – 27 badged and 14 unbadged). For some of the players it was their first time playing in a Zone Game. I wish to thank these Ladies for their support, especially those who came in at very short notice with players dropping out at the last minute due to illness or other problems. I know that some clubs have very few members but I do hope that clubs will encourage their ladies to put in entries for next year for these friendly but competitive games.

I regret that I am having to stand down as Zone 3 Secretary as due to a medical condition I will not be bowling outdoors next year.

I have enjoyed my 4 years as Zone 3 Secretary and wish to thank the Executive Committee and Zone Secretaries for their help and a special thank you to all Zone 3 Ladies for their support. Jean further commented that she would be willing to meet and assist in any way possible anyone who would take on the role of Zone 3 Secretary.

16.4 – 200 Club

£70.00 W, Aylett – Rosehill
£40.00 S. Mitchell – Old Coulsdon
£10.00 P. Garden – Egham

16.5 - Reminders

16.5.1 - Top Club is now play by dates in accordance with Bowls England Dates
16.5.2 - Date of Next Council Meeting Tuesday 4th April at 13.00 at the Mansel Centre,
Trinity Reformed Church, Mansel Road, Wimbledon SW19 4AA

Jackie Taylor – from Sheron Mitchell

“When I started bowling 23 years ago little did I know what an impact a certain Lady would have on me in later years. My first memory of Jackie is when I went to Magdalen Park in the last 16 of the Surrey Pairs. I was terrified before I began and made more so being told that my skirt had to be a certain length, make sure I had my hat and white gloves. I had a new bag and new shoes which crippled me. I remember arriving and facing some very stern looking Ladies who appeared to be conducting an inspection and the only one that smiled at me was Jackie.

I had no idea that Jackie had taken on the role as Treasurer the year before. Indeed, I had no idea Surrey had a Treasurer!

So 24 years have gone by and how much more I have learned. Mrs Taylor, Jackie, Jacks she has been called all of these, and probably some other names(that I know nothing of), has been a true face of Surrey, friendly, helpful and competitive. Sometimes too friendly and helpful as I know too well as I find myself in the position I am now. Jackie’s whole life over the last 24 years has been Surrey. She influenced SCWBA in starting the Surrey Ladies Loyal Service Award scheme and tries very hard to go to as many presentations as she can. She is present at every match whether friendly and/or competitive and latterly the mixed Executive matches. She is always at the quarter finals, semi finals and finals. She has also been very much involved with the Amy Rose, national competition for the under 31’s and somehow I doubt that this will change.

Sadly, as we all know, over the last two or three years ill health has taken its toll, but Jackie has put on a brave face and tried to continue sometimes in a great deal of discomfort.

Surrey and Jackie go hand in hand.

Now Jackie has taken the decision to step down from her role as Treasurer and her knowledge and experience will be sorely missed. However we do know that Jackie will be supporting us in the future and I hope will continue to come to matches etc.

Jackie we would like to ask you to accept Life Membership of Surrey County Women’s Bowling Association, and also a gift from the Clubs of Surrey as a thank you for your hard work, loyalty and friendship”.

A standing ovation followed.

Jackie’s response - Thank you Ladies I’ve always been a bit of an emotional person. Surrey has been and always will be in my heart and I wish the girls every good luck and success and hope you will be the winners, again next year, of the John’s and the Amy Rose

Zoe Hollins – We have been collecting money for Jackie and I have a folder for Jackie with the names of all the people who have contributed, and we have raised £795.00 in total. We wanted to do something special for Jackie, and know she is a fan of Arsenal F.C. We tried to get a hotel package, but have not been successful. We have the tickets for a match and will try with the remaining monies to do something special for her – if we give her the money it may well just dwindle!!!

I have a tough act to follow and I know she will be there for me as she will for the County.

Jackie – I was born in Chalk Farm which is not far from Arsenal FC. and having 6 elder brothers and they always went to the Arsenal and didn’t want to be bothered with their “silly littler sister” who was just the pest. Thank you so much as I will be able to get there now.

Meeting Closed 2.20pm