



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4TH APRIL 2017 AT MANSEL ROAD CENTRE,
WIMBLEDON**

Those present: President Mrs S. Maylin, SVP Mrs D. Roberts, IPP Mrs S. Tracey, Secretary Mrs S. Mitchell, Asst. Sec. Mrs J. Pedersen, Treasurer Mrs Z. Hollins, Comp. Secs. Mrs A. Rapley and Mrs J. Hewett, Webmaster and Year Book Sec. Miss M. Ward, Benevolent Sec Mrs J. Huggett.
Zone Secs. Mrs P. Chappell, Mrs V. Hobart, Mrs J. Colvin and Mrs M. Beach
Life Members: Mrs G. Platt and Miss B. Potheary
Past Presidents; Mrs A. Bolton, Mrs G. Bonnell, Mrs V. Pickering, Mrs M. Stone, Mrs V. Vandrau.
55 Delegates

President Shân welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those here for the first time, and asked for a minutes silence for those members we have lost since last we met;
Marie Sailes (Sutton) Faye Hollamby (Merton Park) Vera Hadrill (Croydon) Sue Andrews (Wimbledon Park and Southey) Maureen Worwell (Barnes and Mid Surrey)

Apologies for Absence: JVP Mrs P Bruno, Match Secretary Mrs P. Garden, Bowls England Delegate Mrs P. Biddlecombe, Life Members Miss J. Carder MBE and Mrs J. Taylor, Past President Mrs M. Glazebrook and 16 delegates.

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2016 having been circulated, were taken as read and proposed for acceptance by Mrs G. Bonnell (Cheam Fields), seconded by Mrs J. Poat (Woking Park) and signed by the President.

Matters Arising

Mrs G. Sperring (Epsom Ladies) – The end of the financial year in the Year Book does not correspond with that agreed at the last Council Meeting. Yes the end of the financial Year is now 30th September as agreed – Year Book will be amended
No further matters arising

Secretary's Report – Sheron Mitchell

- We are looking for replacements at the AGM for:
Kate Allen our Safeguarding Officer. She has had to resign due to ill health. The roll is across the County and includes the men.
Jill Huggett our Benevolent Secretary and Treasurer
Jacqui Poat – Officers Cup Secretary who is moving away – Shân has said she will take on the post next season.
- Smoking – a rule has come from Bowls England stating you cannot smoke within one meter of the green, applies to men and ladies. Barbara Reid (Sutton Common) asked if that included the vapourisers people now use - Yes
- Top Club is now play by dates as set by bowls England, as it is not possible within our calendar to have set dates.
- There are now 3 teams from Surrey going to Leamington in the singles, 2 wood singles, pairs, triples and fours. This means we have an evening on 19th July at Windlesham for the 3rd and 4th place play-offs with a stand-by evening should there be any “double ups”.
- For your information Old Coulsdon will be hosting the Regional finals of the Walker Cup for the next 2 years and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to come and support.
- Presentation dinner this year will be at Silvermere again and this year we have taken on board that Ladies need to get away after the presentations so there will not be any dancing. We hope this will encourage more Ladies to attend the evening. The forms for the menu choice will be available at semi finals day and we ask all semi finalists to attend as they do receive a gift.
- There has been discussion within the Executive Committee as to whether we should go to a lunch rather than a dinner. Please go back to your clubs for discussion bearing in mind the pro's and con's – workers would not be able to attend a lunch: driving home in the dark after a dinner: preparation of the prize table takes a long time and could be an issue for the Competition Secretaries.
- Debbie Souter (Southey) and Charlotte Emanuel (Egham) are going to take over the Amy Rose squad, and hope to arrange games for the girls against other County Junior sides. We have lost some of the senior girls and are now a very young squad. If you know of any girls out there playing, at any standard, or are thinking of taking up the sport please let Debbie or Charlotte know about them.
- There are going to be 2 Secretaries Meetings in April and all clubs are encouraged to send somebody to the meeting if the secretary is unable to attend. All clubs have been emailed about them – 18th April at Wey Valley and 19th April at Shirley Park, both at 7pm.
- Sheron read out the lovely letter sent by Jackie Taylor following her retirement gift. In it she thanked Sheron for organising her amazing day at Arsenal Football Club.
- The Selectors would like the thoughts of the clubs re the playing of non Surrey badged players in the John's and Walker Cup teams. Selectors are mindful of Bowls England Rules which state you don't

have to have your badge to play in these teams. Is this fair to the Ladies who are striving to get their County Badge? Please bring your thoughts back to the next meeting.

- We are working on the unified County Constitution – 3 Ladies and 3 Men, coming from 2 very diverse areas – we have zones they have areas and both very different: we have points for our badge and they reach certain rounds of County competitions to get theirs. We will then be titled “Bowls Surrey”, but how long this will take to complete remains to be seen.
- Bowls Development - we are always looking to recruit new members and some of the London Boroughs have a pot of money which can go to clubs who complete the necessary forms. The London Borough Development Officer has resigned and we are now looking for somebody who is prepared to work with the clubs.

Treasurers Report – Zoë Hollins

I haven't got a lot to say at the moment as I am trying to get my head around the accounts. There are audited accounts in your Year Book and if you have any questions please ask, but I will have a full report at the next meeting.

I do want to bring down the fees for the matches. They will be £14.00 and £8.00 for reserves this season but I do hope to bring them down further next year. All will be dependant on how we do this year.

We have 4 coaches this year and we would love for you to think about coming to support the County on these games. The coach cost will be £5.00 and every little helps towards bringing down the overall costs. The dinner - it is a shame when players have done so much to win their trophies and there are not too many attendees at the dinner to support them. We desperately need to get the numbers back up again. The more who attend the cheaper it is across the board.

I do have the forms for the 200 club going forward from October if you want to complete them now.

Competition Secretary – Jean Hewett

On behalf on Ann and myself we wish you all a very happy and succesful season.

Benevolent Triples has gone back to one day and a prelim round if necessary.

The semi finals day – 9th and 10th July

In case of double-ups we have the 2 days booked but the Juniors will be playing their games on the Sunday so they won't need to take time off from school/college or work. We ask as many of you as possible to come along and support them.

All additional dates are clear in the Year Book.

Zone 2 only has on half of the 4 wood singles draw in the Year Book, so please collect an amended sheet from Sheron

Jacqui Poat thanked every one for their support, her house will be on the market at Easter and who knows when she will move. Jacqui will continue with the Officers Cup results so please use her mobile number – 07788204049 email address – jpo4t@btinternet.com.

Bowls England Delegate Report

In the absence of Pauline we don't have a report but we need to inform you the Bowls England Affiliation fees for 2018 will remain the same.

Bowls England are holding regional meetings which will be open to all bowlers and that is where Jackie Taylor is today representing us.

Year Book Secretary

Nothing to report but there are many year books still here to be taken

Shân on behalf of us all thanked Marianne for all her hard work

Benevolent Secretary's Report

Balance at 31.03.17 £9,624.71

Since the New Year several cards have been sent out plus gifts to the following Ladies:-

Joyce Parker (Croydon), Valerie Craig (Chessington), Carolyn Stevens (Milford)

Sybil Sadler (Woking Park) Barbara Rourke (Banstead Neville) and Norma Beales (Egham)

Please contact men by email if you have someone needing to be cheered up and let me have your club donations by early September so they can be included in the 2018 Year Book.

200 Club Draw

December		April	
£45.00	Pat Dawson Taylor (7)	£45.00	Sheron Mitchell (29)
£15.00	Pauline Biddlecombe (107)	£15.00	Pat Dawson Taylor (7)
£5.00	Sheila Seddon (10)	£5.00	Jean Hewett (33)

Zone Secretary Report

Pat Chappell – letters in all the envelopes and hope that the support from last year will continue. Apologies for 2 games will not be able to play but Chris Jenkins will officiate

Val Hobart – All Clubs have letters in their envelopes

Jean Colvin – all clubs sent an email and looking forward to hearing from the girls

Marion Beach – 137 letters sent in the envelopes and hopefully the support will continue

All games to be played at Sutton and are now on a Thursday – hopefully this will help with travelling.

You don't have to have your County Badge to play in these games, just enter county Competitions for tht season. All John's and Walker Cup team members are unable to play

Date of next Meeting – **3rd October 2017 at 1pm Mansel Centre Wimbledon SW19 4AA**

Thank you to Margaret Court and Maggi Randall for the teas today

October teas – Mary Cathcart (Cheam Ladies) and Pam Jones (Heathfield)

Any Other Business

President Shân – her tour this year is going to Carmarthen and you don't have to be a badged player to go. Anyone interested please contact her or Jan. Shân also mentioned her charity for this year is Diabetes UK. Secretary Sheron – you will see on my right that Gill Platt is doing a sterling job selling some of the stock we no longer need. On taking over from Jackie we have 299 scarves, many Patron's spoons, old John's Uniform and 3 blazers. We are asking any of you who would like to buy anything please do because otherwise it will be sent away. All monies will go into the County coffers

Finally just come out are the new County Baseball caps at £7.00 each

Sylvia Russell (Cheam Fields) The notice for the secretary's meetings is very short please could we have more notice in future

Pat Chappell (West Wimbledon) – with the third and fourth play offs for the competitions do we need to review the points given? Would the third winner get an extra point? Sheron replied it was not something that had been thought about but the executive will discuss at their next meeting.

Sheila Absolon (Temple)- Is the Bowls Roadshow still available? – Sheron thought so but will look into it.

No further business

Meeting closed 14.12hrs