



## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AT MANSEL ROAD CENTRE WIMBLEDON

Those Present: President Mrs S. Maylin, SVP Mrs D. Roberts, JVP Mrs P. Bruno, Secretary Mrs S. Mitchell, Asst Sec Mrs J. Pedersen, Treasurer Mrs Z. Hollins, Competition Secretarys Mrs A. Rapley and Mrs J. Hewett,

B.E. Delegate Mrs P. Biddlecombe: Benevolent Secretary Mrs C. Duarte: Life Members Miss R. Potheary and Mrs J. Taylor: Past Presidents, Mrs G. Bonnell, Mrs T. Davis, Mrs V. Pickering and Mrs E. Wheaton: Zone Secretarys Mrs P. Chappell, Mrs V. Hobart, Mrs J. Colvin and Mrs M. Beach and 38 Delegates

Before the meeting commenced President Shân asked for a minutes silence to be observed for those ladies we have lost since last we met: Liz Tracey (Sutton), Marjorie Heath (Old Coulsdon), Elsie Sheldrick (Caterham), Honor Goodge (Auriol Park), Maureen James, Barbara Radley, and Jean Carder MBE.

Apologies for Absence: Match Secretary Pam Garden: Life Member Gill Platt: Past Presidents Mrs A. Bolton and Mrs M. Vandrau and 7 Delegates

Minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 having been circulated were taken as read and proposed for acceptance by Gill Bonnell (Cheam Fields), seconded by Bobbie Potheary (West Byfleet) and signed by the President.

### **Matters Arising**

- Sylvia Russell (Cheam Fields) asked for clarification re the smoking rule – Surrey Ladies adhere to B.E. Rules which state No Smoking within one metre of the green. We as an association cannot dictate rules at club level should you wish to move from B.E. ruling. Please remember County and National Competitions/Championships come under B.E jurisdiction.
- Presentation Dinner – ladies were asked to take back to their clubs the idea of a luncheon as opposed to a dinner. Sheron has enquired at Silvermere and they would let us hire the room at £900.00 and we would have to self serve with a carvery. Could look into somewhere else if anybody has an idea. – Guildford Cathedral Refectory was suggested, but later confirmed they do not hire out or do party lunches  
Comments from the floor –  
Many Counties do have a luncheon, we are one of the few counties who has a dinner: Should we try it and see as many ladies do not like driving at night.: as we are an ageing group would more attend if it was earlier in the day: would the men still be invited? It would need to be a weekend day to accommodate workers.  
What time would the event start – not too early to enable the preparation of the Trophies and Prizes.: Ann Rapley (Comp Sec) would prefer to keep an evening as it gives them more time.  
General opinion seems to be considering a luncheon. Egham would agree a luncheon if it was held on a Saturday
- John's and Walker Selection  
Clubs were asked to give the Council their thoughts on the selection of unbadged players for the John's and Walker Squad.  
We have not used unbadged players within the County as ladies work hard to get their badge and it is seen as a natural progression to seek selection for the John's and Walker Squad. Using unbadged players could be seen as demeaning the value of the badge. The B E. ruling is that it is not necessary to have County Badges.  
Comments from the floor –  
Would we consider ladies who have points towards their badge but not actually achieved it?  
What about players coming in from other Counties – if these Ladies are current John's and Walker players for that County then they are given their badge, but if not they need to earn their Surrey Badge  
Do the selectors visit clubs/zone games to see the how players are progressing – Yes  
Jean Colvin (Zone 3 Sec) has found that using unbadged players in the zone games has upset badged players, but if they are not making themselves available we need to look elsewhere for the players.  
We have discussed this before and if we go down this road with the John's /Walker selection will it cause the same unrest ?  
How do we gauge the selection process – good quality bowlers with experience and consistency within the County Competitions is what we need. This was generally felt to be the right way forward  
All comments made will be taken on board by the Selectors.

### **Bowls England Delegate Report – Pauline Biddlecombe**

Bowls England News – Development Programme launched to support clubs and increase participation. Club Contact to have a copy of Alistair Hollis' document dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 which outlines the initiative. – if your club does not have a copy ring the office and ask for one.  
On 20<sup>th</sup> August the atmosphere at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa was electric – to receive the President of the Commonwealth Games Federation carrying the Queen's Baton as part of the "Queen's Baton Relay Team" on its way to the gold Coast in Australia . Victoria Park will host the

Lawn Bowls and Para Lawn Bowls if Birmingham's bid for 2022 is successful. Following South Africa's withdrawal, Birmingham will be up against Toronto (Canada) and Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia).

We are pleased to announce that Margaret Smith (Sutton) will be playing two in Ellen Faulkner's rink and Debbie Seward (Egham) two to Natalie Chesney for England in the British Isles Women's Bowling Council's International Series at the Belmont Bowling Club in Belfast 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018. 2018 Bowls England National competition Entry Forms are now available.

### **Secretary's Annual Report – Sheron Mitchell**

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

### **Treasurer's Report – Zoë Hollins**

It is too early to give you a draft set of accounts at the moment as the year only finished a few days ago but I am working on them so will have a draft set by the AGM.

We reduced the match fees to £14.00 from £14.50 this year, which I hope has helped. The cost of the coaches are where we need to concentrate on to reduce the burden on the County and players fees.

We obtain the best prices but they are still expensive. If again I ask that when we play away we try and encourage other people to come either to the match or visit the area we are playing at, as these will help reduce the costs of course to the County. We are also trying to see if the men's matches can be played on the same day if they are also in the same County but this takes years to coordinate but we are working on this too.

The extra sponsorship we received from Leighton's of £500.00 has helped towards our running costs as well as the Co-ops sponsorship. Next year these costs will be greater, because we will have to play one of the John's rounds on the Isle of Wight, whereas they came to us this year.

To cut a long story short I am unable to reduce the match fees anymore this year and they will stay at £14.00

I will try and present the accounts this year, in a slightly easier format to help you read and understand them better, so watch this space!!

Our dinner tickets are selling quite well but we need more support to try and keep these costs down as much as possible. The raffle goes a long way to help these costs therefore please can you bring prizes when you come to the dinner, they will be much appreciated.

The Bowls England Dinner is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November in Solihull. If anyone would like to go please let me know. Marianne has put the information on the website therefore if you could download it and send it to me along with your dinner choice and payment as soon as possible as the closing date is 27<sup>th</sup> October. I need your form and money by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to ensure your place at this dinner.

I hope you find the 200 club forms easier now they are on the website. Of course we want as many people as possible to contribute as this helps the County and of course increases the prize money.

There will be two prize draws this year, one at November's AGM and the other at the April 2018 Council Meeting

Please write ALL cheques out in full NOT SCWBA.

I am also working with the Surrey Men's Association to try perhaps amalgamating some costs to achieve any possible savings. Amalgamating the Associations will in years to come help with our finances however in the meantime we need to continually work towards monitoring our expenses wherever possible which in turn should keep our subscriptions etc down.

I don't have anymore to say at the moment but if you have any questions I will do my best to answer them where I can.

### **President's Addendum – Shân Maylin**

I have had a terrific time as your President.

The year began in earnest, in late April and early May when I had the honor of presenting 5 very hard working and deserving ladies their Loyal Service Awards as well as seeing 8 newly qualified ladies receive their County Badge. I also had the privilege of playing with friends, old and new, in the County games.

In June I proudly watched the Egham quartet win the Fours in the British Isles Championships in Llandrindod Wells followed by England's win in the Home Internationals.

It was so pleasing to see Debbie Sarratt play well in all 4 games which has resulted in her being selected for England, again, next year. I witnessed Margaret Smith be a wonderful, supportive reserve and am absolutely delighted that she has rightfully been recalled to play in the team in Belfast in 2018. Congratulations to both.

Leamington Spa, in August, proved to be a bit of a route march for the fortnight with 3 representatives in each of the disciplines. This meant flitting from A to E greens, with a stop in between, to try to support everyone. Everybody tried so hard to be successful but, as we all know, we can't all win. None the less Surrey did feature in the latter stages, as Sheron has already mentioned. On a purely selfish note, the icing on the cake was the final of the National Fours as I played in it and cursed that we didn't win! Never mind we were there and there's always next year.

President's Day proved interesting as rain prevented any play. None the less, not down hearted, we retired to the clubhouse and played bingo!! In spite of the weather, the hilarity, banter and laughter shone through and I believe from the comments and cards I received, a good day was had by all. My grateful thanks to everyone who supported the raffle and made donations as my chosen charity. Diabetes UK, were the real winners on the day as we raised £900.00. I will notify you of the final amount raised in the President's Addendum in next year's County Handbook. I have been humbled and thrilled by people's generosity and it's not too late to contribute.

Last August saw my County tour to Carmarthen, in Wales. From the start we were blessed with wonderful tourists and glorious weather. The girls did me proud as we won 4 of the 5 games – only losing to one club who loaded their team with an array of Welsh International players – but we put up a good fight! Wherever we went we were greeted so warmly and made so welcome. My charity also benefitted by £130.00 collected

in fines by a couple of girls, fondly known as Minder and Snitch!! Nobody escaped them! The whole week was tremendous from start to finish with the wonderful weather and the magnificent company – hilarity was the order of the day, everyday  
Dorothy will be taking her tour to Worcester next year so get your names down early to avoid disappointment.

As my Presidential Year draws to a close I will look back on it with huge fondness and gratitude that it went remarkably smoothly. This is due to the continued support I've had from my own club, Southey, my seconders, Supreme, and of course the Executive Team, who have been with me every step of the way. However, I cannot ignore the encouragement I have received from so many Surrey ladies, too numerous to mention. I thank you all profusely – you have made it so worthwhile. I have been proud to be your President and only hope I have done you and Surrey proud too  
Thank you

**Competition Secretaries** have nothing to report

### **Benevolent Secretary – Caroline Duarte**

Donations           £989.12  
Expenditure       £891.03  
Bank Balance       £9,972.21

Good afternoon Ladies, please bear with me as I only took over the responsibilities of Benevolent Secretary just over a month ago, As Jill left it in good order it was not too difficult to pick up the strands.

We wish her well now and in the future.

Just a reminder that the renewal date from 31st August to the 30th September which falls in line with the main Surrey County Women's Bowling Association account. This hopefully will help clubs with their planning and making of any donations. A gentle reminder that when sending in your cheques could you write a short covering note so that it can be filed in the correct place.

I understand gifts and cards have continued throughout the year helping to cheer up our ladies if they have been unwell or suffered accidents. Either flowers/plants or gift vouchers have been sent, depending on preference. Club members or friends have been asked to purchase these gifts sending a receipt in and a cheque sent back in return.

Christmas gift requests continue to show a downward trend, but, judging by the thank you letters, still very welcome. Would delegates please let me have their requests by 31st October these will be ready for collection at the November AGM

Sadly we have had several of our members pass away this year and sympathy cards have been forwarded to their families and partners.

Please ring or email me (details of which are on the website) if you are unsure about any of the areas that the Benevolent Fund covers.

### **Zone Secretary Reports**

Zone 1 – Pat Chappell

We won !!!

This is the second time in my tenure as Zone 1 secretary that we have won the Phyll Hill Trophy. I was not present at the first two rounds (holiday) so I must thank Chris Jenkins (Wandilea) for all her help and support. She has become Zone 1b secretary for me. I would also like to thank the 4 girls from Mitcham Playing as a rink, successfully I might add, as (I would not have had a team without them. The move to a Friday might alleviate the problem.

I would like to thank the other 3 Zone Secretaries for their hard work in getting teams together so this competition can take place

Sharon reiterated, that in her recent email to the clubs, Zones 1a and 1b have been amalgamated for next season

Zone 2 – Val Hobart

Hello Everyone

As this is my first year as Zone 2 secretary, I apologise if I have made any mistakes, hopefully I will get it right next year!

We played all our games at Sutton Bowls Club, many thanks for their hospitality and for providing the refreshments before and at the end of the matches.

Our first game was on the 10th August and we played Zone 1, winning by 1 shot 77 – 76, would like to think this is the start of something good.

Second game was 17th August and we played against Zone 3 and we did not fare well as we lost 66 – 88, still, so far so good, one win one loss.

The final game was on the 24th August, plying zone 4, alas we tried very hard but our score was sadly 62 - 98, I now realize you cannot win them all!!

My sincere thanks to all who played in the matches, but this last game was particularly difficult as it was the same day as the Borough of Croydon Finals Day and many players who may have played were busy elsewhere playing in the finals.

Hopefully next year we can improve our position as this year I believe we drew with Zone 4, all with the view we can get higher next year !!!

Zone 3 – Jean Colvin

Firstly I would like to thank my predecessor Jean Watson for all her help and a big thank you to Sharon for her patience with me

After a bit of a sticky start, I seemed to get the hang of things. Having always enjoyed the Zone games as a player, I now know the other side of things.

Zone 3 played all 3 matches, winning the first two – three rinks to one but losing the final game to Zone 1 who were the eventual winners. Our congratulations goes to them. I must admit that despite some illness, I had a good response from my Ladies.  
After the announcement from Sheron about next year's matches being on a Friday and starting earlier, I have had mainly positive feedback. Only one person has responded to me directly saying that there should be trial ends and 3's up as it isn't fair to rush the games and maybe we should start them earlier to enable us to finish by 2pm  
I would like to thank all my ladies for all their help and cooperation

#### **Zone 4 – Marion Beach**

This year Zone 4 games have been very difficult. I sent out 131 letters and received 13 replies.  
Apart from 2 ladies who enjoyed the games I have once again had no support from the biggest clubs in my Zone.

One of the excuses (apart from the change of day) is travelling to Sutton, but I would have been pleased if they had played just one game. If they had got through to the semi-finals of the Surreys there would not have been a problem with the travelling.

Next year we are back to Friday with an earlier start time so I hope I will get a better response.

I would like to give a big thank you to the ladies who did support me and to say well done to Zone 1.

Thanks also to Sutton for their hospitality.

**JVP 2018** – there is nobody in line at present, but we are in discussion with somebody

**Dinner 2017** – to be held at Silvermere, “Inn on the Lake” , Redhill Road, Cobham KT11 1EF, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 6.15 for 7pm.

Please remind all semi finalists they are expected to attend

**Year Book Secretary** – Marianne Ward – nothing to report

The Council would like to give Marianne a great big thank you for our wonderful website

#### **Safeguarding Officer**

The Board Manager (Derek Harvey), and Sheron are meeting with Chelsea Brady (Tongham) on 15<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the role

#### **Constitution and Rule Changes**

The new joint Constitution will be circulated, with any amendments following the four regional meetings held September.

It is to be approved by the Ladies at our AGM

Rule changes will be in next year's handbook

**Date of Next Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**

**Reminder of the AGM – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Leatherhaed Leisure Centre 1pm for 1.15pm**

#### **Any Other Business**

- Edna Wheaton (Mid Surrey) was not aware of the amalgamation of Zones 1a and 1b and feels certain the ladies from her club will not enter County Competitions due to the travelling.
- There was talk of moving clubs into Zone 1 – will that happen?  
There has been a working party looking at movement of clubs within the zones but on reflection it held no mileage.
- Sheron - we are no longer holding large stocks of County Uniform – anyone needing a new shirt or jacket let her know asap as order going in at the end of November and this takes about 11 weeks to complete

Meeting Closed 14.45