



SURREY COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT Mrs Shân Maylin

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**  
**AT LEATHERHEAD LEISURE CENTRE Guildford road, Leatherhead KT22 9BL**

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, Match Secretary Mrs P. Garden, Competition Secs, Mrs J. Hewett and Mrs A. Rapley; Webmaster and Year Book Secretary Miss M. Ward; Bowls England Delegate Mrs P. Biddlecombe, Board Manager Mr D. Harvey  
Life Members: Mrs G. Platt, Miss R. Potheary and Mrs J. Taylor.  
Past Presidents: Mrs A. Bolton, Mrs G. Bonnell, Mrs T. Davis, Mrs V. Pickering, Mrs M. Stone, Mrs M. Vandrau and Mrs E. Wheaton.  
70 Delegates and 12 guests.

President Shân called the meeting to order at 1.16pm and asked for a minutes silence in memory of the ladies we have lost over the past year.  
She then welcomed everybody to the AGM, especially those attending for the first time.  
Shân introduced Derek Harvey, county Administrator and Board Manager, to the meeting.  
Sharon asked for an amendment to item 10 on the agenda – The JVP nominee from Hampshire is Paul Robson not Paul Foster.

**1. Notice Convening the Meeting**

Secretary Sharon read the notice convening the meeting.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Mrs P. Chappell and Mrs V. Hobart, Zone Secretaries and 16 delegates

**3. Minutes of the Last AGM**

Minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016, having been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read, proposed for acceptance by Gill Bonnell (Cheam Fields) and seconded by Linda Pillman (Ember).  
Approved by all present and signed by the President.

**4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**5. Secretary's Report – Sharon Mitchell**

This was read at the October Council Meeting and circulated in the AGM Agenda.  
There were no questions arising, proposed for acceptance by Sylvia Russell (Cheam Fields) and seconded by Bobbie Potheary (West Byfleet)

**6. Financial Statement – Zöe Hollins**

Expenditure and Income

Bowls England (BE) and Income wipes its face

Surrey County Women's Bowling Association

Officer's Expenses – greater this year mainly due to more meetings e.g. work on amalgamating Constitution with the men etc., and Leamington visits. We are constantly looking at these costs and trying to keep them down as much as possible

Our Verifier does not charge us, or the men, for auditing our accounts. I will be sending him a basket of fruit to thank him.

Sundry Expenses – if you take the expenses away from the income the nett effect is £2212.05. Made up of money from our sponsors and receipts from BE for competition prize monies. I will separate this out next year as I show the payments out seperately of £1031.49 – Sorry missed that!

The match fees and income also nett out to £890.66 – these extra monies go towards our coach costs. We managed to reduce the match fees to £14.00 this year instead fo £14.50. We will maintain the fee at £14.00 next year too, as we are unable to reduce this fee next year, especially as we play the Isle of Wight, on the island, in the John's. These cost will be greater by at least £1000.00, although our committee is working hard to get these costs as low as possible. If anyone would like to join us on the Isle of Wight for this match, your contribution towards the coach costs as well as supporting the team. There will of course be a limited number of places, so first come first come first served. If you are interested please let Sharon know as soon as possible.

The accounts show a greater surplus this year but there was income of £2900.00 relating to previous year which I was unaware of.

Now the Balance Sheet

In previous accounts, we didn't show the no:2 account. This is a bank account mainly used for the Presidential tour, to enable monies to be kept seperately. The balance of £8721.00 is monies Jackie put aside over the years to cover the Trophy Insurance and other things. I am going to try and get separate insurance cover now, because of the increase in the value of our trophies and Presidential Regalia. I will co-ordinate with the Men's insurers and hopefully be able to do a deal incorporating both associations. Our Trophies and

Regalia have been valued at £97,500.00, so if you have one please look after it! The thought is we need to find "a Home" for them, maybe find a cabinet within a clubhouse.

The stock we used to have has been completely written off. They were mainly our old yellow shirts and cardigans as well as the old John's outfits. Not sure what made up the rest but have now taken this money off the balance sheet by £14925.24.

I think that covers everything, however if you would like to ask me any questions, I will do my best to answer them.

No question - Proposed for acceptance by Gill Sperring (Epsom Ladies) and seconded by Janet Hutchison (Sutton). Agreed by all present

#### **7. Benevolent Fund Statement – Caroline Duarte**

President Shân, Executive and Delegates

I would like to thank all clubs for their donations throughout the year, the accounts look in a healthy position with a balance of £10,300.

Please note that the financial year starts 1<sup>st</sup> October and ends 30<sup>th</sup> September, to fall in line with the main SWCBA accounts.

Please continue to contact me if members are ill, had an operation or just generally debilitated.

The Christmas gifts are ready for collection today so those clubs who have nominated their members, please remember to collect them. The number of requests has tended to follow a trend of decreasing in 2015-21, 2016-17 and this year 13. This is a little worrying, especially as the County is aware there are greater numbers of members that could be nominated and be very happy and pleased to think we are thinking of them.

Finally, I would like to thank Sylvia Russell who has audited the Benevolent Fund Accounts, and please accept a gift from us – Sylvia presented with a floral thank you

There were no questions for Caroline.

Accounts proposed for acceptance by Maureen Vandrau (Sutton) seconded by Maureen Stone (Sutton)

#### **8. Bowls England Delegates Report – Pauline Biddlecombe**

Donna Knight (Oxford City and Council) our National Champion in 2016 competed in the World Champion of Champions Singles at St John's Park BC Sydney, Australia recently and secured the Bronze Medal.

Hampshire's Paul Robson has been successful in the voting to secure the Bowls England Junior Vice President and will be elected at the AGM in February 2018

Junior Men's British Isles and International Series will be held at the Essex County Bowling Club in 2019

Coach Bowls has announced that GB and England Javelin Coach, David Turner will lead the working with Children and Young People workshop at its first Conference to be held at Woodland Grange Hotel in Royal Leamington Spa on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. David has co-authored several books on coaching children and is a huge advocate of the Youth Physical Development Model.

Bowls Squad to participate in the Commonwealth Games 2018 has been announced: Sophie Tolchard, Ellen Faulkner, Sian Honor, Natalie Chestney, Katherine Rednall, Jamie Chestney, Sam Tolchard, David Bolt, Robert Paxton and Louis Ridout, with Kieran Rollings, Paul Brown and Mike Robertson in the Para Triples, and Steve Simmons and Alison Yearling in the Visually Impaired Pairs.

Potters Bar BC Couple – Rod and Sandra Smale have been rewarded for their dedication and skill as volunteer greenkeepers by the Institute of Groundsmanship.

Apparently the members were complaining about the club green so Rod and Sandra took on the job!

Full reports of all the afore-mentioned can be found on the Bowls England website.

The Bowls England Counties Meeting which will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November – this is more informal than the AGM which is held in February 2018 – and items on the Agenda will include a proposition from Norfolk to introduce a plate competition for those teams who lose in the first round of the Amy Rose Bowl. Also a presentation by the Independent Director, Adam Tanner – Data Protection Regulation and the implications for Bowls England, County Associations and Clubs.. Other items for discussion will be the feedback of the Regional Meetings and New Governance Structure, White Rose Trophy – format for 2019 and onwards and the Balcombe Trophy/Walker Cup/White Rose Trophy.

Time permitting a Special General Meeting will follow the Counties Meeting to receive two propositions which should be implemented from the February AGM:

To approve the New Governance Structure for Bowls England and its implementation from the February 2018 AGM as illustrated to empower the Board to amend the Articles of Association/Rules and Regulations as necessary to reflect the New Governance Structure for approval by Members at the February 2018 AGM. And finally the bit I forgot!!! To remind all clubs and or Counties that if a problem arises which may need a disciplinary then Bowls England Regulation 9 must be followed.

#### **9. Election of Scrutineers**

4 Ladies offered to be scrutineers should they be needed

Maureen Vandrau (Sutton), Edna Wheaton (Mid Surrey), Des Hanreck (Ashted) Liz Fry (Purley)

#### **10. Bowls England Presidential Team**

Surrey have voted for Paul Robson (Hampshire) for the JVP

#### **11. Vote of Thanks – Gill Platt, Life Member (Milford)**

Our Executive Committee work extremely hard keeping our Association in top working order. They have to implement all the edits that come from Bowls England and also now liaise with the Surrey Men, so that we all work as a cohesive team.

We get up to date information on changes that have and may take place: the minutes of all the meetings are produced very efficiently: we are solvent: we all love our County Matches: the County Competitions run like clockwork and we all appreciate the wonderful prizes we get winning and being a runner up in these competitions: the website is brilliant with so much information on it and our webmistress keeps it so up to

date, visit it and have a look; we are all looked after when we are poorly and our vulnerable members are cared for.

We appreciate everything our Officers do that make our County, Surrey, the best and successful in the Country, so from the Life Members, Club Secretaries, all the delegates that are here today we say Thank you.

## 12. Election of Officers

Secretary Sheron read the list of All Officers as in the Agenda

Proposed for acceptance by Gill Platt (Milford) and seconded Marion Beach (Windlesham)

Shân presented Dorothy with her Chain of Office

Dorothy – I feel it is a great honour to serve as your President for the forthcoming year. I have a hard act to follow, but I will do the best I can, with I know, lot of support.

I must thank my home club Purley for the nomination and really appreciate the backing they always give me.

The years as Junior and then Senior has passed extremely quickly. I have visited many, many clubs and here I am wearing the gold chain for Surrey County for the year 2018.

I hope 2018 will be a wonderful year of successful bowling for all of us – we have good weather and that we take the opportunity to renew and expand the valued friendships we have made over the years in all the Surrey Clubs and those clubs we visit in other Counties.

As in past years, our success in Surrey will depend on the continued support and guidance given by those hard working Ladies on the Executive, and those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to help “make things happen” and of course the support from everyone of you.

Congratulations to the two Surrey Ladies who will represent England in Belfast in the summer, namely Margaret Smith and Debbie Seward, and all being well I will be there to clap and shout.

This summer, 2018, with luck our bowls will find themselves nearest the jack, we'll have loads of fun, and more importantly, will stay healthy and happy.

The Charity for my term will be British Lung Foundation and I hope everyone will be generous and that I can give a substantial donation at year end, for this worthy cause.

As an antipodean, if I do say, or do things that sometimes seem to be upside down and back to front, don't worry I know what I mean.

Thank you Ladies

The Ladies of Purley presented Dorothy with a bouquet.

Shân then presented Penny with her Senior Vice President badge.

Shân presented Charlotte with her Junior Vice President's badge

Charlotte – President Dorothy, Ladies and Gentleman of Surrey

Wow...my first speech and I have to admit I am terrified. Not just of standing up in front of you all but taking on this role and following in the footsteps of such wonderful Ladies. I was told yesterday I would be expected to say a few words and that my allotted time slot is about one minute.. so here goes. I am going to cheat and start the timer now

I must thank Chertsey and Ember and all the other clubs (Burpham, Castle Green, Heathvale, Mayford Hall, Oxshott, Walton-on-Thames, Weybridge and Oatlands Park) that wrote wonderfully kind letters of support for me. I really am very grateful that you think that I am worthy of this position.

I must also thank Penny for asking me to be her Junior and Shân for answering so many questions. I also need to thank one very special Ex President, she knows who she is. She really has been very supportive and very reassuring as I start my journey to what is the most honoured role in the County. I must also thank the many members of Egham B.C. who have let me know that I have their support. My final thank you has to go to my husband Barrie, for his words of calm and wisdom without which I really couldn't do this.

I am very excited and for those of you who know me, you know that I am a bit different to most people. I am a bit like my top ..a bit messy!! Beautifully hand crafted and absolutely one of a kind! I also am really not keen on conforming .. 25 years bowling and I still don't own a blazer! Let's hope Santa knows...

I can however promise you this, I will work hard and try not to make many mistakes. Above all else I will try to make you all proud and I assure you I will do all of this with a smile on my face.

Thank you.

Dorothy presented Shân with her Immediate Past President's Badge and a memento of her year in office.

## 13. Propositions from Bowls England and Surrey

Nil

## 14. Election of Zone Secretaries (Rule 5.1.2.1)

Zone 1 – Pat Chappell (West Wimbledon)

Zone 2 – Val Hobart (Purley Bury)

Zone 3 – Jean Colvin (Sutton)

Zone 4 – Marion Beach (Windlesham)

Unanimous vote for the above Ladies.

## 15. Election of Sub-Committees

a) Selection: Officer as per rule and one representative from each competition zone (Rule 9.2.3)

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)

Standing for Election

Mrs P. Biddlecombe

Miss R' Potheary

Mrs J. Taylor

Unanimously voted in,

c) Executive : Officers as per rule (Rule 9.2.1)

d) Dinner: Officers as per rule (Rule 9.2.2)

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

## **16. Changes to the Constitution Requiring Acceptance By the AGM**

Sheron introduced the proposal for the Association to adopt a new Unified Constitution, which will replace the administrative aspects of the SCBA and SCWBA constitutions and will come into effect from the Joint 2018 AGM. Following detailed discussions with both Associations, over several months, the administration of the Unified body has been carefully reviewed. These discussions and meetings with members of both Associations, has resulted in the revised constitution which is put before you today. An addendum to the Constitution which includes all previous rules and regulations/bylaws, and those items reclassified from the previous constitutions are at present being compiled. It will include relevant information from both Associations and will be published as soon as possible. The present Rules and Regulations/Bylaws should be used prior to the distribution of the new document.

Derek Harvey confirmed all that Sheron had said.

A motion to adopt the new Constitution was read by Sheron

“The Unified Organisation be renamed “Bowls Surrey” and the new Constitution adopted. This includes the provision of a single AGM, where delegates from both Associations are invited to attend”

The motion for the adoption of the Constitution was proposed by Gwenda Cochrane (Imber Court and seconded Tricia Squibb (Burpham). Carried unanimously

## **17. Any Other Business**

17.1	200 Club Draw	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£125	Dorothy Roberts
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£75	Sheila Absolon
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£50	Pat Chappell

### 17.2 Date of the Next Council Meeting

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 13.00 venue to be advised.

Secretary and Treasurer to look at a hall in Cheam – Peaches Road

## **18. Shân thanked the Ladies, Pam Jones and Jackie Tytherleigh, for doing the teas at the October Council Meeting and asked for two ladies for the April meeting.**

Monies raised for Shân’s Charity – Diabetes UK £4,200.00

Meeting closed 2.10pm