



SURREY COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT Mrs Dorothy Roberts

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## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2018 AT MANSEL CENTRE WIMBLEDON

Those present: President Mrs D. Roberts, SVP Mrs P. Bruno, JVP Mrs C. Emanuel, IPP Mrs S. Maylin, Secretary Mrs S. Mitchell, Asst Sec Mrs J. Pedersen, Treasurer Mrs Z. Hollins, Comp. Secs Mrs J. Hewett and Mrs A. Rapley.  
B.E. Delegate Mrs P. Biddlecombe, Benevolent Sec and Treasurer Mrs C. Duarte, Webmistress and Year Book Secretary Miss M. Ward, Life Members Miss R. Potheary, and Mrs J. Taylor, Past Presidents Mrs A. Bolton, Mrs G. Bonnell, Mrs T. Davis, Mrs V. Pickering.  
Zone Secretaries, Mrs P. Chappell, Mrs J. Colvin and Mrs M. Beach  
39 delegates.

Prior to the start of the meeting those present were asked to stand to remember those we have lost during the year. President Dorothy read the names of the Ladies (The list can be found on the website)

Apologies for absence: Match Secretary Mrs P. Garden, Safeguarding Officer Miss C. Brady. Past Presidents Mrs M. Stone and Mrs M. Vandrau, Zone 2 Sec Mrs V. Hobart and 20 delegates

Minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 having been circulated were taken as read. Proposed for acceptance Mrs G. Bonnell (Cheam Fields) and seconded Mrs P. Biddlecombe (Southey) and signed by the President.

### Matters Arising

The set dates for Ladies Top Club – there is no room for manouvre from Bowls England and within the County calendar

Secretary's Annual Report was read by Sheron and a copy will be available on the website.

### Finance Report – Zoe Hollins

We will increase the subscriptions this year by 40p therefore instead of £3.60 they will be £4.00. Everything else stays the same. This increase will bring in circa £1000.00 extra, which of course is based on the number of Ladies affiliated.

I hope this little extra will help ensure that our costs are able to stay the same and under control.

The men proposed £1.40p however we vetoed this and they have agreed to increase theirs by 40p too this year.

Competition and BE fees stay the same as in our year book at £4.00. Sheron and Marianne have done a really good job in keeping these costs in order so that we can maintain this price.

We need the support of you all for our County Dinner, which based on last year was a great success and proved a better evening without the music. More people stayed on and chatted etc. I hope you all find it equally enjoyable this year too.

At the moment we are well down on last years 200 Club, therefore I ask for your support. The prize money is based on the entries so please ask as many as possible to join.

I'm unable to give the accounts yet as we've only just finished the year but it is showing a profit of £6K, which is slightly less than last year, and I have had to write off some very old cheques of £2,740.00 therefore inflating the profit figure. Without these write offs, profits would only be in the region of £3K.

Our match expenses are greater this year because of our trip to the Isle of Wight in the Johns, which of course you know was a great success. Next year we will not have these costs but they amounted to circa £2K being the majority for the coach hire etc.

This year 2018 I asked as many Ladies as possible to pay their match fees direct to the bank. This was voluntary however, next year it will be compulsory.

I ask that when you have the sheet returned stating which matches you have been selected for, you make your payment directly. The fees will be the same, £14.00 for each match.

If you do not do internet banking please send your cheques to me as soon as possible. As you know we select the first half and the second half later, however I ask that you send the money in as soon as you know how many games you are playing.

This year I repaid any monies for matches you were unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. Next year we will require 4 weeks notice if you want to receive a full refund, which should give us enough time to contact the reserves etc. If it is at the last minute then your fees will transfer to the Lady taking your place unless you are unable to play due to sickness or last minute emergencies.

I think they worked well this year and it all helps to keep the costs to a minimum and not have to pay expenses for additional Executive Members to attend these matches whilst not playing.

I think I have finished but if there are any questions I would be happy to answer where I can.

### President's Addendum – Dorothy Roberts

I have been honoured and proud to be your President for what has turned out to be a very successful year for our bowlers of Surrey.

Two Loyal Service Awards were presented to two amazed recipients who were put forward for their loyal service and hard work for their Clubs.

Thank you to those clubs for their wonderful hospitality to us all after the presentations.

A highlight of the year was to travel to Belfast to see Margaret Smith and Debbie Seward play for England. I had the pleasure of awarding 22 badges to Ladies who qualified for their Surrey Badge. I hope you enjoyed your games and will support Surrey against the other Counties. Congratulations to the other Ladies who have qualified for their badge this year. Well done to you all.

I thank the Ladies of Purley for their never ending support, fund raising and help. My President's Day was held on a very hot day at Sutton and I thank everyone who came and hopefully enjoyed the day.

The National Championships at Leamington were blessed with very good weather this year. Winning the John's was very exciting and then when the triples from Sutton won it was so emotional for me. The mixed fours also won which was the icing on the cake for Surrey. Well done to all the players who qualified for Leamington and took part getting to various stages of their competitions. It was an honour to watch the young ladies in the Amy Rose and I wish them better success in 2019. Sutton won Top Club for Surrey and got right through to the final to be beaten by Devon. Well done to the players from Sutton on reaching this stage of the competition.

My tour to Worcester was very enjoyable, blessed yet again with good weather. We travelled to many differing clubs and made yet new friends and a day out in Stratford upon Avon. The Gala night was attended by the President and Senior Vice President of Worcester who judged the fancy dress with a lot of laughter and it was a real hard task to pick the winner. My thanks goes to Jan Pedersen for her wonderful organisation skills.

My Charity was the British Lung Foundation and with doantions, bingo and other fund raising events, we have raised £1,950.00 with more to follow.

I cannot finish without giving my thanks to the hardworking Ladies of the Executive, who were always there as my back up.

I wish all the best to Penny for 2019 and hope she enjoys the year with lots of success.

Competition Secretaries Reports – Jean Hewett and Ann Rapley.

All went well, no hiccups

Benevolent Secretary's Report – Caroline Duarte

President Dorothy, Executive and Delegates

I would like to thank all clubs for their donations throughout the year, the account has a balance of £9,692.06. I am unable to present the audited accounts as the year only ended 2 days ago.

However donations do seem to be less than this time last year, indeed, they are 59% less and gifts have increased by 31% to date. A total of 19 clubs doted to the fund this year against 34 from the previous year and a drop of 64%. There could be a reasonable explanation for this decrease, it could be that clubs have new officers looking after their finances and not fully aware of the fund, or how it works, or that clubs have combined with their men and therefore only one donation is being made and possibly to the men's benevolent fund.

Both the Surrey County Women's Bowling Association and the Surrey County Bowling Association, have their own Benevolent funds. The men's operates slightly differently as they do not send cards flowers and gifts, but support members who they have identified in needing support due to personal hardships. Can I remind delegates that the women also have this as part of their benevolent fund remit.

Can I also remind delegates that the fund is not the first port of call when one of your members falls ill, has an operation or generally needs cheering up. I would hope that the individual clubs would also send their own cards or gifts in the first place.

Please note that the financial year starts on 1st October and finishes 30<sup>th</sup> September to fall in line with the SCWBA accounts.

Please continue to contact me if members are ill, injured or had an operation. All details of the Benevolent Fund are listed in the Year Book

Special note – I need to have all the requests for Christmas gifts by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 these are then collected at the AGM in November.

Thank you Ladies for your kind attention.

Bowls England Delegates Report – Pauline Biddlecombe

Well, just where has the summer gone, but what a truly successful one for the County at Royal Leamington Spa during the National Championships.

Congratulations to all the members of the successful John's Squad – since the John's trophy was founded by Mrs Clara Johns in 1934 Surrey has been the winners on 22 occasions, but three times in the last 5 years.

Congratulations too are due to Shamista Patel, Maureen Vandrau and Margaret Smith from Sutton for winning the National Triples and they will be representing England in the British Isles Championships in Jersey next June.

Success also came to Surrey in the Mixed Fours, represented by Debbie Souter and Elizabeth Anderson (Southey) with Mark Bishop and Charlie Souter (Weybridge). Sutton Ladies were runners up in the Top Club whilst Margaret Smith (Sutton) reached the quarter finals of the Senior Singles. Dee Moores, Elizabeth Anderson, Shan Maylin and Debbie Souter (Southey) reached the quarter finals of the Fours. A tremendous achievement by all Surrey players when you consider how many rounds our players have to get through in the County just to make the Nationals.

Also in Jersey next June at the Internationals Debbie Seward and Margaret Smith will be playing for their Country – an excellent achievement and Congratulations.

If any of your members wish to commence Level 1 Coaching Courses a leaflet may be downloaded from the Bowls England website – it is called "Women Can"

We also have one or two changes in the staff at the Bowls England Office – Tom Millership has left and Lee Rowland has joined together with John Hughes whilst Amy Walters is on maternity leave.

Thank you.

Year Book Secretary – Marianne Ward  
Nothing to report

#### Zone Secretaries Reports.

##### Zone 1 - Pat Chappell

First of all I would like to congratulate Zone 3 for winning the Phil Hill Trophy this year – Well done. I thank all those Ladies from zone 1 badged and unbadged who played in the matches. We did not do so well this year, but we were able to take part with full teams and for that I am grateful. I hope you enjoyed it and will all bowl again next year.

Finally I would like to say that I get carried away sometimes and my humour is not always understood. I would like to apologise for any offence taken and promise to try not to do it again.

##### Zone 2 – Val Hobart

Val sent a message in her absence thanking all the Ladies who supported the zone games and hope everyone enjoyed them

##### Zone 3 – Jean Colvin

Well it has been a good year for zone 3, because after some ahrd fought games we managed to come out on top. The first game was a bit of a washout as it rained so hard – it stopped play not just once but twice. The other two games were played in much better weather I am gld to say.

My ladies supported very well this year and the format of playing on Friday in the morning seemed to suit most people .Everyone then stayed for a drink, bite to eat and a chat which was most enjoyable – after all that is what bowls is all about. I am presuming that this format will continue for next year.

I am very proud of Zone 3 and their achievement

##### Zone 4 – Marion Beach

I have had much better support this year, mostly from the Ladies who always support me. So a big thank you to all these Ladies

The games were enjoyed by all the ladies and I think the start time of 11am was successful and worked well with everybody arriving on time.

Well done to Zone 3 and thanks to Sutton for their hospitality.

#### Officers Automatically to the Executive for 2019

President Mrs Penny Bruno

Senior Vice President Mrs Charlotte Emanuel

Immediate Past President Mrs Dorothy Roberts.

#### Officers to be elected to the Executive for 2019 at the joint AGM

Mrs Linda Pillman (Ember B.C.) nominated by Ember B.C. and seconded by Supreme B.C.

Mrs Sheron Mitchell (Secretary) nominated by Milford

Mrs Zoe Hollins (Treasurer) nominated by Milford

Mrs Caroline Stevens (Assistant Treasurer) nominated by Milford

Mrs Dorothy Roberts (Match Secretary) nominated by Sutton

Mrs Jean Hewett (Competition Secretary) nominated by Caterham

Mrs Ann Rapley (Competition Secretary) nominated by Windlesham

These Officers are proposed by Mrs Sylvia Russell (Cheam Fields ) and seconded by Miss Roberta Potheary (West Byfleet) to be aooroved at the joint AGM.

#### Appointed Non–Executive Officers

Miss Marion Ward – Year Book and Webmistress

Mrs Caroline Duarte – Benevolent Secretary and Treasurer

Mrs Pauline Biddlecombe – Bowls England Representative

Mrs Debbie Souter – Amy Rose Manager

Four Zone Secretaries – Mrs Pat Chappell – Zone 1: Mrs Val Hobart – Zone 2: Mrs Jean Colvin – Zone 3 and Mrs Marion Beach – Zone 4

The following have agreed to stand as the Executive Emergency Committee

Mrs Pauline Biddlecombe, Miss Roberta Potheary, Mrs Jackie Taylor

The Assistant Secretary Post remains vacant – despite giving notice at the 2017 AGM. Approach has been made to several Ladies, without success. Is there anyone out there who would be prepared to stand? If so please contact Sheron

Clubs were circulated with a memo and asked to discuss the change to the constitution regarding the Council’s appointment of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary to the Executive Committee.

To bring us in line with the men, rule 9.2.2.4 would read “The Council shall have the power to appoint the following Officers, to determine the terms and duration of such appointments and to define duties - Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary”

Council approved unanimously

Council asked to approve the newly formed joint Competition rules

Sheron noted changes as suggested by Council Members and will discuss with the new Men’s Secretary

Council’s approved changes to newly formed SCWBA General Rules

Following discussion the following changes were agreed:

1.3 remove “at the Autumn meeting”

1.9 Remove “at the Autumn meeting” and add an extra sentence “She is also responsible for making gifts or donations from the fund on behalf of the Association as directed by the Executive Committee”

2.1

9.2.2.4 of the Constitution gives Power to the Council to appoint members to specific roles within the Executive. These roles are the major positions within the Association. Suitable candidates having been identified by the Executive, following an interview will be recommended to Council for confirmation of appointment. The successful candidate will be appointed at the annual General Meeting.

3.0

Add to the end of “County Badge”

“The Surrey County Badge is not awarded to any badged player from another County. However, should that player be a current Senior International she shall receive the Surrey County Badge”

6 Female Representation

Females only shall participate in playing events organised by the Association excepting those Executive Games that have been elected to be mixed

7 Club Colours

No club may use colours involving Bowls England or County Colours similar in design to the official colours

Coloured shirts, pullovers, cardigans, and jackets, in club colours, may be worn by club players providing the apparel has been registered with and approved by the County. If coloured shirts are to be worn, all members of the team or side must wear the same colour and design of shirt. If this is not possible all the members of the team must wear white

8 County Uniform for matches

Following the Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, it was agreed that the County Uniform for all matches will be white trousers/skirts/Bowls England white shorts for travel with blue/white shoes and handbag.

For funerals the dress code is grey below the waist, white shirts and blazers unless the funeral is for a Past President or Executive Officer when white below the waist, County shirt and Blazer should be worn.

Following discussion and approval as in “County Badge” the rule change was carried by a majority

Proposed by Caroline Duarte (Southey) and seconded by Ronnie Owens (Southey), Ronnie Pickering (Newdigate) was elected as the Lady representative on the Bowls Surrey Executive.

200 Club

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £125.00 – 46 – Jean Langridge (Southwark Sports)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £75.00 – 29 – Sheron Mitchell

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £50.00 – 64 – Gill Bonnell (Cheam Fields)

Any Other Business

The possibility of a late July Council Meeting was debated but vetoed.

Vote of thanks given to Shan Maylin, Pauline Biddlecombe and Jan Pedersen for their help and assistance in the drafting of the joint Constitution and Rules and Regulations.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at the Mansel Centre Wimbledon.

Ant Other Business from the Floor

Marion Beach (Windlesham) – why are we going to Reigate Manor for the AGM as there is limited parking and a long way from West Surrey Ladies – Sheron replied the room is bigger and decision was made by the men. Ladies to monitor and see if there is need for a change in 2019.

Linda Pillman (Ember) – looking forward with excitement and some trepidation to becoming the Junior Vice President. Thank you to Ember for nominating her and Supreme for seconding her. She will do her best to assist the Presidential Team at all times.

Meeting closed 15.15 hrs.