

MINUTES OF THE ECWBA COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH JULY 2018

AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW AT 2.00PM

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS: President Alison thanked everyone for attending on a very hot day.

A minute silence was held for: Norma Savini, Helen Cameron (West Mersea), Jackie Warren (Brightlingsea), Wyn Leighton (Clock House), Pauline Davies (RHP), Maureen Smith (Thorpe-le-Soken) and Nan Caton (Past President 1998, Quendon).

APOLOGIES: These were received from:

Kim Wiggins, Brig Gunn, Burnham Hillside, Clacton-on-Sea, Romford, Brightlingsea, Brentwood, Larsen, Silver End, Connaught, Chadwell St. Mary, Kings Chase, RHP, Clayhall, Frinton, Griffin, Old Dagenham, Rochford, Hutton Poplars, Loughton, Chingford, Colchester, Courtauld Halstead, Sth Benfleet & Canvey, Wanstead Central, Southminster, Danbury, Linda Mills, Jean Cobbin, Brenda Bowyer, Pitsea & Vange, Writtle, Orford House, Bocking Alliance and Seven Kings.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Agreed and signed.

Adoption of the minutes: Proposed by Pat Brown Seconded by Margaret Langwith

MATTERS ARISING:

- B Area have not had a selector for the 2018 season.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ladies contact for Clacton-on-Sea is Mrs Sharyn Brennan, 28 Nightingale Way, Great Clacton, CO15 4LJ. Tel: 01255 761366. Email: sharyninthecountry@hotmail.com
- Change of address for Match Sec. Aveley Mrs Maureen Roberts, 32 Crowstone Road, Blackshots, Grays, RM16 2SR. Tel: 01375 403727. Email: robertsmaureen879@gmail.com
- Phone number for Serena Madgewick (Drums) should be 07720243061.
- New Secretary for Dunmow: Mrs Linda White, 2 Marshall Piece, Stebbing, CM6 3RZ. Tel: 01371 856756. Email: lindalawhite@hotmail.com
- New Match Secretary for Griffin with immediate effect: Mr Danny Doyle, 47 Corner Meadow, Harlow, CM18 7JN. Tel: 07460 910945. Email: deltadelta49@hotmail.com
- New Secretary for Griffin: Mrs Ann King, 70 Chapel Fields, Harlow, CM17 9EJ. Email: annandpauline@googlemail.com
- Letter received from Jean Cobbin to say that she will not be standing as Bowls England Delegate for 2019.
- Shirley Sucker, C Area Secretary had written to say that she, with regret, tendered her resignation from this post. She had enjoyed her years very much and felt it had been a privilege to work with all members of the Executive. She wished to have more time in the future to devote to personal pursuits and bowling, but will be very happy to assist wherever necessary in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Wendy reported that the financial position at 25th July was: Deposit account £27,000 Current Account £993,31, giving an overall balance of £27,993.31. This was approx. £900 down on the equivalent figure for this time last year.
- This figure was partly due to the decision to give expenses for 2 weeks at Leamington to the President, Senior Vice-President and Secretary, this increased the cost by an extra £750. This was felt necessary because of the three entries in all disciplines.

- Metal ECWBA and intergroup badges have been re-stocked at over £650 and the insurance on the Presidential Chain of Office increased. Against this, the sale of quiz books brought in £586 and there was a profit of £334 on the tour, because more people subscribed.
- The Benevolent Triples and President's Charity Day was successful with an extra £160 made on the raffle. Wendy had presented Alison with a cheque for £590 for her charity, the Anthony Nolan Trust, and Wendy Buckingham with a cheque for £865.50 for the ECWBA Benevolent Fund. £50 will also go to the Women Bowlers Benevolent Fund.
- Bowls England have given £697.84 towards Leamington competitors' expenses. Cheques have been prepared for our competitors. All competitors will get £50 a head for their first day of competition and £40 for each subsequent day. The initial cost of this is £2,050. Elaine Scarborough will also be given a cheque for herself and the Amy Rose squad. Friends of English Bowling and Sutton Winson have donated £185 towards Amy Rose expenses.
- Affiliation forms will shortly go out to clubs. There is an increase of 25p in the cost of Bowls England Handbook, entry fee for the Top Club has increased to £15 and the Albert Crabb to £10. This is the first increase in over 10 years.
- Fifty-one new bowlers affiliated to the ECWBA this season with another 30 affiliations being transferred to new members from people who did not re-join their clubs.
- The 200 club now has 90 subscribers. Wendy thanked everyone for their support.

200 Club draw:

1 st Prize	£54	No. 28	Thorpe-le-Soken B.C.
2 nd Prize	£36	No. 16	Brenda Henderson (Aveling Park)
3 rd Prize	£22.50	No. 31	Elaine Scarborough (Aveley)

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Jennifer Spearman Seconded by Ann Sims

BENEVOLENT REPORT:

Wendy thanked the clubs who held this years' Benevolent Two-Wood Triples and President's Charity Day, together with all the ladies who worked so hard to make the day a success. Thanks were also given to the Area Secretaries for organising the Benevolent Triples Day.

It was reported that 10 grants or gifts were given out since the last delegates meeting.

The Community Account	£ 701.40
The Saving Account	£9.076.40
Total	£9,777.80

Wendy asked that if the delegates knew of any affiliated lady in their clubs who would benefit from the fund to contact her.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Colleen Moss Seconded by Pauline Mount

BOWLS ENGLAND REPORT: There was no report presented at this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP REPORT 2018. Alison thanked everyone who came on her outing to Suffolk. It was a fine, dry day for the trip to Stonham Barns, followed by a superb carvery meal at The 12 Lost Churches at Dunwich. The afternoon was spent at a blustery Southwold, where the ladies promenaded along the sea front, found the shops and afternoon refreshments, walked along the pier, or tried their luck in the penny arcade! It was a good day and enjoyed by all who came.

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP 2019

Application forms have been emailed to clubs. 2 coaches have been booked to go to Kent on Tuesday 9th July 2019. The morning will be a visit to Polhill Garden Centre which also has a shopping village with a wide variety of outlets. The trip includes a two-course lunch at Polhill in their newly refurbished restaurant. There is an extensive menu using fresh local ingredients. Then it is on to Chartwell for the afternoon. Chartwell is owned by the National Trust and was the home of Sir Winston Churchill. As well as the house, there are gardens, woods and lakes to enjoy. The cost is £45 per person which includes coach, 2 course lunch, admission to Chartwell House and Gardens and Gratuities. For National Trust members the cost is £32 per person. £20 deposit should be sent to Jill Polley as soon as possible to secure your place. This trip is sure to be popular.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT 2018.

Nominations must be in to Jill Polley by 31st July 2018. The certificates will be awarded at the County Luncheon on Wednesday 17th October 2018.

COUNTY LUNCHEON 2018.

Application forms for the County Luncheon have been emailed out to clubs. It will be held on Wednesday 17th October 2018 at Stock Brook Manor Golf and Country Club, Stock, Nr Billericay. Tickets are £29 each and should be ordered by 31st August 2018. The menu is Roulade of Smoked Salmon and Prawns, Free Range Breast of Chicken with a Thyme and Red Wine Jus, Crushed New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables, Vegetarian Option Roasted Vegetable and Brie Tart with a Roasted Red Pepper Sauce, Toblerone Cheesecake with a Toffee Glaze, Tea, Coffee and Mints. Special dietary requirements must be notified to Jill when ordering the tickets. Names for ladies to be invited under the Thelma Herring fund to Jill.

NOMINATIONS FOR J.V.P. AND ALL OTHER COUNTY OFFICERS MUST BE IN TO JILL POLLEY BY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018.

COUNTY FINALS 2018:

The Championship finals will be held on Saturday 28th July 2018 at Thorpe-le-Soken B.C. at 9.00 for 9.30am. Due to the heavy traffic heading for the coast it is advisable to set off early in the morning. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the day.

4 Wood Singles: Jasmine Wilson (Radwinter) v Elaine Score (The Springhouse)

Triples: Debbie Sales, Doreen Butcher, Tina Howard (Dunmow) v Jackie Seal, Lyn Whale, Sue Taylor (Fairwood)

Fours: Sue Wild, Lynn Farrugia, June Linehan, Shirley Bell (Rainham) v June O'Neill, Pauline Maxwell, Michelle Squires, Serena Madgewick (Drums)

2 Wood Singles: Carole Riley (The Springhouse) v Jane Holland (Silver End)

Pairs (pm): Natalie Deal, Sara Foster (Chelmsford) v June O'Neill, Serena Madgewick (Drums)

Semi-finals Benevolent Triples: Pat Powder, Margaret Hopgood, Dot Pope (Romford) v Kay Lee, Jenny Foster, Liz Baker (Runwell Hospital)

Jenny Meager, Phyllis Bridge, Jean Ashton (Great Baddow) v Denise Michael, Cheryl Rayner, Brenda Jones (Wanstead Central)

The Benevolent Triples final will be played after the semi-finals.

The Final of the Top Club will be held on Sunday 29th July 2018 at 10.00 for 10.30am at Thorpe-le-Soken B.C. Rainham will play Essex County.

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 2019:

To assist with planning for 2019, the provisional dates have been circulated. In order to ease the busy weekends during the season and because of the additional play off for the C entry for Leamington in the Championship competitions (4 wood singles, 2 wood singles, pairs, triples and fours) we will be playing area finals next year instead of county quarter finals. The county semi-finals and c entry play offs (if needed) for the Triples, 4 Wood Singles and 2 Wood Singles will be played on 16th June and the Pairs and Fours on the 20th July. The semi-finals and final of the Senior Fours will also be played on 20th July. It is hoped that we can play the final of the Top Club in the afternoon on finals day, 27th July. Overflow days have been factored in in case of doubling up.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Essex Patrons Day forms have been emailed out: Friday 7th September 2018 at Danbury and Haynes Park. Names to Sheila Brickel by 16th August with £7.00 per patron or £8.00 non-patron. Green fees will be collected on the day.
- All trophies must be returned to Jill Polley by 31st July. Please make sure that they have been cleaned.
- It was agreed at the Executive Meeting held prior to the Council Meeting that “players not attending a County Match that they have been selected for, except in exceptional circumstances, the full match fee must be paid”. This will be added to the Competition By-Laws No. 18 in the handbook for 2019.
- There are just 11 County Quiz books left to purchase at £2 each. Reminder to return the completed Quiz books to either Wendy Coldham, Sheila Brickel or Jill Polley by September 19th 2018. The winner will be announced at the October Council Meeting.
- Margaret Benz attended Joan Leon’s 100th Birthday celebrations recently. Joan was County President in 1981 and County Secretary from 1984 to 2007. A card and flowers were sent from the County to mark this occasion.
- Jennifer Spearman asked for the date of the Essex Bowling Board AGM. This will be held on Saturday 1st December 2018 at 10.30am in the Park View room at the Millennium Hall, Great Baddow. All delegates should attend.
- Unfinished Finals Day is on Saturday 25th August 2018 and raffle prizes would be very much appreciated.

THANKS TO THE CHAIR: Proposed by Jennifer Spearman Seconded by Ann Sims

THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 2.45pm

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2018 IN THE PARK VIEW ROOM AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, RECREATION GROUND, GREAT BADDOW, CM2 9RL AT 2.00PM