

MINUTES OF THE ECWBA COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2019

AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW AT 2.00PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS: Linda Mills welcomed everyone to the meeting. She hoped that everyone would enjoy their bowling as we would soon be outdoors.

A minute silence was held for: Sheila Hennessey (Runwell Hospital), Pat Perry (Stansted), Brenda Lafferty (Kings Chase), Margaret Reading (Clock House), Kath Dixon (Stock & Buttsbury), Brenda Jennings (Maldon), Joan Hayes (Chingford), Jean Vett (Wadham), Benda Stewart (Shoebury Park), Eileen Pardue (Elsenham) and Margaret Hall (Castle Point).

APOLOGIES: These were received from:

Wanstead, Mersea Island, Ford Sports (Basildon), Hutton Poplars, Epping, Kirby-le-Soken, Southminster, Orford House, Arclight, Great Wakering, Chingford, Hainault, Woods, Aldersbrook, Epping, Bantham & Ongar and Rochford.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING:

These were agreed and signed.

Adoption of the minutes: Proposed by Liz Garrett

Seconded by Pam Bowden

MATTERS ARISING:

- We are still waiting for the 3 booklets for Club, County and National to be issued by Bowls England for Regulation 9 – Disciplinary Procedures.
- Competitors are reminded to check the current Bowls England Rules and Regulations for Competitions and Championships available to view on the Bowls England website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received at the end of November 2018 from Elaine Scarborough who has resigned as Team Manager of the Amy Rose Team. Sincere thanks have been sent to her for the time she has given to this post. Jill was pleased to say that Elaine Score has agreed to take on the role of Team Manager for the Under 31's and we wish her and the team all success.
2. Following our County Luncheon last October, Jill wrote to Stock Brook highlighting several issues that she was dissatisfied with. Following further correspondence we have assurances that the problems encountered were unusual and would not happen again. As a goodwill gesture they have agreed to silver service for the meal so that there will be ample vegetables. They have also reduced the price for us so the county luncheon this year will be £28 to reflect this.
3. Mrs Nancie Colling MBE, the past Secretary of the English Women's Bowling Association will be 100 year old on the 19th April 2019. The county will be sending a card with our congratulations. Should any clubs wish to send a card her address is The Manor House, Fore Street, Seaton, Devon EX12 2AD.
4. Jasmine Wilson (Radwinter) had been nominated by the county for a Junior International trial and we are delighted that she has been offered to attend in May. We wish her every success.
5. Jill had received several enquiries from ladies who have changed clubs during the winter after the county competitions have been drawn and the handbook had gone to print. These

ladies may still play in the singles competitions, but they will not be able to act as a substitute in other county competitions at their new club, or represent them in the Top Club or Albert Crabb competitions.

6. President's Day replies: 140 invitations sent to the clubs. 62 replies – 32 Yes and 30 No. Not replied 78 clubs – Lady secretary 48, Man secretary 30. Very disappointing, as usual!!!!!!!
7. There are some handbook corrections:
 - The Council Representative for Woodford is now Marion Allen.
 - C Area Top Club change Bocking Alliance to Braintree.
 - D1 Area Unbadged Singles no. 10 Buck (Wan. Cen.).
 - D1 Area Unbadged Pairs 4B Leech, Buck (Wan. Cen.).
 - B Area Senior Fours – change 1B away team to Cox, Clark, Dawes, Schofield (Fobbing). Change Cole, Davey, Geach, Halam (Ray) to Huggins, Lee, Foster, Baker (Runwell) v Furne, Kitchener, Mayhead, Perry (Had). Rest of the draw is correct.
 - Clacton-on-Sea Match Secretary is Mrs S. Brennan. Tel: 01255 761366. Email: sharyninthecountry@gmail.com
 - A Area Albert Crabb 1st Round should be ON 11th June.
 - Change of email address for Burnham Hillside Hon. Sec. – joycampbell811@yahoo.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Wendy Coldham reported that the financial position at 7th April was: Deposit account £34,000, Current account 31,306.96, giving an overall balance of £35,306.96. This is roughly in line with the same time last year.
- Bowls England were sent £13,195 in affiliation fees and £3,706.50 in competition entry fees. Essex Bowling Association received affiliation fees of £659.75.
- Delegates were asked to remind Club Secretaries that all new members joining clubs after October 1st must be affiliated to Essex and Bowls England at £7.20 per person. If players that were affiliated and have subsequently not re-joined their fee can be transferred to the new member.
- Membership stands at 2,640, which is down by 94 on the previous year but competition entries are up in most disciplines.
- Elaine Score is confident that she has an Amy Rose team for 2020 and they have been entered as the "Essex Lionesses". Please contact her if your club has any under 31s who would be interested in joining them.
- The E.B.A has refunded £300 of affiliation fees, £100 more than last year, as it was a quiet year for them.
- Stock of county clothing has been replenished. County tops and white zippers are unchanged in price. The red Johns tops are now up by £1 to £22 as the embroidery has had to be outsourced.
- County friendly match fee will be £17.50 except for the away- by- car games which will be £11. Johns matches which only involve one coach and one meal will be £10.
- 200 club for 2019 has 94 subscribers which is up by 4 on last year. Wendy thanked everyone for their support.
- Wendy reported that she had been Treasurer for 13 years and enjoyed the comradery, support and friendship of her fellow officers, but had decided not to stand for re-election in November. Wendy then asked if the meeting had any ideas for her successor as she would be happy to talk to them and that they would be welcome to shadow her this year.

BOWLS ENGLAND REPORT: Linda Mills reported:

- As from 1st April responsibility for Coach Bowls transferred to Bowls England. Bowls England and EIBA have formed a new company Coach Bowls Ltd to deliver coaching services. Bowls England and Bowls Development Alliance are now one entity and can be contacted by phone (01926 334910) or website www.coachbowls.org.
- Within Bowls England there is now a management and audit review committee, whose purpose it is to ensure that effective controls, safeguards and procedures are in place.
- The Bowls commonwealth Games in 2022 will be played at Leamington from Wednesday 27th July to Sunday 7th August. It is still to be decided which green will be used for the finals. Bowls England believe the best green is A, but TV coverage would prefer D. This has still to be confirmed. Using green D would mean it would have to be re-laid which would put it out of action and mean that green E would be used for spectator stands which also would mean it could not be used for play. Bowls England will be looking for volunteers as in the Olympic Games. Volunteering opens in 2021. It is hoped that interest in Bowls would be generated by the Commonwealth Games and it is hoped that clubs will promote the sport. It is unknown what impact there will be on the National Championships that year.
- A National Membership register is happening this summer in 5 pilot counties. GO Membership has been chosen by Bowls England as it is GDPR compliant. Norfolk will be the pilot county in our region.
- Bowls England have redesigned their website to be launched in July and would like feedback.
- Bowls safeguarding is for children and adults. It is important that all clubs are responsible for their members and are alert to identify any issues. Courses are available for everyone.
- Currently under 40% of bowlers are women so the BDA are trying to help clubs increase membership. Their website is www.playbowls.org/clubs. The aim is to encourage more women bowlers by introducing a National Campaign called Women Can. It is a partnership with the Women's Institute. Clubs may be contacted by local WI's.
- Disability Bowls would like to get a better understanding of the most common impairments for bowlers and have set up a web site www.surveymonkey.co.uk to advertise surveys to gather information. Disabilities are defined as substantial or long term. Many are age related. Help is available to clubs.
- The legal position regarding Law of Sports Rule 3.1 was highlighted: Choosing rinks for play; the skips, representatives or the controlling body must make the draw for rinks on which games are to be played: if 1 rink is required 2 rinks must be available for the draw, If more than 1 rink is required the draw is made from the number of rinks required.
- The updated version of Regulation 9 (disciplinary) booklets should be available soon.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Kim Wiggins

Seconded by Carol Cook

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP:

100 ladies will be going on the President's Day Tour to Kent. Jill has been able to book 2 larger coaches so there are 6 seats remaining. Jill has 6 forms if anyone needs one.

JOHNS TROPHY AND WALKER CUP SQUAD 2019:

The following ladies will be attending the squad practices on 5th and 19th May. Teams for the matches will then be selected.

Listed in order of club:

Aveley: June Dark, Linda Mills
Chelmsford: Sue Jones
Clock House: Hayley Kenny
Colchester West End: Colleen Moss
Connaught: Sylvia Bloomfield, Janet Carrington
Courtauld Halstead: Hazel Greneski
Drums: June O'Neill
Dunmow: Doreen Butcher, Tina Howard, Debbie Sales
Essex County: Sue Kemp
Falcon: Shirley Beavis
Grays Town: Stacey Fryer, Serena Madgewick
Great Baddow: Jill Polley, Alison Smart
Holland-on-Sea: June Linehan
Ingatestone: Jenny Paternoster
Princess Marie Louise: Maureen Ellis
Radwinter: Jasmine Wilson
Rainham: Shirley Bell, Lynn Farrugia
Rochford: Brenda Bowyer, Jacqui Miller, Jan Soar
Runwell Hospital: Delia Searle
Silver End: Jane Holland
Silverthorn: Sylvia Thomson
South Woodford: Jackie Barham-Holt
The Sprinhouse: Carole Riley, Elaine Score
Thorpe-le-Soken: Pat Boldock
Tiptree Jobserve: Judy Bohannon
Wanstead Central: Carol Cook, Maureen Norgate

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Pauline Mount (Haynes Park) raised the question about the Bowls England current rules of the sport of lawn bowls. This now includes extremely hot weather as a definition of inclement weather. When asked to refer to section J this does not give guidance as to the number of ends that constitutes a game in a normal competition. This will be looked into for future reference.

Alison Blake (Thorpe-le-Soken) updated the meeting on the Woman Can connection with the WI. The WIs who are interested should be allocated a bowls club, but at present the person who is dealing with this is on holiday.

Sheila Thompson (Carreras) asked for the name of the County Welfare Officer. Pat Bickford is currently the Child Protection Officer for the E.C.W.B.A. The county will ask Pat if she would take on the role of County Welfare Officer as well.

THANKS TO THE CHAIR: Proposed by Alison Blake

Seconded by Brenda Bowyer

THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 3.00pm

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 25TH JULY 2019, MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW. AT 2.00PM