

MINUTES OF THE ECWBA COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2018

AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW AT 2.00PM

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS: President Alison welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

A minute silence was held for: Janet Gurton (Burnham Hillside), Chris Nunn (Elsenham), Vera Oakes (Sth Benfleet & Canvey), Val Fisk (Chadwell St. Mary), Edith Bates, Joy Franklin, Beryl Cuthbert and Rosemary Solloff (Epping), Molly Webb (Hainault) and Brenda Hooker (White Hall)

APOLOGIES:

These had been received from Linda Mills (Sen. Vice-President), Rayleigh, Dovercourt, Brightlingsea, Chingford, Quendon, Hainault, Eastwood Park, Stock & Buttsbury, Barley, Drums, Wivenhoe, Silver End and Stebbing.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Agreed and signed.

Adoption of the minutes: Proposed by Pat Brown Seconded by Phyllis Miller

MATTERS ARISING:

- B Area Selector. Jill had sent out a plea to the secretaries in B Area and a message had also been put on the website. Despite this, Jill had not received any response and the post is still vacant. Jill would be delighted to speak to anyone in B Area who may be interested in taking on the role of B Area Selector.
- Aldersbrook will be affiliating their ladies to the County for 2018, but were too late to be included in the handbook. Jill had not received the information regarding the Club Secretary and Match Secretary in time for the council meeting. She would forward this information when received. Post meeting note: Aldersbrook 11 Members. Hon. Secretary Mr B Gediking, 79 Baron Gardens, Ilford, IG6 1PB. Telephone: 020 8220 2307. Email: brimauged@gmail.com. Match Secretary Mr D Ward, 3 Janson Road, Stratford, E15 1YG. Telephone: 020 85194003. Email: daveward1@ntlworld.com

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The correspondence received from Bowls England regarding the General Data Protection Regulation, which is enforceable from 25th May 2018, had been emailed to all clubs.
- President's Day Invitation. Every year Jill has had to express her disappointment in the poor response and lack of courtesy shown to the President's invitation to attend her special day. 160 invitations had been sent out, only 54 had replied.
- We had sufficient entries in the Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours and 2 Wood Singles to have a C entry at the National Championships this year. The play offs between the losing semi-finalists will be as per the County Diary.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Wendy Coldham reported that:

- The financial position at the 4th April was: Deposit a/c £32,000; Current a/c £3,346.56 equalling £35,346.56. £1,136.35 up on the same time last year as more deposits for the President's Tour had been collected.
- Bowls England were sent £13,670 in affiliation fees and £3,634 in competition fees. The EBA were also paid £683.50 in affiliation fees.
- There are currently 2,736 lady members, 10 down on last year. Competition fees were up by £629 due to increased fees. Entries were down particularly in the unbadged competitions.
- A team has been entered in the Amy Rose. Elaine Scarborough currently has 8 girls in the squad. Let Elaine know if your club has any under 31s who might like to train with these girls.
- Supplies of County tops have been restocked, but they are £3 more expensive for the smaller sizes, with only a small increase for larger sizes. The shirts range in price starting from £26. The Johns/Leamington tops remain at £21.
- There will be 5 coaches this year, 3 for county friendly matches and 2 for the Johns. Away games by coach will be £16 and away games by car and the match against the men remain at £10.
- Wendy reminded the delegates that all new members joining clubs since the return sent in October must be affiliated to Essex, regardless of their bowling status, at a fee of £7.20 per person. If a member listed on your return has not re-joined their affiliation fee can be transferred to a new member.
- Wendy thanked the 88 subscribers to the 200 club this year. This is 9 down on last year.
- The first draw took place:

200 Club draw: 1 st Prize	£52.80	70	Buckhurst Hill B.C.
2 nd Prize	£35.20	71	Debbie Sales (Dunmow B.C.)
3 rd Prize	£22.00	63	RHP (Chelmsford) B.C.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Ann Sims

Seconded by Jennifer Spearman-Adkins

BENEVOLENT REPORT:

Wendy Buckingham stated that the Benevolent Fund is very healthy.

- Business Money Manager Account is £9,534.73; Community Account is £560.40 leaving a balance of £10,095.13
- Eight gifts/grants had been given since the last meeting.
- Wendy thanked all the clubs who made donations to the Fund.
- The Bees Bowls and Social Circle made a substantial donation which was gratefully received.

The Bees Bowls and Social Circle was started by Southend men in 1957 and gradually became a mixed club where all games were played away. Unfortunately, the Club has had to disband.

- The delegates were reminded that the Benevolent Fund is available for any affiliated lady.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Colleen Moss

Seconded by Jeanette Seymour

BOWLS ENGLAND REPORT:

Report of the Bowls England A.G.M. attended on Saturday 24th February 2018 at Coventry by Jean Cobbin.

- There were 60 delegates representing 34 counties as well as B.E. Executives, Administrative staff and Presidential team.
- Bowls England affiliation fees to remain at £5 per playing member, payable 30th September 2018.
- National competition entry fees to remain the same.
- Norfolk Bowls Association submitted a proposal for an Amy Rose Plate competition, i.e. that the first game losers would play for an Amy Rose Plate. Following discussions and formal vote the motion was lost.

Report of the Bowls England East Regional meeting held on 27th March 2018 at Newmarket Avenue Bowls Club.

- Bowls Development Alliance – Play Bowls Packages – these are available to all Bowls England and EIBA affiliated clubs. This provides £250 for clubs to use to enhance their recruitment activities.
Application windows are February – March, which is now closed and July – August.
Since April 2013 packages have aided clubs to recruit 10,000 new members of all ages.
Clubs wishing to apply can do so via www.playbowls.org/clubs
- Please ensure your club is complying with the new General Data Protection Regulations, which come into force on 25th May 2018. Jill has emailed all clubs the details.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Brenda Bowyer Seconded by Maureen Ellis

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP REPORT:

There are 14 seats left on the excursion to Suffolk on Tuesday 10th July 2018. It isn't too late to book a place, but Jill needs the final number by the 31st May 2018. Forms are available. Reminder that the first pick up will be the Falcon Bowling Club at 8.15 for an 8.30am departure, and Stanway Rovers F.C. at 8.45 for 9.00am departure. Balance to be paid by 31st May 2018.

SELECTION FOR THE JOHNS TROPHY AND WALKER CUP SQUAD:

The following ladies had been selected for the 2018 squad and will be attending the squad day on Sunday 6th May 2018 at Chelmsford B.C., 10.00 for 10.30am.

Aveley: June Dark, Linda Mills, Maureen Roberts, Elaine Scarborough

Chelmsford: Laura Foster, Sue Jones

Connaught: Sylvia Bloomfield, Janet Carrington

Drums: Serena Madgewick, June O'Neill

Dunmow: Doreen Butcher, Debbie Sales

Elm Park: Jean Hough, Pat Hough

Essex County: Brenda Bowyer, Jan Collins, Sue Kemp

Falcon: Shirley Beavis

Great Baddow: Jill Polley, Alison Smart

Mersea Island: Brig Gunn

Radwinter: Jasmine Wilson

Rainham: Shirley Bell, Val Chaney, Lynn Farrugia, June Linehan
Rochford: Jacqui Miller
Runwell Hospital: Chris Quirey, Delia Searle
South Woodford: Jackie Barham-Holt
The Springhouse: Carole Riley, Elaine Score
Tiptree Jobserve: Judy Bohannon, Edna Woods
Wanstead Central: Maureen Norgate
West Mersea: Colleen Moss

The county wish the squad the best of luck. Congratulations and best wishes to Wendy Buckingham who has accepted the position of Senior Team Manager for this year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- ECWBA Certificate of Merit forms for 2018 have been emailed out to clubs and are available to download from the website.
- Handbook corrections: Page 59 C2 Unbadged Pairs 1B Berry, Tyler (Mersea Island). Page 1 Sheila Brickel NOT Shelia. Page 63 2 Wood Singles – D Area Venue 1 add V. Smith (Buck Hill). Page 72 D Area – Triples 2nd ROUND 11TH MAY, 3RD ROUND 15TH MAY, NEUTRAL GREEN 17TH MAY. Page 121 Wanstead Central telephone numbers C. Buck 07840 842675 and V. Leech 07584 570441.
- Top Club 1st Round on 19th May. In accordance with county competition rules, this may be played the day before by mutual agreement.
- A Quiz book – 10 pages - £2 per copy, is to be prepared and sold to help recoup county losses and mitigate expenses. Please support the county. Prize will be a hamper, which will be presented at the County Luncheon in October 2018.
- Jenny Hyland (Billericay) queried why the county were concerned about funds when the bank balance is healthy at the moment. Wendy Coldham explained that the handbooks had yet to be paid for. The reserve of £20,000 would not last long with the cost of coaches, expenses for the Johns Trophy and Walker Cup (especially if we reach the regional finals), extra expense of sending a C entry to Leamington and the cost of sending 3 Officers to Leamington. The additional competition entry fee had helped to cover the C entry to the National Championships.
- Wendy Harvey (Writtle) asked for further clarification on the G.D.P.R. Discussion followed on this subject. Carol Cook (Wanstead Central) answered several questions and recommended that clubs do not leave personal details of members on view and put handbooks out of sight. She also explained that a fine of 20 million Euros could be imposed if you are found guilty of sharing private details.

THANKS TO THE CHAIR: Proposed by Pauline Mount Seconded by Jennifer Spearman-Adkins

THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 15.01

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 26TH JULY 2018 AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW RECREATION GROUND, CM2 9RL AT 2.00PM.