

**MINUTES OF THE ECWBA COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

**AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW AT 2.00PM.**

**PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS:** Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that they had wintered well. She hoped that they would all enjoy their bowling this summer.

A minute silence for: Marion Allen (Woodford), Ruby Sewell (Kings Chase), Sylvia Moss (Colchester West End), Pam Norton (Great Baddow), Helen Bush (Hainault), Pam Baker (Orsett)

**APOLOGIES:** Received from: Sth, Benfleet & Canvey, Thorpe Bay, Silver End, United Services, Thorrington, Eastwood Park, Stansted, St. Chads, South Woodham Ferrers, Seven Kings, Castle Point, Harold Hill, Dovercourt, Arclight, Great Wakering, Thorpe-le-Soken, Larsen, Southminster, Woods, Tye Green, Radwinter, Thaxted, Corringham & Fobbing and Elm Park.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** These were agreed and signed.

Proposed by Kim Wiggins                      Seconded by Sylvia Bloomfield

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- We still have the positions of County Senior Vice-President and County Junior Vice-President vacant for this year. Without these positions filled we will not have a Presidential Team for 2023.
- The date for the Essex Bowling Association AGM is now Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10.30am at the Millennium Hall, Great Baddow.
- The British Isles Championships will be held from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022. Our National Junior Pairs winners 2019 and National Fours winners 2021 will attend a play-off between the 2019 and 2021 winners during the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May to determine who will represent England at this year's championships.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- New Secretary for Braintree: Lorraine Wilkinson. Phone 01376 552111. Email [lwilkinson1@talktalk.net](mailto:lwilkinson1@talktalk.net)
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- New Secretary and Match Secretary for Thames Sports: Secretary Gary Reavill. Tel: 07910878958. Email: [g.reavill@yahoo.com](mailto:g.reavill@yahoo.com) Match Secretary Susan Cuzen. Tel: 01375 379269. Email: [suecuzen1@hotmail.com](mailto:suecuzen1@hotmail.com)
- The Ultra-Low Emission Zone has been extended to the area within the North and South Circular Roads. This means that Wanstead Central B.C. is now within this zone. Check the postcode of your destination. You can check the status of your vehicle by using the official Transport for London website, go to the ULEZ checking system and enter the registration number. This will tell you if and where a fee has to be paid and how much. This could determine which cars players use to enter the zone and help with car-sharing.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jenny reported that the accounts stand at:

- Current Account £24,000, Deposit Account £20,550 although monies are still due to be paid to Bowls England and EBA which last year were approximately £11,000 and £600 respectively.

### **Handbooks and Advertising**

- Handbooks showed a small profit of £54
- Advertisements in the handbook raised £240 towards the cost of the handbooks. There is an appeal on page 149 to all members to encourage new advertisers for next year.

### **200 Club**

- Numbers are down this year by 5 entries equating to £810 collected – 50% to the Association and the same amount to prizes split between 4 draws at £101.25.

• 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£48.60	46	Kathy Larkin	Harlow B.C
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£32.40	28	Jean Ashton	Gt. Baddow B.C.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£20.25	77	c/o J Miller	Rochford B.C.

### **Bowls England Handbooks**

Jenny reported that following the email regarding the £4.50 Bowls England Handbooks refund, which were not produced this year, refund requests were received from 4 clubs and 3 individual members. This meant that £418.50 was donated to the ECWBA. Jenny thanked all the clubs for agreeing to donate this money to the Association.

### **200 CLUB:**

1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	No. 46	£48.60	Kathy Larkin (Harlow)
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	No. 28	£32.40	Jean Ashton (Great Baddow)
3 <sup>RD</sup> PRIZE	No 77	£20.25	Rochford B.C.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Liz Garrett                      Seconded by Brenda Bowyer

## **BENEVOLENT REPORT:**

Wendy Buckingham reported that she hoped the flowers sent to 8 ladies since the last meeting had brightened their day. She asked the delegates to remind their club secretaries that the Benevolent Fund is there for their affiliated ladies, as she was sure that some clubs have new secretaries.

Balance in the Savings Account: £8,536. Current Account: £417. Total as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 £8,953.

This year the Benevolent Two Wood Triples Day & President's Charity Day is being held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at Haynes Park, South Benfleet & Canvey, Wivenhoe and Griffin Bowls Clubs. Wendy urged the clubs to enter a team or two, as it is vital to keep the day filled with ladies playing, because it is the main fund-raising event for the Benevolent Fund.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Colleen Moss                      Seconded by Sue Chapman

Jill announced that Wendy had been doing a wonderful job as Benevolent Secretary for many years, but Wendy now felt that it was time for a new Secretary to take over. We are looking for someone to come forward to take on this role for the future.

## **BOWLS ENGLAND REPORT:**

Bowls England have made changes to the format for play for the National Competitions for 2022. These temporary rules are as stated in our County Handbook at the beginning of each Area:

2 Wood Singles 2 bowls 21 ends: 4 Wood Singles and Champion of Champions 4 bowls 21 shots:  
Pairs 4 bowls 18 ends: Triples 3 bowls 18 ends: Fours and Senior Fours 2 bowls 18 ends.

County competitions will be played as per the Competition By-laws page 132 onwards.

Linda reported that

1. The national competition draws are now available to view on the Bowls England web site. This year regional finals to be played in July and August have been introduced in the following events: Amy Rose Bowl, Walker Cup, Women Senior Singles, Senior Pairs, and Champion of Champions also Mixed Fours and Mixed Pairs. This is the penultimate step before players progress to the finals at Leamington.
2. The National Finals at Leamington are a ticketed event and tickets are now on sale on the web:  
**Purchased in advance via the web**  
Adults weekday £4 weekend £5.50  
21 and under Weekday £1 Weekend £1.50  
**Purchased on the day**  
Adults Weekday £5.50 Weekend £7.50  
21 and under Weekday £2 Weekend £2.50  
This year Bowls England are also introducing an entry offer for Club Groups. For every ten people, there is a discount. The amount of discount is not yet known.
3. The venue for this year's British Isles Championships is Llandrindod Wells, Wales, at the end of June. This year Bowls England have decided to hold a playoff between the 2019 and 2021 champions to decide England's representatives. These playoffs are on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May at Oxford & city B.C. and I'm very proud to say Essex will be represented by the Clockhouse 4's team Rebecca Smith, Serena Madgewick Michelle Squires & Hayley Kenny (2021 winners) playing Kings of Devon. Jasmine Wilson & Hayley Kenny 2019 Junior Pairs Winners will be playing Huntingdonshire. Please support them if possible. (Post meeting note: Both teams are playing on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May)
4. Bowls England, working alongside the Bowls Development Alliance (BDA), are launching the Club Health Checker. This online tool will help your club to understand its strengths and areas for improvement across a number of key areas including club membership, recruitment and finance. The new platform will be available free of charge to any affiliated clubs. You will need to complete a 30-minute survey that will create a report customised to your club. Once done, you can book a free appointment with one of the BDA team to discuss your report and get guidance in the creation of an action plan. More details are on Bowls England Website.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Jackie Barham-Holt

Seconded by Pauline Mount

## **PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP:**

An additional pick-up at Upminster B.C. has been arranged for the Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for Jennifer's outing to Cressing Temple Barns, a meal at Hintlesham Hall Hotel and a visit to Maldon on the way back. The cost is £48, which includes the coach, two course meal and gratuities. There are

some places available, but please book as soon as possible. Booking forms have been emailed to clubs and are available on the county website.

**SELECTION FOR JOHNS TROPHY AND WALKER CUP SQUAD 2022.**

Aveley: Sue Feeney, Linda Mills

Clockhouse: Michelle Carlin, Hayley Kenny, Serena Madgewick, Michelle Squires, Rebecca Smith

Colchester West End: Jodie Gosling, Rose Kerridge, Colleen Moss

Courtauld Halstead: Hazel Greneski

Dunmow: Doreen Butcher, Debbie Sales

Essex County: Sue Kemp

Falcon: Shirley Beavis

Great Baddow: Phyllis Bridge, Alison Smart

Harlow: Diane Abel

Holland-on-Sea: Lyla Horley, June Linehan

Ingatestone: Jenny Paternoster

Radwinter: Jasmine Wilson

Rainham: Shirley Bell, Lynn Farrugia

Rochford: Brenda Bowyer, Jacqui Miller, Jan Soar

The Springhouse: Sue Clark, Pauline Lowe, Emma Pitts, Carole Riley, Elaine Score

Tiptree Jobserve: Judy Bohannon, Steph Heard

Uppingham: Christina Allen, Jennifer Spearman

Wanstead Central: Jackie Barham-Holt, Maureen Norgate

Writtle: Pauline Adams

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 121 invitations sent out to clubs for Jennifer's President's Day. 45 replies by 10<sup>th</sup> April. 22 Yes, 23 No.
- Application forms for the Benevolent Two Wood Triples & President's Charity Day – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 have been emailed to clubs. Please return completed forms to your Area Secretary by 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- Badged Players, Colts and those with County Badge Points please support the Inter-group games this year. Names to your Area Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> May.
- Essex County delegate asked about the ladies using the county competition portal. We are currently investigating using this for next season and will have more information at the July council meeting.
- A question was also raised about the date for the affiliation of members. This will be ratified at the July council meeting.
- Harlow queried the price for the meals at county matches for next year. The costs are being discussed at present.

**THANKS TO THE CHAIR:** Proposed by Christina Allen      Seconded by Pat Brown

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 3.20pm**

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW AT 2.00PM**