

MINUTES OF THE ECWBA COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026

AT THE PARK VIEW ROOM, MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW, CM2 9RL AT 2.00PM

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

A minute silence was held in remembrance of Babs Doncaster (Loughton), Jean Merrill (Witham), Meg Disney (Rochford), Annette Oakley (West Mersea), Anne Kingham (Maldon) and Betty Cooper (Gidea Park)

APOLOGIES: had been received from Brenda Bowyer, Pauline Adams, Jane Preston, Christine Vernon, Corringham & Fobbing, Elsenham, Holland on Sea, Tillingham, Dovercourt, Silver End, Wickford, Chelmsford, Harold Hill, Bocking Alliance, Braintree and Loughton.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING: These were agreed and signed:

Proposed by: Sheila Brickel

Seconded by: Michelle Carlin

MATTERS ARISING:

- The positions of President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, C Area Secretary, B Area Selector, C Area Selector, Bowls England Delegate and Hon. Auditor are all VACANT. The County are looking for nominations for all these County Officers for 2027.
- The "How to enter the match results" for the competition portal was emailed to all clubs. This hadn't been circulated by the secretaries to all the competitors and several problems arose. Dave Jarrold was able to rectify most mistakes and the portal generally worked well. A reminder that for the 2027 season ladies must create and use their own email address for the competition entries. Club champions wishing to enter the County Champion of Champions must make the entry themselves. The County Top Club and Albert Crabb will be the only competition entries to be made by the club contact.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter had been received regarding the difficulties that could arise from close relatives marking singles matches. It was agreed that this isn't a matter for the County to legislate on, so in this case it would be up to each club to decide on their own policy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jenny Hyland reported that the books are currently being audited, but the Current Account stands at £4445.07 and the Deposit Account at £28000, which includes the £2500 Herring Fund. An analysis will be given at the AGM, but it looks as though a small profit had been made in 2026.

Linda Drewe had kindly audited the County books for several years and is standing down after this year's audit. A new Auditor will be sought for 2027.

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1 st Prize £49.80	No. 3	Anna Charters (Fairwood)
2 nd Prize £33.20	No. 61	Pauline Naylor (Castle Point)
3 rd Prize £20.75	No. 80	Phil Bowyer (Rochford)

Proposed by: Tina Howard

Seconded by: Shirley Beavis

BENEVOLENT REPORT:

The end of year accounts are currently being audited, but 21 gifts have been made since last September and there is a nice amount of interest on the deposit account.

Proposed by: Janice Fortune

Seconded by: Judy Bohannon

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

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP: This was a great day trip to Kent. Everyone enjoyed the good weather, huge fish and chips, ride on the railway and the quiz on the return journey.

DAY TRIP FOR 2027: It was agreed to arrange a day trip next year. Jill Polley will look into arranging this. The date for your diary is Monday 12th July 2027.

COUNTY LUNCHEON:

This will be held on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at The Essex Barn, Channels Estate, Pratts Farm Lane East, Little Waltham CM3 3PT. Reception is at 11.15am. Raffle prizes would be gratefully received and the tickets will be sold 6 strips for £5. This is a new venue so Jill hoped that the luncheon would be successful.

REMINDER THAT NOMINATIONS FOR COUNTY OFFICERS ARE NEEDED BY JILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2026 COUNTY FINALS:

Singles Champion: Carole Morgan (Clacton on Sea), r/up Lorraine Farrugia (Liberty of Havering).
Championship Pairs Winners: Elaine Score, Emma Chapman (Essex County), r/up Debbie Sales, Kellie Margerrison (Dunmow).
Championship Triples Winners: Leah Bamford, Alison Smart, Serena Madgewick (Braintree), r/up Debbie Sales, Doreen Butcher, Hayley Halford (Dunmow).
Championship Fours Winners: Debbie Sales, Frances Lavender, Doreen Butcher, Kellie Margerrison (Dunmow), r/up Laura Robinson, Gracie Birch, Elaine Score, Emma Chapman (Essex County).
Championship Two Wood Singles Winner: Leah Bamford (Braintree), r/up Michelle Squires (Clockhouse).
Champion of Champions Winner: Elaine Score (Essex County), r/up Deb Shrimpton (Silverthorn).
Unbadged Singles Winner: Kellie Margerrison (Dunmow), r/up Maureen Kendrick (Holland on Sea).
Unbadged Pairs Winners: Emma St. Cyr, Julie Willis (Liberty of Havering), r/up Charlotte Goss, Louise Gann (Wickford).
Championship Junior Singles Winner: Evie Mills (Braintree), r/up Gracie Birch (Essex County).
Championship Junior Pairs Winners: Evie Mills, Gracie Patient (Braintree, Essex County), r/up Alisha Etherington, Chloe Hearn (Witham, Silver End).
Senior Singles Winner: Jane Preston (Clockhouse), r/up Shirley Beavis (Falcon).
Senior Pairs Winners: Jan Soar, Brenda Bowyer (Rayleigh, Rochford), r/up Steph Heard, Judy Bohannon (Tiptree Jobserve).
Senior Fours Winners: Lyla Horley, Doreen Willoughby, Maureen Kendrick, Cheryl Williams (Holland on Sea), r/up Terry Armsby, Joan Aston, Terri Bull, Diane Abel (Harlow).
Benevolent Triples Winners: Carol Heavin, Sue Company, Jeanette Edmans (Silverthorn), r/up Mo Wood, Edna Woods, Judy Bohannon (Tiptree Jobserve).
Albert Crabb Winners: Connaught, r/up Braintree.
Top Club Winners: Clockhouse, r/up Holland on Sea.
Essex Patron: Jackie Stephens (Buckhurst Hill).
Intergroup Winners D Area.

2027 PROVISIONAL DATES: A copy of the provisional dates are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Updates for EBCA Coaches are attached to these minutes

THANKS TO THE CHAIR: Proposed by: Jenny Hyland Seconded by: Sue Harrington

MEETING CLOSED AT: 2.40pm

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE ECWBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. THIS WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2026 AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, RECREATION GROUND, GREAT
BADDOW, CM2 9RL AT 2.00PM.**