

## **MINUTES OF ECWBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW AT 2PM.**

### **PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS:**

Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by saying what a difficult and different year it had been, however, she had made history by being President for two years. It had been sad to miss all the inter-county games. Her President's day trip to Kent had been enjoyed, with lunch at Broome Park and then on to Canterbury. Kim had spent the 18 days at the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa, where she had supported the men and ladies. Essex had 3 winners and 1 runner-up. Kim congratulated our winning fours and mixed pairs. Kim thanked White Hall for their help in hosting her President's day. She also mentioned the present of a water bottle given to her at the Luncheon by the fours winners, which had her by-word "hydrate" across it. Kim said that presenting the trophies, county badges and certificates of merit had been a pleasure. She concluded by thanking Jill Polley, Sheila Brickel, Linda Mills and the rest of the Executive for their help during the year.

A minute silence held in remembrance of Molly Cornell (RHP), Val Hackney (Burnham Hillside) and Janice Crouchman (Chelmsford).

**APOLOGIES:** Received from: Wendy Buckingham, Jenny Paternoster, Seven Kings, Dunmow, North Weald, Dovercourt, Chingford, Silver End, Wanstead, West Mersea, Silverthorn, Ingatestone, Wivenhoe, Clacton-on-Sea, Elsenham, Hutton Poplars, Connaught, Thorpe Bay, Holland-on-Sea, Woods, Arlight, Tye Green and Sth Benfleet & Canvey.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Minutes of the ECWBA Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Notes, Reports and Accounts circulated to replace the Annual General Meeting which could not be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 due to Covid-19 lockdown.

These were both agreed and signed.

Proposed: Brenda Bowyer

Seconded: Liz Garrett

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

- As no-one had come forward to take on the role of D Area Secretary, Ann Sims agreed to continue for one more year only, to give more time for someone to be found to take over.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Jill Polley had been corresponding with the Millennium Hall. Due to the changes they have made to staffing, they are no longer able to set up and clear away the chairs and tables for our council meetings. It was agreed that as the ladies sign in they will collect a chair to sit on for the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting everyone would take their chair to the storage area. If we are unable to stack the heavy chairs in high piles, we will have to leave them against the wall in smaller piles. If any ladies are willing to come half an hour before the start of the meeting, their help in setting up would be appreciated.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

This had been previously circulated. There were no questions raised.

Adoption of the report: Proposed: Sylvia Bloomfield

Seconded: Ann Sims

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jenny Hyland had taken over the Treasurer's role in July 2021 so therefore had had 6 months experience of the financial year, as well as operating the 200 club. The 200 club showed an income of £860, which was shared between the county and the 4 prize draws. Jenny had worked well with the auditor, Linda Drewe, and after adjustments, the accounts for the year ending 30th September 2021 were verified.

- **Trophy and Chain Insurance:** This had risen again and after enquiring, the insurance company would not reduce the premium. Jenny will shop around next year to see if she can obtain a better quote.
- **Leamington Expenses:** These were down this year, due to Jill Polley being unable to attend, the Amy Rose Team not going to the National Championships and only having 2 players instead of 3 in the Championship Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours and 2 Wood Singles.
- Current Account: £18314.20. Deposit Account: £20.500. The current account has been boosted since the end of the financial year by payments of £7,237.50 for Competitions to be played in 2022, £2,451.00 for early paid Affiliation fees and £2,485 for purchase of Handbooks. Completed Competition forms are still outstanding from 24 clubs and these will be chased shortly.
- Executive Committee overheads will be paid shortly and this will amount to approximately £3,300.
- The raffle at the luncheon generated a generous £710, for which thanks were given.

Jenny concluded by saying that she is enjoying the role and is looking forward to learning more next year.

Adoption of the report: Proposed: Ireen Parr

Seconded: Christina Allen

200 Club Draw:	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£51.60	No. 41	Wanstead Central B.C.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£34.40	No. 73	Lesley Harvey Great Baddow B.C.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£21.50	No. 13	Sandra Ringshaw Clockhouse B.C.

### **BENEVOLENT FUND SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Wendy reported that 10 years had elapsed since taking on this role.

- Benevolent Triples Day is where money is raised to support this fund. Although 2019/20 had to be cancelled due to Covid-19, the 2021 season was able to go ahead, albeit it with some restrictions.
- Thanks were given to the clubs who hosted this day and to all who donated raffle prizes. The income from this day was £370. This is shown in the copy of account together with donations made and bank interest received. After sending out 12 gifts/grants the Bank Balance stands at £9,100.29

Wendy concluded by saying that she hoped next year would allow everyone to get back on the green amongst old and new friends.

Adoption of the report: Proposed: Lesley Harvey

Seconded: Pauline Mount

### **BOWLS ENGLAND REPORT:**

Linda reported the following:

- The impact of Covid-19 meant that the year was not normal. Bowls England had supported clubs throughout this difficult period and offered financial advice to ensure they survived.
- The National Championship finals at Leamington proved to be very different, partly due to Covid-19 restrictions, the change of play format and the introduction of viewing stands. History was made with a mixed programme of Men and Women playing their games on the same days. This was probably a trial run for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- Leamington was very successful for Essex this year, and everyone is to be congratulated.
- Bowls England will need to look at some areas because some games finished very late and there was restricted access to Leamington Bowls Club bar and refreshment area on several days, resulting in long queues to obtain refreshments.
- 2022 National Competitions: Entry is now available via the Bowls England Competition portal. The following games format will be used in 2022:

Champion of Champions/Senior Singles	21 shots	
Mixed/Senior/Family Pairs	18 ends	3 bowls
Mixed Fours	18 ends	2 bowls
Club Two Fours/Tony Allcock Trophy	18 ends	2 bowls

National Top Club all disciplines to mirror National Championship formats.

Adoption of the report: Proposed: Carole Riley

Seconded: Kathy Larkin

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:** No changes to be made. They will be reviewed next year.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Retiring Officer: A presentation was made to Ann Sims the retiring D Area Secretary on behalf of the county.

County Badges: These were presented to Ann Powell (Brentwood), Jackie Seal (Fairwood) and Penny Hill (Courtauld Halstead)

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

President Mrs Jennifer Spearman Upminster

SVP VACANT

JVP VACANT

Hon. Sec. Mrs Jill Polley

Hon. Treas. Mrs Jenny Hyland

Hon. Ass. Sec. Mrs Sheila Brickel

Hon. Comp. Sec. Mrs Jill Polley

Hon. Ben. Sec. Mrs Wendy Buckingham

Bowls Eng. Del. Mrs Linda Mills

### **AREA SECRETARIES**

(A) Mrs Pat Brown (B) Mrs Brenda Bowyer  
(C) Mrs Colleen Moss (D) Mrs Pauline Adams

### **AREA SELECTORS**

(A) Mrs Pauline Mount (B) Mrs Jenny Paternoster  
(C) Mrs Wendy Buckingham (D) Mrs Sylvia Bloomfield

**ESSEX BOWLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS :** Mrs Pauline Mount, Mrs Sheila Brickel

**HON. AUDITOR:** Mrs Linda Drewe

President Jennifer took the Chair and as no-one had come forward for the posts of S.V.P or J.V.P. explained the concept of a job share for the Junior and Senior Vice-Presidents and encouraged everyone to think about it, speak to their ladies and try to encourage them to join the county presidential team for 2022. If no-one comes forward there won't be a President for 2023.

President's Day Trip 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The revised outing forms had been emailed to the club secretaries. This will now be leaving the Falcon Bowling Club at 9.45am. Stopping at Cressing Temple Barns for morning coffee. Then on to Hintlesham Hall Hotel, Ipswich for a 2 course lunch. A final stop in Maldon to explore the shops, enjoy the Hythe and walk off lunch.

Jennifer's Charity will be the RNLI.

### **ANY RELEVANT BUSINESS:**

- Reminder that Jill needs photographs of county winners for the 2022 County Handbook by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Good quality emailed copies preferred.
- Late registrations and competition entries are being chased up.
- Reminder that delegates should attend the Essex Bowling Association Annual General Meeting. This will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am at the Falcon Bowling Club. Jon Cockcroft, the CEO Bowls England will be in attendance from 11.30am to answer questions put to him by the EBA Board and Essex bowlers.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT:** 3.20pm

### **THANKS TO THE CHAIR:**

Proposed by Pauline Mount      Seconded Pat Brown

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022 AT 2.00PM IN THE MILLENNIUM SUITE, GREAT BADDOW MILLENNIUM HALL.**