

MINUTES OF THE ECWBA COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY 2022

AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW AT 2.00PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS: Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how good it was to see everyone.

JENNIFER INTRODUCED AND WELCOMED JOAN BARRETT AS THE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2022. Joan has been nominated by her club Witham and seconded by Great Baddow.

A minute silence was observed for: Mo Ayling (Thorpe Le Soken)

APOLOGIES: These had been received from: Pauline Adams, Colleen Moss, Kings Chase, Hatfield Peverel, West Mersea, Orsett, Seven Kings, Dunmow, Carreras, Griffin, Frinton, Silverthorn, Elm Park, Clockhouse, Essex County, Connaught, Wanstead Central, Bocking Alliance, Silver End, Burnham Hillside, Buckhurst Hill, Thorpe Bay, Colchester, Courtauld Halstead, Southminster, The Springhouse, Corringham & Fobbing, Hadleigh, Loughton, Larsen, Brightlingsea, Fairwood and Tye Green.

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

Proposed by: Pat Brown

Seconded by: Brenda Bowyer

MATTERS ARISING:

- Congratulations were extended to our 2021 National Fours Winners, Hayley Kenny, Michelle Squires, Serena Madgewick, Rebecca Smith, also our 2019 National Junior Pairs Winners, Hayley Kenny and Jasmine Wilson, who both represented England at the recent British Isles Championships. The fours won their preliminary match, but lost in the semi-final. The junior pairs lost in the semi-final. Well done ladies.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the use of the County Competition Portal for 2023. As a consequence the affiliation forms for 2023 will be coming out later this year. The date for affiliating members will revert to 1st November 2022. Alterations can be made to the list of members throughout the year. New members joining during the year must be affiliated.
- Match refreshments for 2023. It was agreed at the Executive meeting that this would be raised to £8 and the host club may run a raffle.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A card had been received from President Jennifer to thank the County for her gift on President's Day and their good wishes for her Presidential year.
- Email received from Colleen Moss, C Area Secretary, to say that she will not be standing for re-election as C Area Secretary at the 2022 ECWBA AGM. Due to changes in family circumstances, she needs time away from bowls in order to move forward. Notice has been given now in order to give C Area time to seek a successor.
- Correspondence had been received regarding incorrect dress being worn by players and officials at county competitions. Markers and umpires must be correctly dressed when officiating at county competitions. Players must wear white or club registered shirts, with whites below the waist, unless a club has registered coloured trousers or shorts. At present only Clockhouse have registered maroon shorts, Kings Chase navy and Wanstead Central royal blue trousers or shorts. All team members must be dressed alike.

- Jill and Area Secretaries had received many queries regarding competition rules. Most of these queries could be avoided if the players had read the competition by-laws in the County Handbook. Competitors must read the rules before playing county competitions. We are always happy to give any further explanation if required.
- Rule 4 on Page 132 regarding the draw for rinks is largely being ignored, but should be adhered to as it is laid down by Bowls England.
- The wording of Rule 13 on Page 134 will be re-worked in order to clarify it. This will be printed in next year's handbook.
- Correct telephone number for Linda Payne (Kings Chase) is 07873300390.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jenny Hyland reported that:

- There is presently £14,308 in the current account, £20,500 in the deposit account, which includes £2,500 in the Herring Fund.
- Affiliation fees totalling £11,665.50 have been paid to the EBA. i.e., £11,100.00 to Bowls England and £555.50 to the EBA
- President's Day Trip made a loss of £244 due to the extra coach required.

200 CLUB:

1 st Prize	No. 68	£48.60 Margaret Dakin (Courtauld Halstead)
2 nd Prize	No. 71	£32.40 Colchester West End B.C.
3 rd Prize	No. 66	£20.25 Phil Bowyer (Rochford)

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Brenda Bowyer

Seconded by: Pat Barrett

BENEVOLENT REPORT:

Wendy Buckingham reported that :

- The Benevolent Fund stands at £8,570.98 as of July 19th, 2022.
- There had been 21 gifts/grants paid out so far this year
- Wendy thanked all who had attended The Benevolent Two Wood Triples and President's Charity Day as it is the main fund-raising day.
- Thanks were also given to Wivenhoe, Griffin, South Benfleet & Canvey and Haynes Park for hosting the competition which leads to the presentation of the Florence Wilkins Cup and the Ada Russell Rose Bowl.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Sylvia Bloomfield

Seconded by: Pauline Mount

BOWLS ENGLAND REPORT:

Linda Mills reported on the British Isles Championships where two Essex teams participated namely:

- Rebecca Smith, Serena Madgewick, Michelle Squires and Hayley Kenny from Clockhouse in the Fours. Jasmine Wilson from Radwinter and Hayley Kenny from Clockhouse also competed in the Junior Pairs. Both teams reached the semi-finals. Which was a great achievement.
- Jasmine Wilson has been selected for the Junior Home Nations event to be held 17th and 18th September 2022 in Belfast and good wishes were given.
- The Commonwealth Games Bowls Programme commences on 29th July until August 6th. The action can be followed via Bowls England social channels using #EngBowls plus the Bowls England website. The BBC will be broadcasting live coverage. Past President Alison Blake is attending as a Marshall.
- Bowls England are promoting Bowls Bash. This is a game played within a 1 hour slot, for all ages and abilities. Clubs are required to sign up, register with B.E. and nominate a Co-ordinator, commit to deliver a minimum of 18 sessions, attend a short training session on how to deliver Bowls Bash and publish details on the Play Bowls Platform. Clubs will receive a Bowls Bash Pack. This will be launched on 19th July.
- Bowls England are offering a Prize for a getaway to the 2022 National Finals. The prize is:
 1. 2 x 2day event pass
 2. Bed & Breakfast for 2 at Leamington Spa Premier Inn
 3. 2 course meal for 2 with a bottle of house wine
 4. 2 tickets to Warwick Castle

You can enter through the B.E. website or the monthly emails (The Jack) which links to the entry page.

They are also offering preferential rates at the Premier Inn Leamington Spa with the following conditions:

- Minimum stay 2 nights at a cost of £85 per room
- 20% deposit on reservation balance by 1st August
- Cancellations result in the loss of your deposit
- Bookings through CSE on B.E. website or (The Jack) which links to the entry page.

Linda suggested that prices are compared. Anyone interested in any promotion and experiences difficulty could contact Linda who will forward a copy of the email with the links.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Shirley Beavis

Seconded by: Christina Allen

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP REPORT 2022:

67 Ladies joined Jennifer on her day trip this year. She gave an interesting resume of the day, which everyone enjoyed. Crossing Temple Barns with its Tudor walled garden was interesting. The meal at Hintlesham Hall was preceded by a glass of Prosecco or orange juice. The excellent two course meal was served in beautiful surroundings under a magnificent crystal chandelier. There was insufficient time to stop off in Maldon on the return journey, but no-one minded this.

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP FOR 2023:

The application form for Joan Barrett's outing has been emailed to club secretaries and can be found on the county website. There are 53 places available for the visit to Stamford in Lincolnshire, with an afternoon Cream Tea Cruise on Rutland Water. First come, first served, so ladies need to reserve

their places by returning the completed booking form to Jill Polley with their £20 deposit as soon as possible. The date is 11th July 2023 and the total cost is £40.

REMINDER: Nominations for the E.C.W.B.A. Certificate of Merit for 2022 must be in to Jill by the 31st July 2022.

COUNTY LUNCHEON 2022: This will take place on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 11.15am for 12 noon. Venue: Stock Brook Manor Golf and Country Club, Stock. Cost is £32 per person. The menu is Roulade of Smoked Salmon and Prawns. Roast Sirloin of Beef, Yorkshire pudding, Horseradish cream, Potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Dietary option: Aubergine stuffed with Pesto. Lemon Roulade with Raspberries. Tea/coffee and mints. Application forms have been emailed to club secretaries. Please support your President. Requests for ladies to be invited under the Thelma Herring fund to Jill.

REMINDER: Nominations for all County Officers to Jill by the 15th September 2022. It is very important that we have a Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President and C Area Secretary for next year. For the County to run efficiently we need a full complement of Officers.

COUNTY SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS:

This Sunday 24th July 2022 the semi-finals of the Triples, Fours and Senior Fours will be played at 9.30am at Tiptree Jobserve B.C. Tea/coffee and biscuits can be purchased on arrival and the bar will be open later.

The County Finals will take place on Saturday 30th July 2022 at 9.30am at Upminster B.C. Please park in the visitors' car park. Tea and coffee is available on arrival. After this drinks and refreshments can be ordered and paid for at your table. Only refreshments ordered can be consumed at the club. Please come and support the players and watch the finals of the Championship Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Senior Fours and 2 Wood Singles. The Top Club final between Elm Park and Harlow will be played in the afternoon.

UNFINISHED FINALS:

The semi-finals and finals of the Unbadged Singles, Unbadged Pairs, Champion of Champions and Benevolent Triples will be played on Saturday 20th August 2022 at 9.30am at Braintree B.C. The final of the Albert Crabb competition will be played in the afternoon. Your support would be much appreciated.

ESSEX PATRONS' DAY:

This will be held on Friday 16th September 2022 at 1 for 1.30pm at Maldon and Runwell Hospital. Patrons £8.50, Non Patrons £9.50. Names to Sheila Brickel by 16th August 2022. The application form has been circulated to club secretaries and is available on the website.

REMINDER THAT ALL TROPHIES MUST BE RETURNED TO JILL BY THE END OF JULY PLEASE.

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 2023:

The only dates given so far by Bowls England are the dates for the National Championships to be held at Leamington from Thursday 10th August until Sunday 27th August 2023 inclusive. Until Jill receives confirmation of the dates for other things like the Johns Trophy and Walker Cup she cannot formulate our calendar. The only other dates available are Friday 5th May President's Day, Tuesday 11th July President's Day Trip, Saturday 29th July County Finals Day, Wednesday 11th October County

Luncheon. The dates for the County Friendly matches and Council Meetings will be comparable to this year. As soon as the provisional calendar is available it will be circulated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- We have had sufficient competition entries to have an A and a B entry at the National Championships at Leamington this year in the following disciplines: 4 Wood Singles, 2 Wood Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. We will have one entry in the Senior Fours and Junior Singles.
- Several Inter-county Friendly matches have been cancelled this year, which has made it difficult to fit in the second county game for several colts. It was agreed at the Executive meeting that these colts will not be penalised, so therefore they will be presented with their badge at the Annual County Luncheon on Wednesday 12th October 2022. One badge will be deferred to next year due to injury.
- Intergroup Matches: Despite having a good number of county bowlers and many ladies with points towards their badge, the Area Secretaries have had insufficient names to be able to put out 5 Rinks for each of the 3 matches. It was agreed that Intergroup matches 1 and 3 would be 5 Triples. Areas A and B have sufficient for 5 Triples for Intergroup 2 match, but C and D Areas both need more players. Colleen Moss and Pauline Adams would like to hear from players who would be available to complete their teams for Thursday 18th August 2022. These Intergroup matches give 3 opportunities for badged bowlers and ladies on the points list to play a friendly match, but with their eye on the Dorothy Green trophy, which is held by the winners for the year. There is an Intergroup Badge as well!!

THANKS TO THE CHAIR: Proposed by Joan Barrett

Seconded by Linda Mills

THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 3.00pm

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2022 AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, RECREATION GROUND, GREAT BADDOW, CM2 9RL AT 2.00PM