

BOWLS DORSET

(THE UNIFIED GOVERNING BODY FOR THE SPORT OF FLAT GREEN BOWLS IN DORSET)

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday 6 April 2021
AT
DORCHESTER BOWLING CLUB OUTDOORS
COMMENCING at 10.00am

- E 001/21** **Welcome by Sue Maggs**
- E 002/21** **PRESENT- Shirley Bowley, Sue Maggs, Alexander Wilson Bill Fox Harry Hovenden, Beverley Plympton Margaret Clapp, Ann Allman**
- E 003/21** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- None**
- E 004/21** **OBITUARIES:-** - Bill Ogden (Poole Park); John Price (West Moors); Paul Welch (Shaftesbury); Nancy Bennett (Poole Park & past President DCWBA 2000) ; Maurice Greenslade (Broadstone Wessex) Chris Eales (Poole Park & past president DCBA 1996); Marion Porter (Poole Park); Frank Partridge (West Moors); Doreen Randall (Wellworthy & Wey & M.R.); Gordon Luffman (Gillingham); Russell Wilson (Poole Park); Brian Pinhorne (Portland B.O); David (Dave) Bird (West Moors); Chris Dixon (Sherborne); Roy Lindsay (Sherborne); Terry Fellows (Sherborne); Graham Rendell (Sherborne); Brian Wilkes (Wellworthy) ; Tony Sargent (Wellworthy); Roy Lidington (Bridport); Alfred (Bert) Pluthero (Blandford & Past President at Blandford); Gaye Hardy (Weymouth & M.R.); Hilda Stokes (Greenhill) (Life Member and past President of DCWBA 1997)
- E 005/21** **MINUTES of MEETING HELD 4 August 2020**
Agreed proposed by Shirley Bowley and seconded by Harry Hovenden signed by President Beverley Plympton
- E 006/21** **MATTERS ARISING from Minutes**
i) E 028/20- **Nominations-** No Nominations had been received for County Officers, and all Officers had indicated their willingness to remain in post
ii) E 29/20 – **County Competition Forms-** There having been no announcement from Bowls England as had been promised on 31 August, forms were amended to show details of new requirements- i.e. confirm to opt in to B.E. Communications and confirm their membership at 1st May 2021, to the club through which they were entering Competitions.
iii) E 30/20 -**Club Affiliation Forms-** Notification that in future affiliation returns will be in advance in future so returns will be delayed until March 31 2021
iv) E 34/20, ii) **Delegates Meetings-** These had been postponed
v) E 33/20 - **Website-** The Website is nearing going live, queries should be answered by the end of the week
- E 007/21** **CORRESPONDENCE**
All correspondence had been circulated and the Committee agreed unanimously that there was no need to read.
- E 008/21** **TREASURERS REPORT**
Shirley confirmed that the Insurance had been renewed, the Academy had been sent £1000 as agreed and B.E. Competitions had been submitted.
- E 009/21** **LADIES SECRETARY REPORT**
Nothing to report
- E 010/21** **LADIES MATCH SECRETARY REPORT**
SWCL for 2021 had been cancelled.
Margaret advised, that with the Johns and Middleton trophies now postponed till July, the trial date of 19 May would be reviewed, but it had been established that both greens could be used for the trial. The Walker Cup would hopefully be at the same venue; the Bedfordshire tour was not confirmed; however, the game against the Men should be to proceed. B & D game had been reduced to triples.

Margaret had approached Penny Cresswell and Joy Steele regarding the Amy Rose, and they were confident that they would be able to play one team. The Under 18/ Generation Day at Poole Park had been postponed, but some matches have been arranged subject to availability, and the support of Committee and past Presidents would be appreciated.

E 011/21 MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT

Alexander advised that with travel arrangements being unconfirmed, and restrictive playing formats, it was proving difficult to start the leagues, with any certainty. The Matrix had been produced for the County and Percy Baker Leagues, and a letter sent to the Clubs to confirm their commitment.

E 012/21 MEN'S MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

Bill reported that Men's matches to 21 June had been cancelled and a review of those after that date would be carried out, with what refreshments may be available. Team sheets would be sent out as early as possible to gauge interest.

E 013/21 LADIES COMPETITION SECRETARY-

Report attached

E 014/21 MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY

The dates for the County Cup were confirmed as 9th, 16th and 30 July, and the Competitions would start with the two woods on 20 June and the senior fours on 1 July. This is the reverse of how the schedule would normally run.

E 015/21 REVIEW OF MATCH FEES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR 2021

Match fees were confirmed as £14.00 (including £1.00 for top rink prize). No match fees for the Nationals-Johns, Walker, Middleton, Balcombe, White Rose and Amy Rose. Match fee to be reviewed if only tea and biscuits offered,

E 016/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Competition Finals Days- The Committee agreed due to the National Finals this year being brought forward and there being limited number of qualifier that there be a combined Finals weekend 7th and 8 August at Dorchester for all Competitions leading to Leamington National finals with cups, trophies and prizes being presented on the day. Furthermore, all the other finals to be combined on 11/12 September at Sherborne, with presentations on those days. Harry to order the swingers and Ann the glasses as soon as it was clear that the competitions were going to be played.

ii) Venues for ¼ and semi- finals and venues for one day competitions- The Committee to review and set up an agreed payment scheme for the use of Clubs premises for these events for the future.

iii) Handbook- The Committee agreed unanimously to issue a slimmed down version of the handbook, to incorporate all competitions, competitor contact details and any other information relevant to the Competitions, including the new format for those leading to National Finals

E 016/21 NEXT MEETING

Date to be advised.

SIGNED.....

Date.....

REPORT BY LADIES COMPETITION SECRETARY FOR BOWLS DORSET EXECUTIVE MEETING 6.4.21.

Bowls Dorset Officers,

It seems such a long time since our last meeting after not running competitions in 2020. Competition entries for 2021 were all received with the extended entry date. We are a little down on entries from 2019, but we have sufficient entries to run the competitions and have not had many withdrawals at this point and I have contacted the two people who have not joined their clubs this year. I am pleased to say we have 4 entries in the under 25 singles and 2 entries in the under 25 pairs. We are unfortunate in that we will only have 1 competitor at Leamington in each event except for the 4w singles and the under 25 Singles when we will have 2 competitors.

For the Edna Paisley league 2 have only had one withdrawals– West Moors in the East & Wellworthy in the West, so all good to proceed. The first week of the Edna Paisley West starts on 10th May and I will inform clubs if they are unhappy starting on that date, then they can rearrange with a mutually agreed later date. One club has already done this. The Edna Paisley East starts on 17th May.

With my communication with the clubs the main issue appears to be travel, but I am sure once people start playing, they will feel comfortable travelling with others , I have suggested that perhaps they travel with the same people each week to create a travel bubble if possible.

I am confident that I will be able to rearrange the dates for competition rounds to fit in with BE & UK roadmaps and to finish these with a finals weekend to decide who represents Dorset at Leamington.

I am wondering whether the County would want to run the Senior Fours on an East & West separated basis this year (instead of East & West together) this will assist with travel across the county. This would not be feasible for the County Fours due an unworkable imbalance of entries , so suggest they proceed with East & West together.

I am also thinking that we could do this for the County Mixed Fours competition again to assist with travel. Some of the Quarter & Semi finals dates I have already booked can be utilised with the revised programme but I will need to contact clubs to request new dates for some quarter & semi final rounds.

Ann Allman Bowls Dorset Ladies Competition Secretary. 5.4.21