

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
Saturday 18 September 2021
AT
DORCHESTER BOWLING CLUB OUTDOORS
COMMENCING at 10.00am

- E 036/21 **Welcome by Sue Maggs**
- E 037/21 **PRESENT-** Beverley Plympton, Shirley Bowley, Sue Maggs, Alexander Wilson, Bill Fox, Margaret Clapp, Ann Allman, Harry Hovenden
- E 038/21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** None,
- E 039/21 **OBITUARIES:-** - Jean Kesterton (Lyme Regis), Jan Greening (Blandford), Bob Broad (Gillingham)
- E 040/21 **MINUTES of MEETING HELD 31 July 2021**
Agreed proposed by Alexander Wilson and seconded by Margaret Clapp signed by President Beverley Plympton
- E 041/21 **MATTERS ARISING from Minutes**
i) E 006/21.i) - **Nominations-** on agenda
ii) E 006/21 ii) – **County Competition Forms-** These had now been sent to all clubs
iii) E 006/21 iii) -**Club Affiliation Forms-** on agenda
iv) E 006/21 iv) -**Delegates Meetings-** these had both been arranged for 11 October- Ladies in the morning and men's in the evening.
v) E 016/21 ii) -**Venues for ¼ and semi- finals and venues for one day competitions-** survey had been sent to all clubs- on agenda
vi) E 031/21) -**Website-** on agenda
vii) E 032/21)- **Proposal To Agm-** on agenda
viii) E 034/21.ii) **Proposal to go to B.E regarding National Championships formats-** since Bowls England had now decided on formats for forthcoming year- there would be no necessity for this proposal.
ix) E 03421.iii) **New club shirt design and colour-** Clubs had been notified of Ferndown revised shirts.
- E 042/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**
All correspondence had been circulated and the Committee agreed unanimously that there was no need to read.
i) Bowls England had confirmed that the formats for the national Championships will be :
Singles unchanged, Pairs 4 woods 18 ends, Triples 3 woods 18 ends, Fours and senior fours 2 wood 18 ends.
ii) B.E. would be sending travel expenses in due course, together with the request for payment of late affiliation fees
iii) B.E. plans for another "Bowls Big Weekend"
iv) B.E. announced a nominations for awards event- instead of an AGM with trophy presentations in February, the event will be to recognise contributions made by club members.
v) B.E. announced that Leamington Championships will be 25 August to 11 September 2022 with 48 qualifiers only, with the top 13 counties receiving two qualifiers, who have to be declared by 8 August.
vi) B.E. announced that the Johns Trophy and Middleton Cup will remain as knockout competitions.
vii) An E-mail from Dan Steadman enquiring how Dorset would stimulate more interest in National Championships to attain the top 13 position. – Alexander Wilson to reply
ix) An E-mail from Wilf Scott questioning the necessity for every competitor to have a handbook.- Alexander Wilson to reply
x) E- mail from Robert Matthews regarding an Evening League for Ladies- referred to the Ladies
- E 043/21 **TREASURERS REPORT**
Report attached
- E 044/21 **LADIES SECRETARY REPORT**
Nothing to report

E 045/21 LADIES MATCH SECRETARY REPORT
Report attached

E 046/21 MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT
Report attached

E 047/21 MEN'S MATCH SECRETARY REPORT
Report attached

E 048/21 LADIES COMPETITION SECRETARY-
Report attached

E 049/21 MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY
Report attached

E 050/21 WEBSITE
Alexander would consult with Janine Scola to put photos of winners on website. The Website is working well for leagues and competitions, but still need work done for matches and other parts like pdf files and display. Hopefully then the Competition Secretaries will have training to put the results on, on a regular basis. The Committee agreed that a reserve should be set aside in the accounts for finalising the website.

E 052/21 REVIEW SURVEY REPLIES
The response to the survey had not been forthcoming from the clubs- with just a handful making the effort to reply. As a follow up, the Committee agreed that clubs should be offered £50.00 a day for hosting competition events and request enquire the cost if any of hosting county matches, either National, SWCL or friendlies.

E 053/21 REVIEW AFFILIATION REQUIREMENT
The Committee agreed that Clubs may need reminding of the following especially since the affiliation fees were collected in April and some members have joined or re-joined clubs since that date, and Bowls England have requested details of these numbers and payment thereof with the exception of new bowlers joining clubs directly from the "Bowls Big Weekend" in May
All members who bowl are required to affiliate – not just players who enter county/national competitions/championships

E 054/21 REVIEW NUMBERING OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PROPOSAL TO AGM
In order to make it simpler to locate a particular rule or regulation, the Committee are reviewing the numeration of the Rules and Regulations to bring a proposal for amendment to the AGM

E 055/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Reporting League and competition results**
Both the men's and Ladies agreed that in future all results must be reported prior to 10.00pm on the date of play
- ii) County Finals days –**
These were provisionally booked as 23/24 July at Dorchester and 17/18 September at Blandford.
- iii) Items for delegates meetings**
The Committee agreed the following items should be discussed at Delegates meetings on 11 October.
 - a) Out of County travel expenses
 - b) Presentation Luncheons
 - c) Affiliation fees regulation 1.7.d.
 - d) Post Match meals
 - e) Reporting results prior to 10pm on day of play
 - f) Proposal for AGM reference re-numeration of R & R
 - g) Joint finals weekends
 - h) Holding U16 competitions at the same venue jointly.
 - i) Review of Leamington
 - k) Review Officer Nominations

E 056/21 NEXT MEETING
23 October 2021 at 10.00am

Meeting closed at 12.40am

SIGNED.....

Date.....

TREASURERS REPORT FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2021

At the moment the bank account stands at £6094 and the e-savings account at £30639.

The ladies have made a profit of £3136, the men £6082 and there is a combined loss of £4634. giving an overall total profit of £4584.

More items have been put into the combined category, eg John's and Middleton Costs, Officers Allowances and Stock sales. Also, the £1000 donated to the Youth Academy.

There are a few more items to come before the end of September. We will owe Bowls England extra affiliation Fees of £180. However, they will owe us a contribution to Leamington in the region of £1000. If these transactions do not take place before the end of September, they will need to be accounted for.

I would like to thank all the officers and Sue for their help this year with special mention to Bill for his comprehensive match returns.

I also must give my apologies for the AGM. We have been able to book a holiday at last and the dates conflict.

Shirley Bowley

BD LADIES MATCH SECRETARY FOR 18 SEPTEMBER 2021

Not too much to report on after another torrid bowling year. We competed well in both the Johns Trophy and the Walker Cup. In the Walker Cup we reached the Regional Finals which were played at Clevedon. We lost in the first game to a very strong Worcestershire side who then had to play Somerset who were the eventual winners. We lost again to the Dorset Men but triumphed in our last match against Bournemouth & District Ladies by 32 shots. It is possible!! As you know selection is always difficult, but I do feel that we need more of the more experienced players to put their names down to strengthen teams.

Counties have been asked if they wish to play in the South West Counties League. Dorset have said yes and as far as I know most other Counties have as well. Worcestershire have asked to return to this league, we have been asked about meals after games and this will be discussed at the Representatives meeting. Travelling to matches will also have to be reviewed.

I have a list now of ladies' badges and will be contacting players to confirm my findings for badges.

Thanks to everyone for their help and patience in such unrepresented circumstances. We hope for a more normal season for 2022.

Margaret Clapp

MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT EXEC MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER 2021

With the Season now finished, we can look back positively that County Championships and Competitions, Alternative Leagues and Friendlies have been run despite Covid and the restrictions imposed. It has been good to get people back on greens and enjoying the sport. There was some nervousness among Clubs and players but generally that eased as the Season progressed. We can look forward to next year with the hope that we can return to what we used to regard as normal but in the knowledge that the sport can be offered if we do not.

I would like to thank Harry, Bill, Paul and Alan for all their hard work in achieving all this. It is also to be noted that this was added to in the Alternative Leagues where a number of Clubs were late notifying results and had to be repeatedly chased, in the case of the Percy Baker Alternative delaying the final placings in one or two groups. This is an issue that needs to be addressed for the future.

I have received positive comments about the website. It is important that we keep it up to date and encourage people to use it as the source of information. To that end where we have details to circulate to Clubs, Clubs Secretaries or players, it would be good to place them on the website with emails referring.

Finally, Stuart Stephens and Jim Garner (Branksome Park) should be congratulated on their success winning the National Men's Senior Pairs.

Alexander Wilson

MEN'S MATCH SECRETARY REPORT SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Last year we were hopeful that by the start of this season Covid would be a thing of the past or at least not such a significant issue. As such by March 2021 all games and venues had been booked, as normal, and we were set for what we expected to be a busy, enjoyable and largely routine season. However, as the season approached, it became obvious that bowls, along with other sports, would be subject to some very disrupting restrictions. As a consequence our schedule had to be continuously reviewed and amended throughout the season to reflect and comply with the initial restrictions imposed by Bowls England and subsequent relaxations. Things were particularly difficult early on in the season with Bowls England guidance severely restricting numbers allowed on the green, car sharing and limiting indoor access at venues (changing rooms in particular). This was aggravated early in the season by the continuing uncertainty as regards how things would develop as the season progressed. Also as a consequence of the various restrictions in force Bowls England eventually decided that this year, to reduce risk and simplify matters, County games such as the Middleton etc. would be run on a knock out basis. Bowls England have decided that these competitions will also be played on a knock out basis in 2022. Despite the above we did manage to play the following matches: Balcomb Our first Match in the Balcomb was against Worcestershire at Westlecot BC and resulted in a good win (43 – 35) and progressing us to the Regional Final, to be played at Olveston BC a few weeks later. At Olveston we were drawn against a strong Cornwall and lost (30 – 46). We did well though, as a small county, to win the first round Middleton Due to Covid restrictions we had to cancel both our Middleton

Cup trial matches which meant our men had to go straight into the first round of the Middleton Cup against Devon without any preparation. The only thing in our favour was that we had agreed to play the match at a split venue (3 rinks at Topsham and 3 at Poole Park) and most of our bowlers playing at Poole Park were playing on their own turf. Unfortunately as anticipated Devon were too strong and despite a brave resistance we succumbed to a stronger team. White Rose We conceded the White Rose as the result of a mix up over venues. County Friendlies At the beginning of this year we had an agreed Friendly fixture list of 16 games (9 home 7 away). By the beginning of May this had been reduced to 11 (7 home and 4 away). As the season progressed we ended up cancelling all our away games, bar that against Bournemouth and District which due to Covid restrictions, was played as 6 rinks of Triples. We managed to play all 6 of our home games. Of these we won our games against the ladies, Somerset and Gloucestershire but lost against Wiltshire, Devon, and Sussex. We did win our one away game against Bournemouth and District.

Bill Fox Match Secretary Bowls Dorset

REPORT BY ANN ALLMAN, LADIES COMP SEC FOR BD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON SAT 18TH SEPT 2021.

Well, 5 months ago I was unsure whether we would be running the County & Dorset Competitions due to covid and the restrictions, but I am very pleased to say that we have managed to complete the programme of both County and Dorset competitions. We had a very successful Finals Weekend for those competitions leading to qualifying to play at Leamington and a Dorset Finals weekend both jointly with the men. Both finals weekends went exceedingly well with presentations on the green after each session and photographs taken. Thank you to Janine who has taken photographs at both events which will be available to purchase.

It has been a difficult 5 months running the competitions, having to completely revamp the competition programme in April to fit in with Covid restrictions, keeping a track of those competitors who competed and played in Quarter & Semi Finals for track & trace purposes and maintaining social distance at the venues. Thank you to those clubs that hosted the quarter/semi finals and finals for their support especially in the early stages when restrictions were in place.

Well done to those competitors who qualified to play at Leamington. A very different Leamington this year from previous years but at least it took place. A lot of competitors were not happy with the BE format this year and the fact that in all the competitions except for the Ladies singles/jnr singles had only one competitor qualifying for Leamington. There was also no badge presentations which was a loss.

Because no competitions were run in 2020 it was like starting again and this has meant that both Marion and myself have had more work to do keeping a track of the results which were often late coming in and us both having to ring around the competitors to get the results in after each session so that we can send them off to Sue to put on the website for the next day. It was rather frustrating when you find out that the games were played much earlier in the day, so please can competitors let us have their results soon after the end of the game. Because of the gap since the previous competitions, a lot of help was given to competitors to support them with rules and regulations and team Secretaries who ran leagues, the first time for some of them who did well.

The Edna Paisley league was compromised since some teams withdrew because of the travel issues earlier in the season. With allowing those teams who wanted to play to rearrange their matches to suit, we managed to fulfil the East & West leagues. This meant more work keeping track of the games, some were rearranged more than once due to weather etc. Shaftesbury BC won the East section by winning their last match to win the league. Portland BO won the West. The final took place at Dorset finals weekend and Shaftesbury BC won the final. All Dorset competitions were completed and results are on the BD website. Well done everyone.

All the 2022 County Competition Entry forms have now been sent out to the Secretaries, closing date 31st October. It is important that we have as many entries as possible if we are to have a chance of 2 entries at Leamington. The first 13 counties have 2 entries, we came 14th in the 4's this year, 15th in the pairs, 15th in the Triples, so sitting on the cuff. Each club has been given the link on the website to read the Bowls England document regarding competitions & Leamington. I am sure we are all pleased that there have been changes to the format for 2022. Fours & Snr 4s – 18 ends. Triples back to 3 bowls & 18 ends. Pairs/u25s pairs back to 4 bowls & 18 ends. 4w and 2w & u25 singles the same.

Bowls England have announced that 2022 Leamington will be from Thurs 25th August to Sunday 11th September 2022. The Commonwealth Games Lawn Bowls is from Fri 29th July to 6th August 2022. So I propose that we have the Dorset County Finals for those competitions leading to playing at Leamington on the weekend of 23rd & 24th July 2022 at Dorchester BC and the greens are provisionally booked. I would suggest that we have the Dorset Finals at Blandford BC on the weekend of 17th & 18th September 2022. I have been in contact with the Blandford Fixture Secretary and awaiting their confirmation as apparently the club is proposing to close the weekend before but the Secretary thinks they will be able to stay open and accommodate our request. Request granted.

I would like to thank all the officers for their support both at the county events and for administrative issues. A special thank you to Marion for the work she has done this season and for her support.

AnnAllman

MEN'S COUNTY COMPETITIONS REPORT

Competition entries for 2021 were about average and despite the restrictions imposed by Covid-19, large gatherings, travelling etc, all disciplines proceeded on time and without any major problems.

The quarter and semi-finals proceeded very well and were well organised by the host clubs.

Both finals weekends were completed successfully, again with excellent support from the host clubs.

Considering the restrictions imposed, both by the pandemic and the restructured shorter time-frame for the national finals at Leamington. it was a very successful season.

Harry Hovenden