

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 Wednesday 27th April 2022

AT

DORCHESTER BOWLING CLUB

COMMENCING at 10.30am

- E 036/22** Welcome by Alexander Wilson
- E 037/22** **PRESENT-** Carole Beckford, Allan Weech, Shirley Bowley, Sue Maggs, Alexander Wilson, Ann Allman, Ann Allman, Harry Hovenden, Bill Fox, Margaret Clapp, Penny Cresswell
- E 038/22** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** None
- E 039/22** **OBITUARIES:** -
Jean Hardstaff (Gillingham and Shaftesbury), Jean Broadbent (Swanage)
Ken Wood (Gillingham), Albert Hewitt (West Moors)
- E 040/22** **MINUTES of MEETING HELD 18 March 2022**
Agreed - proposed by Carole Beckford seconded by Allan Weech signed by Alexander Wilson
- E 041/22** **MATTERS ARISING from Minutes not already on the agenda**
i) **E 025/22 iii) Letter Received From DWBL-** No further news from the DWBL
ii) **E 025/22 iv) Dorset Youth Bowls Sponsorship.** Alexander is preparing the script to go with the county logo
iii) **E 025/22 v) Sponsorship on website-** Th Website is now ready to receive sponsorship and a marketing document will be prepared, similar to the one originally offered.
iv) **E 034/22 i) Ladies Evening League-** No further correspondence following a letter sent to say the ladies had no desire to play in the evenings- travelling at night and lack of numbers.
v) **E 034/22 ii) Affiliation-** The receipt of affiliation fees has only just been completed, with numbers recovering to 1600 following a dip to 1500 in 2021 from almost 1800 pre-covid -2019
- E 042/22** **CORRESPONDENCE**
All Bowls England correspondence had been circulated and indeed most of it appears on their website- sometimes earlier that it is received by e -mail!
B.E. Correspondence included details of their “drop in” sessions; lack of activators for C.G. and BBW; details of Celebration matches; the affiliation returns form with “benefits of affiliation”; notification of “boost for Bowls” of £225,000 sports England funding; National Finals County Tickets ordering; Junior Talent /International Series nominations (passed on to Penny)
A few Clubs advising of team withdrawals due to lack of membership

E 043/22 TREASURERS REPORT

Shirley advised that the bank balances were £26,00 with the receipt of the affiliations, prior to payment being made to B.E. WE are still awaiting refund of fees paid for Johns and Middleton entries

E 044/22 LADIES SECRETARY REPORT

Sue informed the Committee that the ladies Delegate meeting had been held, but no matters had been raised to come to this Committee

E 045/22 LADIES MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

Margaret advised that the first two ladies matches had been selected, though there was disappointment in the number of names being offered for selection

E 046/22 MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT

Alexander advised the Men's Delegates meeting had been held and no matters had arisen.

Harry Hovenden will cover the West and East competitions and Paul Ramsey the Percy Baker League for both sections for the foreseeable future, together with the West County League. Phil Tobin will look after the County League in the East.

E 047/22 MEN'S MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

Bill advised that the first 4 men's and one mixed friendlies had been selected, with reserves for all matches.

**E 048/22 LADIES COMPETITION SECRETARY-
Withdrawals from County Competitions**

To date I have received a lot of withdrawals from the County Competitions mainly due to fitness/illness giving walkovers. There has been some of the withdrawals who have been the named person and I gave this information to Sue who has been in touch with Bowls England and they are in agreement with the changes.

In the under 25's singles we had 4 entrants, but now have one withdrawal, leaving 3 people to play to see who qualifies for the final, so I plan to do a draw prior to the Semi Final (in the presence of Officers/umpire probably at the Quarter & Semi Finals of the County Fours) as I think its unfair to have one of the young people travel to the venue to be told they have got a bye to the final.

Qualification for Leamington

I was disappointed to see that Dorset have only qualified for 2 places at Leamington in the County 4 wood singles and 2 in the under 25 pairs (but we now only have 1 entry as 2 people have withdrawn) despite being 14th in 4 disciplines (13 is the benchmark) and 15th in 1 discipline (14 is the benchmark) and 17th in 1 discipline (16 is the benchmark).

British Isles Series

Our Poole Park Triple who won Leamington in 2019 where due to compete in a playoff round against the 2021 Leamington Winners but they have conceded, so this means that Penny, Julie and Bridget will be playing in the British Isles Series at Llandrindod Wells over the weekend of 30th June – 2nd July. Unfortunately this clashes with the prelim of the 4 wood singles which can be played prior to 30th June, but we have the Quarter/Semi Final of the 2 wood singles on 1st July and the Quarter & Semi final of the County Pairs on 2nd July, so I will wait to see who qualifies for the Quarter and Semis before I make any other arrangements.

Under 16 singles, LUST & Cobern Trophy

I have just sent out the entry forms for the Under 16 singles, LUST and Cobern Trophy with a closing date of 20th June 2022.

E 049/22 MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY-

The affiliations had not yet been checked against entries. - there was nothing else to report.

E 050/22 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Penny Cresswell was delighted to see so many of the juniors taking part in the "mainstream" competitions. The juniors meet every month and have a match every month. At present most activities are either at Poole or Blandford, though she expressed a willingness to pursue venues in the other parts of the County. The Junior Internationals had changed their format to rinks of three male and 3 female players.

The nominations were to be specifically for players expected to progress to national status.

She And Julie would consider the best way to advertise for a Youth Development Officer with the appropriate "job specification".

E 051/22 WEBSITE

Nothing further to report

E 052/22 TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Committee discussed this at length and agreed to keep the payments as they are but keep the matter under review. They did not think it appropriate to use funds for this but might expect those passengers travelling to help the drivers.

E 053/22 YOUTH CLOTHING

Penny presented a design for approval (attached) The Committee approved the design which will be forwarded to B.E. for their approval. The Clothing will be provided by the sponsor- 10 for the Males and 10 for the Females- owned and retained by the Youth Academy for use on the day. Juniors will be allowed to purchase their own if they so wish.

E 054/22 LUNCHEON

Alexander had established that The George Albert had no catering facilities; the Dorset Resort could however accommodate the proposed luncheon on 2 October , when John McGuinness was available to attend as the Speaker. Menus and bookings would be made available to the Clubs shortly, following the decision to proceed with this event.

E 055/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Qualifiers for 2022 National Championships- The Committee expressed disappointment at only having one qualifier in each discipline, with the exception of the Ladies 4 wood. A great effort had been made and the increase in entries did not bring the County any nearer more qualifiers. The total men's entries had risen from 300 to 360, and the ladies from 240 to 269 and again the ladies had been equal with other counties but lost out!

ii) Dinas Pairs Cup- An E-Mail had been received from Kieran Burke, in Wales, where this had been found. The cup had last been presented in 1984. The Committee agreed that effort should be made to retrieve the cup and then decide its future.

iii) Patrons Cup.- Following discussion the Committee agreed that this Tournament would not be run this year.

iv)) Stickers for Middleton Cup – A special sticker for Middleton Cup had been designed – this would be at no cost to the County, and would be used as a "team building" exercise.

vi) Clothing - colour to wear below the waist- County rules at present are grey or white dependant on discipline/league. To make any changes to rules at this time would mean an SGM (with 50% of all eligible attending) or a bye law, both of which would be to ineffective for this year. The Committee agreed without dissent to review with general review of all Rules and Regulations

E 056/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14 July 10.00am

Closed 11.55

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