

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 Thursday 14 July 2022 AT DORCHESTER BOWLING CLUB COMMENCING at 10.00am

- E 57/22** Welcome by Alexander Wilson
- E 058/22** **PRESENT-** Carole Beckford, Allan Weech, Shirley Bowley, Sue Maggs, Alexander Wilson, Ann Allman, Harry Hovenden, Bill Fox, Margaret Clapp, Penny Cresswell
- E 059/22** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** None
- E 060/22** **OBITUARIES: -**
Stan Helliwell (Portland B.O); Gerry Griffin (Blandford); George Gamlin (Dorchester); John Moore (Shaftesbury); Gordon Wallis (Swanage); Tony Wilkinson (Swanage); Steve Lewis (Wimborne & Blandford); Peter Stevenson (Dorchester and Bridport); Brian Galpin (Bridport); Gary Cresswell (Ferndown); John Simmons (West Moors); Gordon Ayers (Dorchester); Eric Cook (West Moors); John Rowe Shaftesbury; Mike Solomon (Bridport); Melody Watts (Sunningdale formerly Bridport)
- E 061/22** **MINUTES of MEETING HELD 27 April 2022**
Agreed - proposed by Ann Allman seconded by Bill Fox signed by Alexander Wilson
- E 062/22** **MATTERS ARISING from Minutes not already on the agenda**
i) **E 041/22 i) Letter Received From DWBL-** No further news from the DWBL
iii) **E 041/22 ii) Dorset Youth Bowls Sponsorship.** Alexander is preparing the script to go with the county logo
iii) **E 041/22 iii) Sponsorship on website-** Nothing more to report
iv) **E 054/22 Dinas Cup-**This to be stored until an appropriate competition is decided upon for which it can be presented
- E 063/22** **CORRESPONDENCE**
All Bowls England correspondence had been circulated
B.E. Correspondence included no further details of National Finals tickets- details of "drop" in sessions, the Jack, Play bowls – site goes live on 18.7.22
New Rules and Regulations 1-49 and 50-77 available on Competitions portal includes the new rules regarding notification of changes to "named entrants".
Details of "Club Engagement" showing the response from 1952 clubs in 35 counties to various B. E. initiatives, also indicating the current membership of each county.
The Big Bowls Weekend had the greatest engagement with 13 Dorset clubs involved- though most of the others did run open days.
Also included was the updating of the Safeguarding Policy
A request received from Dorset Police to promote the Community Speedwatch volunteering. - Committee decided it was not appropriate to advertise on website – but forwarded to clubs

A report from Lindsay Collins following a survey she conducted on various subjects around 7 counties.

E 064/22 TREASURERS REPORT

Attached

(158 newly affiliated members is an increase nearly of 10% of the original number on April 1st)

E 065/22 LADIES SECRETARY REPORT

Sue informed the Committee that the ladies Executive Committee will be meeting shortly to discuss, items in the Rules and Regulations which relate to Ladies section only- eg Walker Cup (Double Rink) honours

E 066/22 LADIES MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

attached

E 067/22 MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT

Nothing to report that was of any consequence

Alexander was busy working on the Finals weekend schedule, incorporating 7 Ladies games and 8 Men's games with complications of a few players in many finals.

E 068/22 MEN'S MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

Attached

E 069/22 LADIES COMPETITION SECRETARY-

Attached

E 070/22 MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY-

The joint under 16's competitions had worked very well. It was agreed by the Committee that the fee for entry would be increased to £2.00 from 2023.

E 071/22 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REPORT

All the Committee agreed that the "boys and girls" had done very well in the Amy Rose and White Rose this year- congratulations to them, Penny and Tom.

Penny reported that a clothing order had been sent to the suppliers, in anticipation of B.E. approval, but unfortunately the order had been mislaid

The Junior talent and Development Day had recognised both Nathan Wood and Millie Tuck. Nathan was unable to take up his invitation as it conflicted with an important County competition

She would endeavour to organise more ladies specific games for these 10-25 year olds next year.

A proposal to be sent to B.E. for the Amy Rose to Exclude **Senior** International players.

E 072/22 WEBSITE

Nothing further to report

E 073/22 TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Committee discussed this at length and agreed to review in the New Year

E 074/22 YOUTH CLOTHING

The design had been sent to Bowls England, but no details of the shorts have been available. They have agreed in principle- although not in writing- awaiting these details.

E 075/22 LUNCHEON

Alexander had details of a possible menu for the 2nd October (date agreed previously), and subject to availability of speaker, the Menu could go to clubs shortly.

E 076/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) **Matches- Travel, Fees and Coaches-** A discussion regarding the travel expenses for out of county matches, match fees and coaches, culminated in a possibility of coaches for

all matches over a certain distance (to be determined year on year) with pick up points of possibly West Moors and/or Dorchester. However, this would probably require match fees to increase to £20-£25 across the board. This to be discussed at delegates meetings and reviewed in the new year.

ii) **Late receipt of League results-** review at a later date – consideration of penalties, also to consider concession of games at end of season

iii) **Qualifiers for 2022 National Championships-** The Committee agreed that a proposal be sent to Bowls England that all counties should have a minimum of two qualifiers per discipline and the finals should be arranged to accommodate

E 077/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 August 11.00am

Closed 12.10

SIGNED.....

Date.....

REPORT FOR BOWLS DORSET EXECUTIVE MEETING ON THURSDAY 14 JULY

The current account stands at £19026 and the e-savings account at £39644.

There is total profit of £13258. This is before many items that will have to be paid before the year end.

For example:-

Extra Affiliation Fees

Leamington Expenses

Officers' Allowances

Prizes (Men) Ladies already paid

Engraving

We have had an extra 158 members affiliated since the end of May (58 men, 6 Male juniors, 8 female juniors and 15 ladies.) There are an extra 15 from Wimborne and another 3 at Gillingham that have been notified but not paid yet.

Sales of jackets and shirt total £1413.

We are still awaiting a refund from BE for our Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy fees.

Shirley Bowley

Match Secretary's report.

Everyone I am sure was happy to see the season start with very few restrictions, although we have to be careful.

We started off with two friendly matches. The first was against Hampshire which we won 80 to 66. The next was against Sussex which we won 96 to 87, In the SWCL we played Somerset which we lost 102 to 120. Against Herefordshire we won 122 to 83. Against Worcestershire we lost 96 to 114. A closer game against Devon was Dorset to 107 to 110 Devon. We are currently in 5th position in the league with 2 more games to play Wiltshire and Cornwall. In the Johns Trophy and Walker Cup we had to play Wiltshire and lost on both occasions. In the Walker Cup we had a rink of the younger girls with Penny Creswell. Although we lost 34 to 49 it was a good experience for them as they are the future of Dorset.

Selection has been harder this year as ladies are not putting their names down for various reasons, We have not used any coaches this year and driving is an issue together with the petrol allowance paid. Until these two issues are resolved I feel that we will still have a shortage of names for selection.

**Margaret Clapp
Ladies Match Secretary,**

Men's Match Sec Report

At the time of my last report we had agreed 16 friendlies with other Counties and Associations (thirteen men's games and three mixed). To date we have played 6 games and have had 2 cancelled; both mixed. The first game cancelled was by the English Civil Service and the second by Swindon & District both due to lack of numbers. Of the 6 games we did play one, against New Forest, was reduced to triples and the other, against Cornwall, to 5 rinks. The best in terms of results achieved was a win against the New Forest we lost all other games.

By this Friday (tomorrow) I should have received the names for the last 6 games. Hopefully we will be a bit more successful in these games to come. Two of these games are to the Royal Household and Sussex where we would normally travel by coach. This year we declared our intention to travel by car, primarily due to being quoted a price of £799.00 for coach travel to Windsor. However I have requested additional quotes and if we manage to get one materially cheaper we will review the situation. Even if we have to use a small coach for some and car travel for others.

Early in the season we had arranged two Middleton Cup trial matches. The first in house trial took place in late May at Branksome Park but the second due to be played against Berkshire on the 11th June at Bannister Park had to be cancelled due to Berkshire being unable to raise a team. Consequently in order to give the squad some practice a second in house trial was organised at Greenhill. The first round of the Middleton was played against Warwickshire at Chippenham Town on 18th June. Unfortunately we lost by 16 shots and did not go forward to the next round. . This was followed by the first round of the Balcomb, which was also played against Warwickshire at Chippenham Town on 2nd July. Again we lost but only by a margin of 9 and failed to make the second round. We played the first round of the White Rose at Ilminster against Somerset on 26th June just narrowly losing by 4 points and not progressing to the second round.

Report by Ladies Competition Secretary County Competitions.

Everything has gone well with the county competitions, although this year there has been many substitutions and also many withdrawals in the singles competitions.

For the Ladies Pairs Q/S Bridget Hodder and Julie Leake were unable to be at the Q/S finals on 3rd July due to them competing in the British Isles Series in Wales . I did the draw with Officers before that weekend and then gave them and their opponents until 12th July to play the Q/F and then whoever won that Q/F until the 19th July to play the S/F.

Results have been late coming in and both myself and Marion have had to ring around for results. I did send an email to the Secretaries to ask them to send it to all competitors reminding them to get the results in as soon as the match has been completed.

Under 16s singles

This was held jointly with the u16s boys at Blandford last weekend. There were 12 entries on the day for the girls and 11 boys on the day. The competition was played on a round robin basis, each playing 2 games of 2 sets of 5 ends and a tie break end if there was a draw. We played down to 2 players who will play on Dorset Finals Weekend in September. The standard of bowling was excellent and it worked well. Thanks to Sid Steele for organising the markers. The entry fee for the girls previously has been £2 per person but because the entry fee for the boys is £1 it was kept at £1 for this year.

I would suggest that both boys and girls pay an entry fee of £2 for 2023.

Edna Paisley

The leagues are running well and team rearranging matches between themselves if there is a problem with a date and keeping both Marian and myself informed.

Triples – British Isles Series

Congratulations to Penny, Julie & Bridget winning the Triples British Isles in Wales recently.

County Finals Weekend

I have a real problem with finals weekend as Bridget Hodder in 3 finals (Senior Fours, Fours and Triples) . She has a wedding on 23rd July and is only available to play on 24th July. I also have another situation whereby Caroline Wilson could potentially be in 3 finals also – 2 games with Bridget (Senior Fours & Fours) and potentially in the pairs. Anne Chislett (Pairs) cannot play on Saturday 23rd when she is going to a concert

which was booked over a year ago. Also Ruby Rose(Sherborne) is in 2 finals, Senior Fours and Triples. Initially potentially Bridget could have been in 4 finals so I have been in contact with all the Ladies Executive Committee members for their consensus about how we should proceed with this issue It looks like we will have to schedule for 3 sessions on the Sunday, but this would mean an early start and a late finish as each discipline will take approx. 3 hrs , then with half an hour break before going on again. Its whether plays would want to play 3 games in one day.

What is decided will be a precedent for the future for both the ladies and the men.

Prizes

I have ordered glasses again for the winners and runners up of the county competitions. I had thought about whisky tumblers for all but they were very expensive coming out at £785.94 . So I have gone back to Champagne flutes (they were cheaper than wine glasses) and cost of these has gone up to £634.62 . I spoke with Sue and we decided to go ahead and they have been ordered ready for finals weekend.

County Comps 2023

We will need to be getting the entry forms ready for the 2023 county competitions.