

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 18 August 2022 AT DORCHESTER BOWLING CLUB COMMENCING at 11.00am

- E 073/22** Welcome by Alexander Wilson
- E 074/22** PRESENT- Carole Beckford, Allan Weech, Shirley Bowley, Sue Maggs, Alexander Wilson, Ann Allman, Harry Hovenden, Margaret Clapp,
- E 075/22** APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- Bill Fox
- E 076/22** OBITUARIES: -
Andrew Crawford (Greenhill, Wellworthy & Weymouth &MR); Alan Blaby (Wimborne)
Mike Wilkin (Dorchester)
- E 077/22** Youth Development-
In the absence of Penny Cresswell, Sue read the report received from Julie Leake regarding the U18 Tournament attended by Paul Robson of Bowls England. Millie Tuck had won the U18 trophy for the second year and Lucy Rankine -Mackintosh the U 16 .
- E 078/22** MINUTES of MEETING HELD 14 July
Agreed - proposed by Shirley Bowley seconded by Allan Weech signed by Alexander Wilson
- E 079/22** MATTERS ARISING from Minutes not already on the agenda
- i) **E 066/22 i) Letter Received From DWBL-** No further news from the DWBL- although dates had been offered, this week, for another meeting in early September
 - ii) **E 066/22 ii) Dorset Youth Bowls Sponsorship.** Alexander is preparing the script to go with the county logo
 - iii) **E 066/22 iii) Sponsorship on website-** Nothing more to report
 - iv) **E76/22 ii) Late receipt of League results-** review at a later date – consideration of penalties, also to consider concession of games at end of season
 - v) **E76/22 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 080/22** CORRESPONDENCE
All Bowls England correspondence had been circulated
B.E. Correspondence included details of National Finals tickets-
These would be e-mailed as “E-tickets” to presidents and there will be a car park ticket available for them in due course
The Competitors will be e- mailed entrance tickets for their event day

The County had tickets available for each of the days, and these had been offered to County Officers and the competitors for their friends and families and offer for more extra tickets. These would be allocated shortly.
There were no car park tickets for competitors
The County had received a refund for Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy entry fee-promised for May!!, also travel expenses for the competitors in the sum of £810 – Bowls Dorset pay £50 to each qualifying competitor -approximately £1800

E 081/22 TREASURERS REPORT

The Bank Balance stands at £19k and the e-savings account at £30.6k.

There is £13k profit to date overall.

This is before the following:-

Officers' Allowances ; Leamington Presidents' Expenses; Benevolent Triples; Extra Affiliation Fees ; Engraving Men and Ladies; Prizes Men; Final Matches

And any other miscellaneous expenses.

To date there have been 187 new members. 111 men, 64 ladies, 7 Male juniors and 5 female juniors.

E 082/22 LADIES SECRETARY REPORT

Sue informed the Committee that the ladies Executive Committee would be meeting later in the week

E 083/22 LADIES MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

attached

E 084/22 MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT

Nothing to report that was of any consequence

E 085/22 MEN'S MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

In the absence of Bill Fox, Alexander explained the problems experienced with the match against the Royal Household, which was won by Dorset

E 086/22 LADIES COMPETITION SECRETARY-

Attached

E 087/22 MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY-

Harry was very pleased with how the finals weekend arrangements had worked out with all the qualifying competitions played.

E 088/22 WEBSITE and SPONSORSHIP

Nothing further to report on the website, and sponsorship will be looked at for next year

E 089/22 TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Committee re-iterated it is intended to review these for next year

E 090/22 YOUTH CLOTHING

Bowls England have agreed in the design and colours. The youth are now able to wear at Leamington, representing Dorset

E 091/22 LUNCHEON

Alexander had provisionally booked the Dorset Resort for 2nd October and booked John McGuinness the B.E. Performance Director and was awaiting the subject of his talk, before sending out the menus and order forms. Mr McGuinness had requested accommodation overnight but would not be charging an appearance fee. The Committee agreed unanimously to fund the overnight stay.

E 092/22 REVIEW OFFICER NOMINATION FORMS

The Ladies had added Linda Murray as Sherborne had indicated their support of her being nominated as Ladies Junior Vice President for the coming season of 2023. A Nomination for Ladies League Secretary would not be sought until after the Bowls Dorset AGM. The return date for these nominations will be 25 September

E 093/22 REVIEW OF COMPETITION ENTRY FORMS

The Competition forms were agreed and the entry fee to remain at £4.50 with handbook requirement still to be observed but at no cost. We are also introducing a new Competition, an Under 16 Open Pairs. Entries may be affiliated boys, girls or mixed and the pair do not have to play out of the same Dorset Club. As with the County Mixed Fours, it will be administered by the Ladies Code. The fee for under 16's will be £2.00 per entrant. The return date will be 31st October.

E 094/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) **Finals weekends for 2023-** These were discussed and provisionally thought to be 22/23 July and 2/3 September

E 095/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 28 September 10.30am

Closed 12.10

SIGNED.....

Date.....

Ladies match secretary's report.

Not a lot to report on since the last report (18th August). We played Wiltshire in the SWCL and had the satisfaction of winning 124 to 92 despite being defeated by them in the Johns Trophy and Walker Cup. We have one more game to play in this league, against Cornwall, and hopefully we can finish the season with another win. The friendly match against Bournemouth & District Ladies was cancelled by them as they could not raise a team.

We still need to encourage more ladies to put their names down for County so that selection can be made easier and more worthwhile.

Dates for next years games are being arranged and venues sought.

Margaret Clapp
Ladies Match Secretary.

Report by Ann Allman, Competition Secretary for BD Executive Meeting on 18th August 2022 Finals Weekend

All the finals games were completed over the Finals Weekend at Dorchester on 23rd/24th July at Dorchester with finalists qualified for Leamington. I believe it was a successful weekend with all trophies and gifts presented and photos taken by Janine. All trophies have been engraved and we are arranging for the trophies to be collected. The engraving has been done by Blandford Engraving at £5.50 per trophy - this is because we are regular customers – the current cost to new customers is between £7.50 - £10 per trophy.

Dorset Competitions

I have run most of the Dorset competitions. For the Ben Triples East, the weather was so hot last Friday that we only played the preliminary round. It was not viable to play the next round due to the heat and I did not want players to be ill. This will now be played on 22nd August at 10am at West Moors with the Quarter final – East and West will now be played later in the morning after a redraw. I will sort out when the Semi Final will be played.

One club played in the June Culpin and won and then withdrew from the competition as they could not play on the semi-finals.

Because the u16s singles competition was successful it has been decided to run an under 16 open pairs competition 2023.

Edna Paisley League

Both Marion and I are still working on the EP league, we are both aware that some teams have games to be played. We have had some issues with clubs agreeing to share points between themselves before checking with either Marion or myself before agreeing this especially when there has been time to rearrange them as we have given an extra week after the scheduled matches finish. The West section is still all to be played for. The East looks like one team is well ahead.

Dorset Finals weekend 2022

Discussion will take place to set up a programme for the Dorset Finals weekend at Blandford on 17th-18th September once we know of any conflicts.

Dorset Rules.

We have all had a copy of the rules and for our comments about any adjustments etc and we will discuss these tomorrow at our Ladies Meeting.

2023 County Competitions.

We have had the BE schedule for 2023 so I believe it is important to issue the County Competition entry forms to clubs so they can get speak to their members before the clubs close to maximise the number of entries for 2023 which I think will be reduced anyhow.

Bowls England have released the dates for Leamington & National regional finals 2023. We will look at dates for the Leamington and Dorset finals once the dates are confirmed.

Thanks to all the officers for their support.