

# 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 17 October 2022  
AT  
DORCHESTER BOWLING CLUB  
COMMENCING at 10.30am**

- E 115/22** Welcome by Alexander Wilson
- E 116/22** **PRESENT-** Carole Beckford, Shirley Bowley, Margaret Clapp, Marion Clements, Bill Fox, Harry Hovenden, Sue Maggs, Alexander Wilson, ,
- E 117/22** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** Ann Allman , Allan Weech,
- E 118/22** **OBITUARIES: -**  
Mick Abraham (Broadstone Wessex)
- E 119/22** **Youth Development report**  
attached
- E 120/22** **MINUTES of MEETING HELD 18 August**  
Agreed - proposed by Harry Hovenden seconded by Shirley Bowley signed by Alexander Wilson
- E 121/22** **MATTERS ARISING from Minutes not already on the agenda**  
i) **E 102/22 i) DWBL-** At the DWBL delegates meeting on 10 October, the proposal for winding up was discussed and will be voted at their AGM. Other proposals for their AGM included the disposal of any remaining funds  
ii) **E 102/22 ii) Dorset Youth Bowls Sponsorship.** On going  
iii) **E 102/22 iii) Sponsorship on website-** On going  
iv) **E 102/22 v) Qualifiers for 2022 National Championships –** The proposal to be sent to B.E. this week.  
v) **E 102/22 Travel Expenses-** On going  
vi) **E 102/22 Finals weekends for 2023-** On going
- E 122/22 CORRESPONDANCE-**  
All Bowls England correspondence had been circulated including an invitation from Stephen Helmsley to be our "B.E. Buddy"  
The club acknowledged our reply reference Life Membership
- E 123/22 TREASURERS REPORT**  
The Committee reviewed the draft Accounts which will be sent out with AGM agenda
- E 124/22 LADIES SECRETARY REPORT**  
As attached
- E 125/22 LADIES MATCH SECRETARY REPORT**  
As attached from 10.10.22, Margaret added that some match venues were still awaited to be clarified; dates are still awaited for Johns and Walker and Amy Rose; she had rejected a lunchtime meal with Worcestershire; Herefordshire venue had a parking problem, which may mean we will have to consider a coach.

The Committee agreed unanimously that the friendlies that were originally run by DWBL, should be marked appropriately, so the ladies realised their significance.

**E 126/22 MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT**

As attached

**E 127/22 MEN'S MATCH SECRETARY REPORT**

**E 128/22 LADIES COMPETITION SECRETARY-**

As attached

**E 129/22 MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY-**

As attached

**E130/22 REVIEW LEAGUE ENTRY AND HANDBOOK ORDER FORM**

Form agreed

**E 131/22 WEBSITE**

ongoing

**E 132/22 PROPOSALS TO BE REVIEWED FOR AGM**

Bye law and proposal from ladies delegates meeting as attached

**E 133/22 Review Allowances for approval at AGM previous**

The Committee recommended the allowances remain unchanged for the forthcoming year, with the exception of the allowance for County Competition Finalists attending the National Championships at Leamington amended to £75 from 2023.

**E 134/22 AGREE AGENDA FOR AGM**

This was agreed by the Committee

**E 135/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**E 136/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**To agree the date of the next meeting of the Executive Board. 19/11/22**

**Meeting closed 12.10am**

**SIGNED.....**

**Date.....**

**Junior Bowls Season Round Up.**

Overall, this season has, once again, seen great development and achievements from our county juniors.

The beginning of the season saw both the Amy Rose and White Rose teams play against Somerset in the first round of these National competitions. The girls were playing last years winners, so always going to be up against it – but they acquitted themselves really well, narrowly losing on one rink and our second rink held their own until the last few ends, when experience finally told and a number of shots were lost.

Meanwhile, the boys, playing the White Rose were so close to pulling off a win. The game came down to the final ends with the Dorset lads just losing out. We have a nucleus of two good teams, who with more experience and few more years bowling under their belt, look good for the coming years.

At National finals we were represented in both the U25 Ladies and Men's singles and pairs. In the singles, Alex Dytham came up against last years winner and although he played very well, was sadly beaten. The Scammell brothers – Will and Ryan looked good early doors but struggled on a quirky rink, and sadly lost their first round. Millie Tuck was going well, beating a junior international in the first round. She reached the ¼ finals before meeting her match and sadly went out. Millie teamed up with Rebecca Cresswell in the pairs. They played a fabulous match against two full

internationals only to lose on the final end, having held match lie. So, mixed fortunes but all should be congratulated on their achievements.

The Academy continued to hold monthly sessions, inviting new juniors to join from Ferndown and West Moors for the first time. They played matches against Swanage, and Branksome. Winning one and losing one. For many of the youngsters the match against the coaches and parents at the end of the season was by far the most important! (Win for the coaches this time!)

It has been pleasing to see the development of junior sections at West Moors and Ferndown Bowls club, both clubs now have players taking part in not only the academy but County competitions as well. Sadly, we have had little success in getting anything off the ground in the west of the county. The County U16 boys' and girls' singles competitions were both well supported with the finals being played at the County finals day in September. Alex Collins (West Moors) played Leo Bramley (Ferndown) in the boy's final, with Alex coming out on top. The girl's final was a tight affair with Nesta Roberts (Blandford) just coming up on top against Hannah Edwards (Dorchester)

Finally, the U18 and U12 tournament at Poole Park saw over 30 Dorset youngsters competing in a really competitive day. Both main competitions were hard fought as was the pairs – so much so, we had to make the dignitaries wait around for the final presentations.! But we thank both County Presidents and Bowls England Past President for taking the time to be with us for the day. Much appreciated. As most people have probably seen from the bowls international article, Lucie and Millie both retained the titles from the previous year. (Up the girls!)

I would like to thank all those volunteers, coaches, parents and clubs who have continued to support and help the development of the youth in Dorset.

Penny Cresswell.

#### Ladies Secretary report

This summer we have had good news and sad news- the sadness in September of the passing of our sport's patron the Queen,

The good news that we have in Dorset the British Isles triples champions, Penny Cresswell, Bridget Hodder and Julie Leake- very well done to them.

More good news – the ladies affiliated to the county have risen from 240 in April to 269 in August- increase of over 10% - well done to those clubs who have successfully recruited extra players

During the summer your Committee have held 3 meetings, and spent the majority of the time reviewing the Rules and Regulations that directly relate to the ladies activities. These will be incorporated in to the overall review , and will address the clarification of qualification to play for and awarding of badges.(In particular the Double Rink.) and some anomalies within the dress code especially relating to footwear.

We have also looked at the County Mixed fours- venue for Semi Final.

On completion of the overall review, the County will hold a SGM to ratify all the changes, following a period for discussion.

We have had two meetings with the DWBL, and assured them Bowls Dorset will run a Ladies League and it will be called "Dorset Women's Bowling League" for continuity. It will be played on Tuesday afternoon. The format will need to be decided later, it will have the same status as the Men's County League. rules will be aligned. In broad terms other than "points sharing for non-played games", it is not the intention for the effect of the rules to be drastically different from the DWBL's current rules as far as playing is concerned.

The current DWBL friendlies will be organised by the Match Secretary, and the competition status will be reviewed.

Once the DWBL has been wound up, BD will move to set up the replacement league which will include opening it for entries from Clubs. Rest

assured it is important to BD that there continues to be a Ladies League -

Dorset Womens Bowling League, played on a Tuesday afternoon.

**Sue Maggs**

## Match Secretary's Report. 10/10/22

We started the season a little apprehensively due to a two year break through Covid and its ongoing effects. However we coped well and I am sure that we will continue to do so next season.

Unfortunately we lost both the John's Trophy and Walker Cup but we competed well in the SWCL and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the table out of 7 Counties. Surprisingly Herefordshire finished bottom.

We won our two friendly matches against Hampshire by 16 shots, Sussex 9, Herefordshire 39 and Wiltshire 32 losing to Somerset by 18 shots, Worcestershire 18, Devon 3, Dorset Men 2 and as you can see we never had a pasting. After travelling to Tiverton we were unable to play Cornwall due to very heavy rain. I feel that we have a good basis to improve on in 2023. Ideally we need more names to select from, both newly qualified and experienced on a regular basis.

Next seasons matches are coming together well. We have entered the Walker Cup, Johns Trophy and the Amy Rose but have no details of the games at present. Worcestershire raised the question about having meals after the game. All 7 counties have been asked for their opinion on this. Dorset have said that we wished to stay with having a meal after the game. Worcestershire have now told us that all counties have voted for a meal after the game.

Thanks to everyone who supported the County keep it up and encourage others to try as well.

Margaret Clapp.  
Match secretary.

### Men's Secretary's Report to Delegates Meeting 13/10/22

Two pieces of good news. First Dorset has the British Isles triples champions, Penny Cresswell, Bridget Hodder and Julie Leake - very well done to them.

Secondly, the County also saw an increase in affiliated men this year over last. In 2021 we had 942 men and 27 juniors giving 969. In 2022, 997 and 22 affiliated at the beginning of the year and a further 118 were affiliated during the year, giving a total at season end of 1137, a 17% increase. In County Championships we had 140-150 individuals entered in team disciplines which is around 14% of those affiliated at start of year. The ladies also saw an increase of over 10%. Well done to those clubs who have successfully recruited extra players.

Sadly however membership at Cranborne has dropped and currently the club does not intend to continue being a member of Bowls Dorset next year.

On the ladies side the separate Ladies Association running the DWBL will be winding itself up. Next year the DWBL league will be run by Bowls Dorset and will have the same status as the Monday County League. We are intending that the rules for these leagues be aligned. This will be done as part of a full review of all County Rules that will be done this winter. Following a period for consultation, there will be a SGM to make the changes.

These changes will include addressing the issue of league games not played, played late, points shared and points conceded, all of which have caused some concern during this season.

Turning to the website, unfortunately we still have a few bugs in the matches section that we hope to have resolved before next season. The rest of the website is working well and has been well

received. Peak season we were seeing around 600 users per week and 15-200 hits per day. If Clubs do have things going on that they wish to promote more widely, do let us have details. Finally, BD Executive has resolved to put a resolution into BE AGM that National Finals at Leamington revert to at least two qualifiers per discipline for 2023 onwards.

*Alexander Wilson*

### **Men's Match Secretary report to Executive Committee**

We were very lucky with the weather this season and the majority of our games were played in bright sunshine. Overall the season went well but we did experience a few challenges as the season progressed. In summary I can report as follows:

#### **Middleton Cup**

We had managed to arrange two trial matches this year one in house and the second an inter county, against Berkshire, at Bannister Park. Unfortunately at the last moment Berkshire were unable to get a team together so we also ended up playing this second trial in house. Both trials seemed to go well and there was some very good bowling from the participants. This year, as last, the cup was played as a knockout. The draw was against Warwickshire and we agreed to play the first game at Chippenham Town on 18th June. Our team played well and kept it quite close but eventually lost by 16 shots (101 – 117). Unfortunately as this was a knockout this was our first and last game in the Middleton.

#### **Balcomb Trophy (2Rink)**

This was a mirror image of the Middleton. We were again drawn against Warwickshire and again we played at Chippenham Town (on the 2nd July). Unfortunately again we lost the game by 9 shots (36-45) and again, as this was a knockout, we progressed no further.

#### **White Rose U25**

Dorset played Somerset in the White Rose at Ilminster on the 26th June and were joined by the ladies who played in the Amy Rose on the same green at the same time. Again there was little in it and Dorset played well against a strong Somerset side. They were unlucky to loose by the narrow margin of 4 (36-40).

#### **County Friendlies**

We started the season with 16 county friendlies (13 men's and 3 mixed). The only fixture missing from previous years was Bournemouth & District, who were unable to accommodate us due to a date conflict. As usual we struggled with numbers, more with Away games than Home. This season was especially difficult as not only did we struggle with numbers at the selection stage but once teams had been selected we had an unusually high number of players pulling out due to injury or sickness etc. Three games were cancelled during the season, due to lack of support, two on the request of the opposition (Civil Service, Swindon & District) and one by Dorset (Sussex County). A further two games were played as 5 rinks only (Cornwall & Gloucestershire) and one as a Triples (New Forest). Of those games played we had 5 wins, 7 losses and one draw. Despite these various trials and tribulations we succeeded in playing the vast majority of our games and had a good time doing so.

The majority of the Friendly fixtures for 2023 have already been agreed. In addition to our normal games next season we have a mixed game against Buckinghamshire Tourists and two mixed celebration games against Gillingham and Bridport. Bournemouth and District are now back in to the fold for next year playing at Branksome Park. We have also just had a request for a game next year from Herefordshire B. A. with the prospect of it becoming a permanent fixture. Unfortunately I have had to decline it as we already have more fixtures than we can cope with next year. Herefordshire have indicated that they will approach us again in 2023 for a fixture in 24. Who knows things may look a bit better then!

**Bill Fox**  
**Match Sec**

## Report by Competition Secretary for B E Executive Meeting on 17th October 2022

Good Morning Officers

Please accept my apologies for my absence today but Marion is here in my absence.

### County Competitions

It has been another successful season for both County Competitions and Dorset competitions. County competition entry forms for 2023 have all been sent to Secretaries and I do hope that we have a good number of entries, I am aware that it's not helping only having one entry at Leamington but I do know that counties including Dorset have put in proposals to revert back to 2 entries (3 for larger counties) but we will have to wait and see what BE decide.

Marion and myself faced the old chestnut again this season of not letting us know the results of the competitions and we are hopeful this will be better in 2023.

### Under 16's singles

This was the first year that we ran both the girls & boys competition together on the same day and it worked well and an under 16's open pairs competition is planned for 2023.

### Edna Paisley

There have been issues regarding giving or sharing points before speaking with either Marion or myself as fixtures were not able to be played.

At a recent Executive Meeting it was suggested that maybe any players could play in the Edna Paisley League like the Percy Baker League and this suggestion was put forward to the Delegates Meeting. My view is that this is not what Edna Paisley wanted when she set up the league, as it was for players that were no longer able to play in the DWBL or County Matches. More recently it has been used to introduce new players in playing competitive matches which is great. I appreciate that by allowing all players to play in the Edna Paisley League it will help clubs especially those that are in the DWBL first Division to field teams. If Delegates agree this amendment to the rule, then I would suggest that players who have played in the Johns Trophy and Walker Cup in the previous year, would not be allowed to play.

### Leamington

Dorset did not do very well in most of the championships this year, unfortunately being knocked out in the first round apart from Millie Tuck, Sally Rowe and Julie Leake.

### Website

I would like to thank Sue for entering all the results on the website speedily so everyone can see the results I hope you all keep well during the winter season and look forward to working with you all again in 2023.

Ann Allman

BD Competition Secretary.

The Competition entries for 2022 were significantly higher than in previous years. I would like to thank all the Clubs who participated for their efforts to gain the County two qualifiers for the Leamington finals. Unfortunately, however, despite the much-increased entries, we still did not reach the required target.

All competitions were completed successfully, helped in no small measure by the excellent weather enjoyed during the summer.

All the quarter and semi-finals proceeded very well. I would like to thank the host clubs for their generosity and for the excellent facilities which were provided.

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

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all those who took part and supported the County. Although we did not win any of the disciplines, all competitors represented the County very well at Leamington.

Thank you to my fellow committee members, and especially Paul Ramsey from Weymouth & Melcombe Bowls Club, without whose help and support a successful season would not have been accomplished.

Harry Hovenden

Men's County Competitions Secretary

By Law :-

Bowls Dorset Regulation: No. 1

## 7. Affiliation Fees

- a. An Affiliated Club shall pay a fee on joining Bowls Dorset as determined by the Council.
- b. The Annual Affiliation fee payable to Bowls Dorset by each Affiliated Club shall be based on the names of **all** their playing membership (**not just those players who enter county/national competitions/championships**) as at **31 March** ~~30<sup>th</sup> September in the preceding year~~ and shall be paid not later than ~~30<sup>th</sup> October~~ **30 April**. **For new members joining after 31 March, the affiliation fees shall be paid within 14 days of joining.** An Affiliated Club failing to pay Affiliation fees by the due date shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership until all arrears have been discharged. Competition fees for clubs/members who forfeit rights and privileges of memberships due to non-payment of County Affiliation fees are deemed non-returnable. The County Annual Affiliation fee rate shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.
- c. The fees paid ~~by 30<sup>th</sup> October~~ must reconcile with the membership list **and new member names** submitted **in accordance with Regulation 1 paragraph 8.** ~~the previous season.~~
- d. Additionally all Affiliated Clubs shall at the same time pay the prescribed Bowls England Annual Affiliation fee via the Association Treasurer. Any Club failing to pay Affiliation fees by the due date shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership until all arrears have been discharged. Competition fees for clubs/members who forfeit rights and privileges of memberships due to non-payment of County Affiliation fees are deemed non-returnable.
- e. Associate Club Members shall pay an Annual Affiliation fee as determined by the Annual General Meeting. (For these purposes an Associate Club Member is taken as a club member who does not bowl but enjoys the other facilities of the club. Bar, social activities, closed season activities etc.)

## 8. Returns

- a. The Secretary of each Affiliated Club shall forward to the Administrator a list of names only of individual club members (**not just those players who enter county/national competitions/championships**) **as at 31 March** plus the address telephone number and e-mail address of the Club Secretary, prior to ~~30<sup>th</sup> October~~ **30 April** in each year. **Names of new members joining after 31 March shall be submitted within 14 days of joining.**
- b. The Secretary of each Affiliated Club shall prior to 1<sup>st</sup> December each year forward to the Administrator a list of Club Officers.

Proposed by Dorchester B.C. Seconded by Bridport B.C at delegates meeting 10/10/22

Remove eligibility to play, as below

Remaining restriction - **Players playing in the previous year in Walker Cup / Johns Trophy/ International are not permitted to play in this league.**

County Competitions (Leagues)

### a Ladies League

#### The Edna Paisley Morning Triples League

Open to Ladies who will be aged 60 and over on 1st May in the year of the competition.

# i. League to be played on an East / West basis, with the winners of the East Area and the West Area to play in the County Final. The Final to be played on Finals weekend.

ii. Affiliated Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish (before the Annual General Meeting) with a maximum of nine teams constituting a Division. If necessary other divisions shall be formed and Division Finals played before the East/West Final. (see Rule xvii below)

iii. Two rinks of triples to constitute a team.

~~iv. Players should be taken from non league players or from lower Dorset Women's Bowling League or Bournemouth & District League. maximum of one player from first division of D.W.B.L. or B. & D. are allowed to play in each triple and in any position.~~

~~Players are eligible to play 2 times in the First Division of the DWBL/B&D, on the 3rd time, they will then be classed as a 'First Division' Player~~

Players playing in Walker Cup / Johns Trophy/ International are not permitted to play in this league.

Players playing in the finals must have played in at least 2 games during the season.

A Club playing an illegal player will result in the loss of rink and match points and a further deduction of 3 match points for each illegal player used.

2022-23 (unchanged from last year)

Chairperson £100;

Treasurer £250;

Administrator £400

Presidents £1000 each plus match fee free.

Expenses for Leamington attendance would be considered up to £50 per day.

Executive Officers :-

Secretaries £250.;

Match Secretaries £250 plus match fee free;

Competition Secretaries £300

Assistant Competition Secretary £100

Assistant Secretary/Match Secretary £250

**Allowance for County Competition Finalists attending the National Championships at Leamington amended from 2023.**

At present the allowance paid by Bowls England is shared equally between all the finalists. The Committee discussed and agreed unanimously that from 2023 an allowance of £75.00 per person be paid in place of the B.E. allowance.