

# 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 7 December 2022 AT DORCHESTER BOWLING CLUB COMMENCING at 1.00pm

**E 137/2** Alexander Wilson welcomed our new President Janine Scola and thanked Carole Beckford and Allan Weech for their contribution over that past year

**E 138/22** **PRESENT-** Shirley Bowley, Margaret Clapp, Marion Clements, Bill Fox, Harry Hovenden, Sue Maggs, Janine Scola, Alexander Wilson,

**E 139/22** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** none

**E 140/22** **OBITUARIES: -**

From the AGM – John Beer(Greenhill); Paul Nowlan(Poole Park)  
Alan Shall (Branksome Park); David Byrne- Jones (Branksome Park);  
Rodney Hobbs (Lyme Regis);Dorothy Keep (Verwood);  
Adrian Herbert (Verwood); Jim Scutt (Verwood)  
Val Cozens (Lyme Regis)

**E 141/22** **MINUTES of MEETING HELD 17 October**

Agreed - proposed by Bill Fox seconded by Harry Hovenden signed by Alexander Wilson

**E 142/22** **MATTERS ARISING from Minutes not already on the agenda**

- i) **E 112/22 ii) Dorset Youth Bowls Sponsorship.** On going
- ii) **E 122/22 iii) Sponsorship on website-** On going
- iii) **E 122/22iv) Finals weekends for 2023-** On going

**E 143/22 CORRESPONDANCE-**

All Bowls England correspondence had been circulated including notification of JVP for B.E Sheila Storey: the September Board Meeting minutes; County updates October

**E 144/22 TREASURERS REPORT**

The bank account stands at £17.6k and e-savings at £30.6k.

We have received £6518 for competition entries of which £3527 is for the ladies and £2990 for men. With the exception of Verwood, all money for the leagues, etc, have been paid.

**E 145/22 LADIES SECRETARY REPORT**

Nothing to report since AGM

**E 146/22 LADIES MATCH SECRETARY REPORT**

Margaret reported that most of the matches for next year had been booked , and some needed confirmation

**E 147/22** **MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT**

Nothing since AGM

**E 148/22** **MEN'S MATCH SECRETARY REPORT**

Bill reported that most of the friendlies were booked for next year

### **E 149/22 LADIES COMPETITION SECRETARY-**

Ann had very little to report at this stage.

As mentioned at the AGM there is an increase in the entries for some of the 2023 County & Dorset Competitions.

She will be doing the draw for the County Comps on Friday morning 9<sup>th</sup> December with other officers and all the necessary work is done in readiness for the draw.

At some point we will need to confirm the charity nominated for the Ladies Benevolent Triples since Bowls England are not running this competition anymore. **(SEE BELOW)**

She has also arranged some venues for the Quarter and Semi Finals but cannot finish that piece of work until we have confirmation from Bowls England regarding the programme for Leamington as to whether there is to be a change in competitors from 1 to 2 or something else.

### **E 150/22 MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY-**

Date for draw to be agreed

### **E151/22 Website-**

On going

### **E152/22 Resignation of Cranborne Bowls Club**

Official notification from Cranborne Bowls Club, that unfortunately they have insufficient members to continue being affiliated to Bowls Dorset and Bowls England

### **E153/22 Stickers**

The Committee agreed that the county require a new supply of stickers and to get an alternative quote from a local source

### **E154/22 Flashes and badges**

There were some players for the men who had reached 150 games and a flash of recognition would be sourced and an order for some county badges

### **E155/22. Review League Entries**

League entries for the men's leagues and the Edna Paisley were similar to last year

The Edna Paisley would have 10 teams in the West and 8 in the East

The new DWBL league had 21 entries if split 10 teams for Division 1 and 11 teams in division 2, this would mean 18 weeks for Division one starting 2 May and finishing 5

September with a "no Game" week 4 July, and 10 weeks for Division 2 starting 25 April and finishing 5 September without a free week. The 8 teams in Division one from last year would remain and be joined by the top 2 teams from Division 2 last year and the remainder of entered teams would be in Division 2.

After discussion the Committee agreed unanimously with the set up for 2023 for DWBL League divisions

[Since this meeting- it was realised that 10 and 11 teams would not work as it would require 20 and 22 weeks which cannot be achieved in the time scale

The committee agreed by majority vote by e mail that the league will now be 3 divisions of 7 as per report attached.]

Clubs to be advised

### **E156/22. Review from AGM**

Nothing was raised at the AGM that has not already been discussed at this meeting

### **E157/22. Report from Counties Meeting**

Report attached, together with notes from "Drop In" meeting this morning.

### **E158/22 Minutes from Group West meeting**

Attached

### **E159/22 . DWBL**

Bowls Dorset had not received any further news following the DWBL AGM, and would seek to acquire details for the friendly matches.

**E159/22 Match fees**

Alexander had produced figures to illustrate the amount of shortfall with the fee at £15.00, and that a break-even fee would be £18.00. However the Committee agreed unanimously after much discussion that the fee remain the same for the forthcoming year.

**E160/22 Travel Allowance**

A similar discussion to that for Match fees, with the added, the Committee agreed unanimously that the travel allowance would remain at £30.00 per car for out of county where no coach. Where coach any match fees/travel shortfall will be funded from reserves this year with the proviso that every effort would be made to raise funds with various raffles, including on finals weekends, home games and coaches.

**E161/22. Celebration Matches**

Alexander to prepare a Google form for the website for any person who thinks they qualify to apply. Nominations have, once again to be submitted by the Administrator

**E 162/22 ANY OTHER BUSINES**

**Benevolent fund –**

Following the closure of the Benevolent Fund, the Committee agreed unanimously to continue the Competition, and give a proportion of the entry fee per person to the Lady Presidents Charity annually

**E 163/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Date of the next meeting of the Executive Board. 17 January 2023 at 11.00pm**

**Meeting closed 4.00pm**

**SIGNED.....**

**Date.....**

**Counties meeting 20.11.22**

Welcome included summary of progress over last 12 months and B.E working parties Competitions, Governance, Affiliation, Disciplinary, Safeguarding and others

B.E activities have primarily been engaged with the preparation and delivery of the Commonwealth Games- using at least 7 ½% of the staff time, and a vast amount of the B.E reserves, but resulting in the sport being showcased with over 9 million tv viewers of which 5 million watched for more than 5 minutes!!!, and over 40,000 attending the venue. They witnessed the largest medal haul – 7 medals including 2 gold- for England. World Bowls is considering country specific colour bowls!!!

TV coverage- is very expensive and BBC and Sky will not pay to air. A suggestion for consideration would be for a challenge Bowls England against the clubs or local challenges- club versus doctors as part of the BDA health Programme.

Increasing Sports England funding depends on more affiliation – there was a 4% growth this year. if all the Governing Bodies (EIBA, BE, FBA, CROWN GREEN, SHORT MAT etc) were to merge that may attract more funding. Sports England pay on number of affiliated members and need documentary proof that their money is increasing participation,

MAR ( Management Order and Review)

The counties supported a suggestion of drop in sessions being recorded to replay as required B.E have instigated a “Buddy” system – a Board member has been allocated to each county to hold regular discussions with counties

Phone enquires are going to answered at head Office with staff returning to office

Collective buying has not been pursued

Governance working Party working towards tier 3 for Sports England funding and their draft report should be available early next year.

Consideration will be given to website training and standardisation templates.

Targeting of social media and influencers to promote events including big bowls Weekend and ensuring Development/recruitment officers are in place in each club for the BB weekend

Consideration is being given to bringing Umpiring under B.E umbrella with coaching Liaison and exams – creating a county budget for training and making courses more accessible and removing monetary boundaries.

#### Big Bowls Bash

There are club guides available that cover Insurance guidance, furthermore there are 320 packs available for counties/clubs which include instructions, scorecards and “jacks”. A suggestion was to send 2 pack to each county to try an encourage use and participation. These pack maybe useful for post open coaching

#### Affiliation fees

At present £5.00 but at this rate B E is using reserves so an increase will be necessary from 2024 which will need to be agreed at the AGM in February

2023 will have a deficit of 90 k and in 2024 B.E will probably lose the use of Riverside House

Offers from BE a) stay at £5.00 b) increase to £6 from 2024 and index link, c) increase to £7.50 from 2024 that is considering a £.000 or £2;50 rise from 2024

Suggestion that as most of the benefit goes to the clubs in the form of advise and work on disciplinary, safeguarding, coaching, development and many other matters, maybe a club affiliation fee be charged on top of the individual affiliation fee

A number of clubs do not affiliate all their members- especially those who have federation bowls playing at the same club.

The B.E. board will consider all options, before presenting a “proposal” to the AGM, also for the Championship entry fees

#### Comps finals and qualifying for Leamington

2 counties had submitted proposals for the AGM, neither of which had been made available prior to the counties meeting, by B.E., both for 2 qualifiers to be re-instated one from 2023 and the other from 2024. The Counties were fully supportive of the proposal to reinstate the 2 qualifiers for 2023

B.E board had made a counter proposal to the meeting, including the scrapping of regional finals. This was not well received but they stuck to their guns and if 2 qualifiers would mean Regional Finals would stay!!

They had considered operational viability, effectiveness and well being of officials, volunteers and staff, national Finals commercial success, 3<sup>rd</sup> party relations with contractors and retailers.

B.E will consider all the options prior to their announcement which has to be made before the opening of entries on 1 December

## Counties Drop-in 7/12/22

### Competitions

BE thought Counties Meeting had gone well though accepted papers were missing from pre-meeting circulation (Dorset & Worcestershire propositions).

On Competitions BE had made statement at Counties Meeting but accepted should have been clearer with Board's proposition to increase qualifiers to Leamington – 27 counties with highest in each discipline to get 2. BE unhappy qualification not fair between Counties, eg Men's Pairs – Kent 1/167 chance qualifying vs Derbyshire 1/17 chance, Women's Pairs – Hants 1/72 vs Lancashire 1/7. There may be clashes with Leamington schedule but try to minimize – may be no accommodation for clashes with inter-club/inter-county. Considering reducing inter-county format (Middleton/Johns/Balcomb/Walker) to 18 ends – will let know within week.

Dorset & Worcestershire propositions still on table for AGM. Feb decision not “optimal” for arranging Leamington.

Time limits for games will only be at Leamington, not expected to be applied at county stages but counties might like to consider for finals weekends so that players are familiar.

Middleton/Johns 2 year draw for 2023/2024 – if more that 160 miles return can be 3 home / 3 away or neutral green. QFs should be midway neutral green but within one of the counties is permitted if agreed.

BE setting up Competition Working Group – want to make sure get things right for 2024. Advert to go out before Xmas.

BE setting up County Competition Secretary network for exchange of ideas/help.

### Affiliation

Board proposition to AGM to increase affiliation fee from 2024 by £2 per individual.

Affiliation Working Group propositions will be taken to 2024 AGM.

Need reasons why Clubs should affiliate – document to be circulated.

Can't stop affiliated Clubs playing in Leagues that include non-affiliated Clubs. However Leagues can't be affiliated.

Will be re-visiting central online membership as a way to deal with affiliation – been on back burner in “too hard to do box”.

If person is a member of 2 clubs, affiliation fee for that person will need to be paid by both clubs.

### **Management and Audit Review**

Having discussions with EBUA in New Year

### **Bowls Bash**

Want to encourage use of Bowls Bash more. May approach Clubs and possibly have session before Counties Meeting [AGM?] if can find indoor venue.

### **Website**

Safeguarding now on BE website front page. Done 50-70% of intended changes to Competitions Portal website.

### **Customer Services**

BE piloting a new phone system to remove need for published staff mobile numbers – it will enable them to transfer incoming calls to staff working at home.

BE offices will be closed 22/12 – 3/1. FAQs on website before close.

### **Sponsorship**

Now have sponsorship from Riviera Travel – bowls cruises to be announced.

Will be announcing new principle sponsorship partner in January, believe will be game changing in terms of scale.

### **Performance Summit**

BE will have junior strategy and performance pathway with view to success on world stage. All players should be able to see what the pathway is.

### **AOB**

One club had received suggestion from its Auditor that Covid grants might have to be repaid. No specific detail.

## GROUP WEST

### **Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022: 10.30 am start Clevedon Bowling Club (Tel: 01275 872828)**

Chair Mr Ross Turnbull (Somerset Administrator) Secretary Mrs Lindsay Collin (Gloucestershire Administrator)

### **Attendees**

Devon Sue Silcox	Hereford Clive Handscombe	Wiltshire Kath Lloyd
Devon Vicky Hingston (A)	Hereford Jill Bowen (A)	Worcestershire John Weston
Dorset Alexander Wilson	Somerset Carolle Skeates	Worcestershire June Bell (A)
Dorset Sue Maggs (A)	Warwicks Debbie Bloxham	
Gloucester Lindsay Collin	Warwicks Michael Jackson (A)	(A) Administrator

### **Apologies**

Cornwall Christine Hoare (A)	Gloucester George Thomas	Warwicks Heather Mills
Cornwall David Parr	Wiltshire Gerald Webb (A)	

1. Apologies. Welcome by Chair The retiring Chair (Lindsay Collin) welcomed attendees and thanked them for coming; also thanked Clevedon BC for hosting the meeting and providing tea and coffee. She referred to the general point accepted at the last meeting and also in e-mails to her, that the Group had approved a rotating Chair henceforth, and that Ross Turnbull had offered to ‘take the first shift’. So saying, he assumed the position of Chair.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held at Clevedon BC on 15 March 2022** Approved as a correct record.
3. **Matters arising not covered the Agenda**
  - a. The Secretary ran through the matters where she had been asked to take action or make enquiries, these informed by the extra papers circulated prior to today’s meeting :
    - The summary of various financial parameters was useful to know, for comparison. A few slight changes noted, since compiled in May. All counties agreed data could be known. The main interest was in the letters written by the Secretary to BE :Acknowledged that BE is struggling to answer inquiries in a timely fashion, but

very long, or even not at all in some cases. Also doesn't necessarily discriminate when matters do need to be quickly addressed, such as with Safeguarding and Disciplinary matters.

- Letter to Rob Short re dissatisfaction of some counties with the types of communication being directed to counties, but also similarly to clubs. Not all recipients are happy about multi-topic communications (inc 'newsletters'), which can fail to make it easy for readers to discriminate which items are important, and need action, and those which are just 'newsy'. Short dedicated e-mails sometimes more suitable, for key issues. Some long e-mails cause club readers in particular to switch off.
- Also not always clear when it would still be ideal if the County Administrators reinforced a BE message (see next point)
- Letter to Alan Lane re club registration with BE. Urgently asked if County Administrators could have some way of checking which of their clubs were registered, and which were not. Reply in March, admitting that the situation re both registration and up-dating of club details not currently well known. Danger of some clubs receiving not very much, if anything. In July, Secretary also received from Alan a 'Club Engagement' spreadsheet (which will be attached); interesting, probably a bit depressing. But what we actually need, is to know exactly which clubs receive communications from BE directly.

#### 4. Personnel changes in each County (for general info)

Most counties have no significant personnel changes – difficult to find people willing to get involved !

#### 5. Discussion topics mainly arising from BE meetings, most of all from BE Counties Drop-in sessions :

##### 5.1 'Major' topics

##### a) Timing of National Finals, linked format changes and numbers of qualifiers Including :

- Secretary summarised what had happened over the last three years, and why.
- Shortening of Finals since 2019 understood, but some counties wish to return to at least three weeks, to allow final stages of all competitions to be played again at Leamington. Pointed out that Warks DC will be levying a sizeable weekly charge for use of greens. Claimed that Leamington greens were empty on significant occasions during this year's Finals.
- Noted that nothing would change in 2023, but the coming Counties Mtg is scheduled to discuss onwards into 2024 and beyond. Time to put your views forward.
- Two (west) counties were intending to put in proposals to the AGM for changes that would allow all counties to have 2 qualifiers once more. Claimed that competition entries were being adversely affected.
- Reference to 'buddying' by BE Directors, as a means of getting feedback to BE, but only four people had that interview, and only one of those face-to-face. Several people had been called by their buddy, but never had any follow-up.

##### b) Regional Finals : Comments :

- Definitely not well-loved.
- In Regional Semi and Final, some people having to travel very long distances; fact. Claimed that BE is aware of that problem.
- Definitely likely to be a drop in entries in National Competitions this year, as a result of the reduced possibilities of reaching the final rounds at Leamington. Winning in the county no longer counts for anything.

##### c) Round-Robin vs Knockout in Middleton Cup and John's Trophy

- Two smaller Group West counties have dropped out of these competitions, or their women have.

- Predictable differences in opinion, depending on those still happily having two qualifiers, and those marginal (missing out on some comps) or simply not big enough to muster the numbers. There will again be a discussion on this topic at the coming Counties Meeting.
  - Clear that in some counties, club allegiances, re weekend games, are another factor.
- d) Inter-county friendlies – costs, travel, meals, problems with mustering teams
- Wide disparity between counties in terms of numbers of friendly games played and also in terms of mustering teams. In some counties, future of friendlies looks bleak, in others still very enthusiastic, with loads of games.
  - Cost of travel a big thing. Also, men often don't mind driving, but women are not so often keen on longer drives to away games, so coaches are more used.
  - With economic situation, coach travel likely to become even more expensive.
  - Some counties running down friendlies, some maintaining them by playing certain closer opponents twice-yearly, but some don't see quite the same issues.
  - Long discussion on meals, again :
    - Men not that worried about food, women much keener. Women more likely to see it as being part of 'the spirit of the game'.
    - Meal costs crucial. Some counties have definite limits and will change venues if clubs don't comply. Counties may need to do more of this. Or ask for competitive tenders !
    - Possibility of something simpler mentioned, food-wise. Single course ?
    - £7.50 or £8 per meal still aimed for, but some clubs seem to ask more, using it as a money-making exercise. Need not to use them.
    - Often concern where venues are chosen, but meal cost not revealed until far too late to change.
    - Rink fees mostly waived.
- e) Play Bowls and Bowls Bash Not a lot of enthusiasm for either, as demonstrated by the 'Engagement' spreadsheet mentioned earlier [Item 3.1.2]
- f) Bowls England communications – any improvements ?
- Drop-ins regarded as very good. Addition of summary notes (this time) will be valuable. Very good attendance by counties last time.
  - Otherwise, improvement in speed of communication from BE would be welcomed. Although members also need to understand when it is appropriate to write – more 'education' on this.
  - Not 'communication', but absolute horror at cost of the meal at the Champions Dinner, as well as a total lack of choice on the meal, despite the huge outlay. Just not acceptable, 'taking the Mickey'. Everyone said they'd heard no confirmation (which is something of an issue more generally with BE events – one has to assume that, when booking things, that the system is working). Two people with dietary requirements at Champion Dinner indicated that they were unsure that they would be eating anything, as all courses seemed to have cheese included and there was total lack of info about other dietary options. \_  
[Lindsay asked for raffle prizes !]

## 5.2 'Minor' topics

- a. Badge ceremonies at Leamington Very varied responses – some happy, some not. Secretary informed that the Presidential Team seemed quite satisfied.
- b. County Websites Suggestion that all county websites should have summary of what the sport of Lawn Bowling involves, on their home page, for casual visitors. Bowls England might do well to produce a template for this, to be used to promote the sport on all our websites.
- c. Sponsorship Longish discussion :
- Warks and Wilts have it. Academies have it more often
  - Little limit on shirt sponsors now
  - Round-green advertising now quite common, but obviously mainly for clubs
  - 'Healthy' matters sponsors particularly good
  - Easier for clubs with local sponsors, but difficult for counties
- d. Disciplinary matters Should be a major topic, but so much to say at the moment, that simply not enough time. At this meeting.

- 'Education' needed for everyone involved in the process currently, plus also for all BE affiliated members, who might potentially become involved
  - New Regulation 9 badly needed, or at least the updated Regulation 9
  - Also need more guidance for various types of situation and decisions e.g. like the new guidance for Counties running Appeals
  - Very draining for County Administrators involved
- e. Academies Some counties have them, some do not, but 'Youth Development Policy' also really the same thing. Coaching vital, but pointed out that use of that precise term has specific insurance implications
- f. Greens quality Smaller counties seem able to do this more frequently and/or more widely across their clubs. Larger counties do not have sufficient personnel or resources. The BE Greens Advisory Service needs better publicity and it must be clearer how clubs are able to formally engage with it. Alan Lane's former responsibility, so the situation is made worse just now
- g. Disability Bowls Not at all well promoted by BE, not just Disability Bowls, but also VIBE. Noted that Sue Davies (Worcs) has gained some qualifications recently.
- h. County Constitutions Plea that Constitutions should be on county Web sites; claimed that most are. Must be up-to-date.

## 6. AOB

- 6.1 Umpires Discussion about the need for recruitment of new umpires. Suggested that BE should be taking this over, as it is so crucial
- 6.2 1 or 2 meeting per annum ? Participants very keen, most of them, to have two meetings. But we will review regularly. November a good time for a meeting, with issues of common interest being very current, with Counties Meeting imminent and the AGM in the New Year. March also not a bad time, as decisions just taken may have implications and also the new season is imminent. Useful to share thoughts and ideas on matters of interest to all counties in the West, especially since BE Regional Meetings discontinued.
- 6.3 Next (Rotating) Chair Should be a woman next time. June Bell (Worcs) agreed

Meeting closed at 12.35 pm

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



## DWBL (post meeting)

Since we decided to work with 2 divisions of 10 and 11 at the last Exec Meeting, we need a new Exec decision if we are to go with 3 divisions. We cannot wait until our January Exec meeting for this. We also need to deal with which teams go into which division.

BD's DWBL is not a straight continuation of the league run by the DWBL Association. However, it's obviously sensible to work with the divisions/finishing positions in the 2022 season. There is also an expectation that this would happen. The 2022 final league table was:

<b>DIVISION 1</b>													
Pos	Team	Play	Won	Drew	Lost	Pr	Wr	Dr	Lr	For	Agnst	Diff	Pts
1	Dorchester A	13	10	1	2	26	16	3	7	517	420	97	77
2	Poole Park A	14	8	2	4	28	17	1	10	528	433	95	71
3	Sherborne A	14	8	1	5	28	14	2	12	490	460	30	61
4	Broadstone Wessex A	14	6	2	6	28	13	4	11	456	443	13	58
5	Bridport	14	6	2	6	28	13	1	14	430	448	-18	58
6	Blandford A	13	5	2	6	26	11	3	12	441	458	-17	46
7	Lyme Regis	14	3	2	9	28	8	0	20	431	527	-96	37
8	West Moors	14	3	0	11	28	9	4	15	483	587	-104	32
<b>DIVISION 2</b>													
1	Greenhill A	12	10	1	1	24	19	0	5	522	302	220	80
2	Gillingham	12	8	0	4	24	15	1	8	445	359	86	63
3	Dorchester B	12	7	0	5	24	13	0	11	424	458	-34	54
4	Branksome Park A	12	6	0	6	24	10	1	13	403	422.25	-19.25	45
5	Wellworthy	12	5	0	7	24	10	0	14	395.75	447	-51.28	40
6	Branksome Park B	12	4	0	8	24	10	2	12	364	426.5	-62.5	38
7	Broadstone Wessex B	12	1	1	10	24	4	2	18	283	422	-139	16
<b>DIVISION 3</b>													
1	Greenhill B	8	5	0	3	16	11	1	4	288	253	35	43
2	Shaftesbury	8	4	1	3	16	9	2	5	278	249	29	38
3	Sherborne B	8	5	0	3	16	5	2	9	266	279	-13	32
4	Dorchester C	8	4	0	4	16	6	1	9	252.5	233	19.5	29
5	Poole Park B	8	1	1	6	16	6	0	10	230	300.5	-70.5	18

All these teams have been entered for 2023 plus an extra Blandford B entry.

### **BD's DWBL Division 1**

Working with divisions of 7/7/7, BD's DWBL Division 1 will need one less than last year's Div 1. This can be achieved by either **(A)** moving West Moors (bottom of Div 1) to Div 2 and not moving Greenhill A (top of Div 2) to Div 1 OR **(B)** moving Lyme Regis and West Moors (bottom 2 of Div 1) to Div 2 and moving Greenhill A (top of Div 2) to Div 1.

Had the old DWBL Association continued, Greenhill A would have been promoted. From the league table above you can see that they were also a long way ahead at the top of Div 2 having won 10 of their 12 games, only lost 5 of their 24 rinks, ended 17 points above 2nd placed team and finished with a very large positive shot difference. Performance wise, they should probably be in Div 1 for 2023. As indicated in option (B), this would mean putting Lyme in Div 2 as well as West Moors.

While this may be unfortunate for Lyme, their overall performance was much the same as West Moors when compared with the rest of Div 1.

So the proposal for BD's DWBL Div 1 would be to use option (B) -> moving Lyme Regis and West Moors to Div 2 and moving Greenhill A to Div 1.

### **BD's DWBL Division 2**

If option (B) is used, then for BD's DWBL Div 2 to have 7 teams, Broadstone Wessex B (bottom of Div 2) would need to be moved to Div 3 and Greenhill B (top of Div 3) not moved to Div 2. Broadstone Wessex B was well behind at the bottom of Div 2. However Greenhill B were not significantly ahead in Div 3 (43 vs 38 points and 35 vs 29 shot diff when compared with Shaftesbury in 2nd place). Performance wise, there is not such an overwhelming need for Greenhill B to be moved up a division, unlike the Greenhill A in Div 2.

The proposal for BD's DWBL Div 2 is to move Broadstone Wessex B to Div 3 but not move Greenhill B up from Div 2. Doing that coupled with the above proposal for Div 1 gives a 7 teams for Div 2.

### **BD's DWBL Division 2**

If Broadstone Wessex B is moved to Div 3 then with the existing 5 teams and the new Blandford B, Div 3 will have 7 teams.

### **PROPOSAL FOR EXEC DECISION**

***Taking the above into account, I'd like to propose the following for the BD's DWBL:***

- ***3 Divisions***
- ***Div 1 comprising Dorchester A, Poole Park A, Sherborne A, Broadstone Wessex A, Bridport, Blandford A and Greenhill A***
- ***Div 2 comprising Lyme Regis, West Moors, Gillingham, Dorchester B, Branksome Park A, Wellworthy and Branksome Park B***
- ***Div 3 comprising Broadstone Wessex B, Greenhill B, Shaftesbury, Sherborne B, Dorchester C, Poole Park B and Blandford B.***

***We need to advise Clubs ASAP as well as getting the schedule sorted.***