

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 Tuesday 20 January 2024 11.00am DORCHESTER BOWLING CLUB

- E 001/24** **PRESENT-** Shirley Bowley, Bobbie Cover, Bill Fox,
Harry Hovenden, May Jenkins, Sue Maggs, Alexander Wilson,
- E 002/24** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** Ann Allman- joined by zoom link 11.30am
- E 003/24** **OBITUARIES: -**
Alec Alsaad (Sherborne); Tom Brain (Gillingham): Sue Holmes (Wellworthy):
Mo Doster (Wey & M.R); John Bascombe (Dorchester);
Di Willsher (Dorchester); Vaughan Bishop (Sherborne).
- E 004/24** **MINUTES of MEETING HELD 5 December 2023**
All agreed - proposed by Bill Fox seconded by Bobbie Cover signed by Alexander Wilson
- E 005/24** **MATTERS ARISING from Minutes not already on the agenda**
i) **E 149/23 (i) Sponsorship on website-** Ongoing
ii) **E 149/23 (iii) Dress code-** Rules and Regulations state – County registered below
the waist- if colour is to change then the County needs to register another colour with
Bowls England
iii) **E 149/23 (iv) Safeguarding –** The agreed date for the course of 6 April is booked at
Dorchester B.C. for 10 am – 4 pm. The person running the course has suggested a
maximum of 25 participants who will have 2 x 2 hr courses, one referring to adults the
other “time for listening” dealing with children.
iv) **E149/23 (v) Inclement Weather-** Ongoing
v) **E149/23(vi) Website –** Ongoing, however Alexander and Sue had met with Jon and
James at Alacrify who are prioritising items that need attention.
vi) **E160/23 (f) Life Membership—**This is dealt with by the new Rules and Regulation
- E 006/24** **CORRESPONDENCE**
All that had been received for Bowls England had been circulated to Clubs and Officers as
necessary.
Sherborne submitted a new shirt design (as attached) which was agreed unanimously.
- E 007/24** **TREASURERS REPORT**
Shirley reported that the Competition fees had been paid to B.E.
- E 008/24** **LADIES SECRETARY REPORT**
Sue reported that following receipt of the entries for the Edna Paisley and DWBL leagues, the
Ladies Competition had met and agreed the divisions for the leagues and that Allan had
subsequently sent out the matrix for the leagues.
- E 009/24** **LADIES MATCH SECRETARY REPORT**
report attached

- E 010/24 MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT**
Nothing to report.
- E 011/24 MEN'S MATCH SECRETARY REPORT**
All matches had been arranged.
- E 012/24 LADIES COMPETITION SECRETARY-**
Nothing to report.
- E 013/24 MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY-**
Nothing to report.
- E 014/24 B E AGM PROPOSALS – pre- meeting reading already sent**
Taking each proposal in turn the Committee agreed that Alexander and Sue should vote as attached
- E 015/24 AFFILIATION FEES FORM REVIEW**
This was agreed and will be sent to clubs next week.
- E 016/24 B.D RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW-** The Committee agreed that the revised Rules & Regulations be sent to clubs in readiness for the Delegates meetings, to be followed by an SGM in April. However there were two rules reviewed- one regarding the anomaly of playing comps and championships from one club and leagues from another that would be dealt with by bye law- together with bringing the Edna Paisley in line with the Percy Baker in regard to playing of trial ends.
- E 017/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- a) Team Managers-** Proposal from May Jenkins, seconded by Sue Maggs that Penny Cresswell be co-opted as Ladies U25 Manager- Carried unanimously
 - b) Travel-** In order that the Men's and Ladies coach travel match fees concur- the Committee agreed unanimously:-
Visitors and Players pay £15.00 including the meal Reserves pay £10 including meal Any Visitors /Reserves not on coach – meal cost only
- E 018/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Date of the next meeting of the Executive Board 19 March 2024 at 2.00pm

Meeting closed 2.15pm

SIGNED.....

Date.....

Match Secretary's Report Executive Meeting 20th February 2024

AMY ROSE BOWL

I have now handed the competition arrangements over to Penny Cresswell as Team Manager, having arranged for the match to be played on 26th May at Lyme Regis starting at 2pm.

JOHNS TROPHY V SOMERSET

Yeovil parking situation has not been solved. I have been in contact the relevant Officers of both Somerset and Yeovil who have not been very helpful.

They only have 40 parking spaces at the club and when I queried the problem, of 2 teams and their officers and supporters, vying for the few spaces I was told that there was plenty of off- road parking available in the surrounding roads. I suggested that this was not an option as they are all double line streets. My main concern was that the alternative to club parking is the Hospital car park which will cost £11.60 for the period that the players need for the game. The other suggestion, from the Somerset Officers, was the Public car park on the other side of the dual carriageway with a 15/20 minute walk to the green. This was not acceptable, but they will not consider a change of venue.

MATCHES

All of the match sheets for Player Selection until 1st June have been sent to the clubs, for return before the 16th April, in time for the Selection Meeting on 19th April. This is very short notice for the players for the first match on the 4th May, Unfortunately, there isn't much time for the players to add their names to the Match Sheet, as clubs will not be open until around the 14th/15th April.

May Jenkins

1. To elevate Blue Riband and Performance events at the Aviva National Finals- 4 woods, pairs, triples and fours- **FOR**
2. To elevate top-level county competition consistent with international level- Balcombe and Walker trophies format for 10 players to play 4 disciplines singles, pairs, triples and fours **-AGAINST**
3. To amend playing numbers and formats in White Rose Trophy & Amy Rose Bowl- 5 players over 2 sessions-**FOR**
4. To standardise the age in all junior events to under 24 on 1 April annually for both genders- **FOR**
5. To introduce under 17 singles events for both genders- **FOR**
6. To create multi-county regional events- play on dates for Balcombe, Walker, Amy Rose and White Rose-**FOR**
7. To retain Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy in agreed format- Round Robin or Knockout with Plate- **Knock out with Plate**
8. To introduce a Mixed Over 60 Inter-County event- **UNDECIDED – ABSTAIN**
9. To revamp the Top Club event to attract more clubs- 6 players in teams- play 2 sessions of sets triples and pairs – **AGAINST**
10. To amend the Club Two Fours to an open event- any combination of 2rinks of 4 players- **FOR**
11. To restrict entry in the Champion of Champions to 'Club Champions ONLY'- excludes county u25 and 4 wood champs- **FOR**
12. To remove the Two-Bowl Singles Championship from the Aviva National Finals programme-**AGAINST**
13. To set the age limit for all senior events (excluding Senior Fours) to players aged over 60 on 1 April annually and permit daytime play in those events -**FOR**
14. To retain the Senior Fours age limit in line with British Isles qualification requirements – **FOR**

15. To introduce 'Novice Pairs' for new and less experienced players- **UNDECIDED – ABSTAIN**

16. To change eligibility to the Family Pairs to anyone who has not played international or county level (Balcomb and Walker) representative bowls in the last 5 years- **FOR**

17. To further investigate how to consolidate the administration for the benefit of players and administrators as part of implementation plan, taking into account the array of systems already in place at county level- **AGAINST**

18. County Associations to continue to manage Championship events-**FOR**

19. To introduce set dates in the later rounds of the Top Club as a trial for 2025 as part of national calendar -**FOR**

Devon Proposal – split A and B in Draw-**AGAINST**

Hampshire Proposal – 2 teams in White Rose for 2024- **AGAINST**

Cornwall Proposal- Neutral Green for National area Finals – **FOR**

