

MINUTES OF THE ECWBA COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL 2017
AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW AT 1.00PM.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS: President Jean Cobbin welcomed the delegates to the meeting on a lovely afternoon.

Since the AGM last November Aveley had proposed Linda Mills for Junior Vice-President for 2017. This nomination had been seconded by Gidea Park. Linda was welcomed to the meeting and presented with her badge of office by SVP Alison Blake.

A minute silence was held for: Pat Whiteman (Liberty of Havering), Jean Hill (Hainault), Averil Petherick (Aveley), Fay Lowe (Connaught), Linda Flanagan (Gidea Park), Sandra Myers, Mary Glozier (Epping), Helen Ward (Rochford), Val Roffe (Frinton), Pam Baker (Brentwood), Sheila Offer (White Hall) and Jenny Lacey (Rayleigh)

APOLOGIES: These had been received from Brig Gunn, Shirley Sucker, Rochford, Silver End, North Weald, Chingford, Arlight, Eastwood Park, Aldersbrook, Pitsea, Kings Chase, Radwinter, Thorpe Bay and Happy Valley.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: These were agreed and signed.

Adoption of the minutes: Proposed: Kim Wiggins Seconded: Jan White

MATTERS ARISING:

- A letter had been received from Eileen Miller, thanking the county for the generous cheque and other gifts received on her retirement. She had put the money towards a new electric reclining chair, which she is enjoying. She thanked everyone for their friendship over the years.
- A second consignment of old county shirts and other donations of sports clothing had been sent out to the Gambia. Many thanks were given to Linda and Roy Mills for co-ordinating this and to friends of theirs who arranged and paid for the shipment. Well done.
- Green fees for Benevolent Triples Day and Patrons' Day had not been added to the application forms this year, so they will be collected on the day.
- We had sufficient entries in the Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours and 2 wood Singles to have a C entry at the National Championships this year. These will be played as per the County Diary. The play-off between the losing semi-finalists for the C entry pairs will be held on Sunday 23rd July at Danbury BC, 10 for 10.30am.
- Jill is still looking for ECWBA handbooks for the following years: 1991, 1990, 1989, 1988, 1986, 1985, 1984, 1983, 1981 and all the years before this. Thanks were given to Phyllis Miller who gave her 1982.
- Delegates were reminded that the uniform for County Matches is now white with a Navy Blazer. Cream uniform will no longer be worn.
- Following the suggestion made by Margaret Lawrence at the AGM for past officers as well as current officers to be able to enter the Officers' Cup County Competition, this was discussed at our Executive Meeting. Looking back over previous history, the Executive decided that this year will be the last year that the Officers' Cup will be played.
- The Senior Fours trophies were on display and many thanks were given to Vera Bayliss and Margaret Lough for providing these.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lionmede have a new acting secretary: Vivienne Hills, 59 Beeches Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2RX. Tel: 01245 250652. Email: vivienne.hills@sky.com
- Hainault do not have a secretary at present. Please contact Helen Bush, Match Secretary if needed. Tel: 020 8524 2472. Her details are in the county handbook.
- **Post meeting note:** Upminster Match Secretary Mrs M Bryant, has a new email address: bloodytower41@gmail.com
- **Post meeting note:** New address for Runwell Hospital BC due to the recent housing development. The postcode is the same, but the address is St. Luke's Park, St. Luke's Way, Runwell, Wickford, SS11 7QA.
- **Post meeting note:** Change of phone number for Julie Dixon (Haynes Park) 01708 606713. Mob: 07866691192.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial position at 5th April was: Deposit Account £32,000, Current Account £ 2,210.21 leaving a Balance of £34,210.21. £1,467 down on the same time last year.

Fees paid: Bowls England: Affiliation £13,733 Competitions £ 3,810
EBA: Affiliation £ 686

- There are currently 2,746 lady members only 16 down on last year
- Competition fees were up due to interest in the new Senior Fours Competition although this affected entry to the Championship Fours.
- A team has been entered in the Amy Rose as there are currently 8 girls
- Supplies of clothing have been restocked but at an increased price:
- John's tops will cost £21. White county tops, small sizes £23, larger sizes have increased by £11 now costing £34. White zippers sleeved £13.50, waistcoat £12.50. Red zippers £10.
- Match fees increased by £1. Home and coach matches £16, away-by-car and the match against the men will remain at £10. Johns matches will also be £16.
- No Charge for stickers this year.
- Wendy reminded all clubs that new members who join after completing the returns in October must be affiliated to Essex. This remains at £7.20 per person and names must go to both the Secretary and Treasurer. Should a member that has been paid for, leave, this can be transferred to a new member. You only need to pay if the total number of female members increase. This applies to **ALL** your female members.
- Bowls England Patrons will be removed from the affiliation forms as the cost has been raised from £1 to £5 and we do not run a B.E. Patrons Day.
- There are 92 subscribers to the 200 club this year 4 less than last year. The first 2017 draw was made:

200 Club draw: 1st Prize £56.40 No. 69 Brenda Henderson (Aveling Park)
2nd Prize £37.60 No. 67 Edna Woods (Tiptree Jobserve)
3rd Prize £23.50 No 27 Linda Mills (Aveley)

Thanks were given to all who have supported the venture.

Proposed by: Rosemary Ludar-Smith Seconded by: Margaret Langwith

BENEVOLENT REPORT:

1. Community Account	£ 146.14
2. Business Manager Account	£9,570.09
3. TOTAL	£9,716.23

Wendy asked that the Delegates remind the Club Secretaries that the fund is available for all affiliated ladies who are either unwell or in distress.

Delegates were also asked to ensure that the entry form for Benevolent Triples/President Charity Day are on club notice boards.

The ECWBA Benevolent Fund was founded in 1968. The rules as printed on page 80 of the handbook are relevant, but the written constitution was last revised in 1980. This is 5 pages long and written in legal jargon, which is hard to understand. It is very repetitive and really not fit for purpose nearly 40 years on. We propose to have the constitution updated and this will be circulated to clubs prior to the July Council Meeting. We will ask all clubs to read it and feed back to us any comments they feel appropriate. Subject to amendment and approval, this will then be presented for adoption at the AGM in November 2017.

Proposed by: Anne Beale Seconded by: Liz Garrett

BOWLS ENGLAND REPORT:

Alison attended the AGM on 27th February 2017. As this is the 10th year of Bowls England there are going to be some celebration events during the year.

BE will shortly be launching an online application process for criminal record checks, which in the short term will run alongside paper-based applications. It was stressed that it is vitally important for Clubs and County Associations to ensure that relevant personnel attend a recognised safeguarding course. More details will follow. BE are currently holding a series of Regional Meetings.

No change will be made to the BE membership affiliation fees and they will remain at £5 per playing member for fees payable on 30th September 2017. No change will be made to BE National Championship entry fees and they will remain at £2.50 per head in 2018. No change will be made to the National Competition entry fees for 2018 and will remain at:

National competitions (individual/team events): £4.50 per person

Johns Trophy: £70 per entry Amy Rose: £16 per entry

The 2017 BE National Competitions Draws are now on line to view at <http://bowlsengland.247.tv>

Jasmine Wilson (Radwinter) has been listed as a non-travelling reserve for the Junior Internationals. Congratulations go to her.

Proposed by: Kim Wiggins

Seconded by: Margaret Benz

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP REPORT:

78 ladies are currently booked to come on the Lunch Cruise on the River Trent with President Jean. Jill had 18 places available. 18 booking forms were available and applications could be made up to 30th April 2017, after which Jill has to confirm the final number with Lodge Coaches. The balance is payable by 31st May for those who have already booked.

JOHNS TROPHY AND WALKER CUP SQUAD:

The following 32 ladies have been selected for the 2017 squad and will be attending a squad day on Sunday 7th May at Chelmsford BC, 9.30 for 10.00am.

Yvonne Foley (Arclight), June Dark, Linda Mills (Aveley), Joy Campbell (Burnham Hillside), Sylvia Bloomfield, Janet Carrington (Connaught), Serena Madgewick, June O'Neill (Drums), Doreen Butcher (Dunmow), Debbie Sales (Elsenham), Brenda Bowyer, Sue Kemp (Essex County), Shirley Beavis (Falcon), Jill Polley, Alison Smart (Great Baddow), Veronica Boylen, June Linehan, Elaine Scarborough, Sue Wild (Rainham), Jan Collins, Beryl Horrex, Jacqui Miller, Sandra Quinnell (Rochford), Dee Huggins, Chris Quirey, Delia Searle (Runwell Hospital), Jackie Barham-Holt (South Woodford), Carole Riley, Elaine Score (The Springhouse), Judy Bohannon, Edna Woods (Tiptree Jobserve) and Maureen Norgate (Wanstead Central).

Post meeting note: Yvonne Foley and Joy Campbell have had to withdraw. Maureen Roberts (Aveley) and Laura Foster (Chelmsford) will be invited to attend on Sunday 7th May 2017.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Replies for President's Day. Jill reported that, as in previous years, unfortunately the response had been very poor. Replies had only been received from 68 ladies. 56 lady secretaries and 29 men secretaries had not responded. This is not only disappointing for the President, but extremely rude. The future of President's Day will be discussed by the Executive later in the season.
- Certificate of Merit. Forms for 2017 were available at the council meeting. They have been emailed out to the clubs and are available to download from the website. Jill hoped to receive some nominations for this year.
- In line with Bowls England, for team entries in the Pairs, Triples, Fours and Senior Fours for 2018, just one contact name will be needed on the entry form and this contact will be entered in the county handbook. Both names will be required for the Unbadged Pairs. The names submitted on the score card for the first game played in the competition will constitute the team. The rules regarding substitutes, as printed in the competition by-laws, will still apply.

THANKS TO THE CHAIR: Proposed: Kim Wiggins Seconded: Jan White

THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 2.15pm

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 27th JULY 2017 AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, RECREATION GROUND, GREAT BADDOW, CM2 9RL AT 1.00PM.