

**MINUTES OF THE ECWBA COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH JULY 2021 AT THE
MILLENNIUM HALL, GREAT BADDOW AT 2.00PM.**

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS: Kim welcomed everyone and said how thrilled she was to see them at the meeting.

A minute silence held for:

Marion Willson (Danbury), Florrie Henderson (Rainham), Jean Smith (Kings Chase), Ingrid Betke (Thaxted), Anne Bull, Win Heather (Harlow), Myra Smith, Gwen Adams (Clockhouse), Beattie Gardner (RHP), Geraldine Cane (Southend), Nan White, Sarah Smith (Dovercourt), Ann Monk (Clavering), Rosemary Burton (Witham), Barbara Maylene (Mersea Island), Maureen Ellis (PML), Pauline James, Christine Norley (Liberty of Havering).

APOLOGIES:

Received from: Shoebury Park, Gidea Park, Silver End, Chelmsford, Seven Kings, Dovercourt, Sth. Benfleet & Canvey, Frinton, Epping, Pitsea, Silverthorn, Connaught, Sylvia Bloomfield, Southminster, Stock & Buttsbury, Wanstead Central, Brentwood, West Mersea, Tye Green, Harlow and Fairwood.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING:

Last official council meeting was held on Wednesday 9th October 2019. These minutes to be signed:

Adoption of the minutes: Proposed by Jennifer Spearman Seconded by Brenda Bowyer

MATTERS ARISING:

- We welcomed the following Officers who had been elected since the 9th October 2019: Jenny Hyland – Treasurer, Sandra Fenton – Junior Vice-President, Wendy Buckingham – C Area Selector. Ann Sims kindly agreed to continue as D Area Secretary as no-one had come forward, but she is definitely retiring at the end of this year. D Area have been notified and it is essential that this post is filled for 2022.
- Tony Allcock retired as Bowls England Chief Executive and Jon Cockcroft has taken up this position.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you card received from Alison Blake for the gift sent to her on her retirement as C Area Selector.
- Several items of correspondence had been received regarding the disappointment in the change of format made this year to the Championship competitions. These were made by Bowls England because of the shortened time and change of programme for the National Championships at Leamington.
- Epping: New secretary Mrs Liz Jones. Tel: 01992 572979. Email: lizajones215@btinternet.com Match secretary Mrs Lorraine Mead. Tel: 01992 572938. Email: l.mead@ntlworld.com

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jenny said that as she had just taken over no current figures had been prepared for the meeting, but if anyone wished to know anything she would be pleased to hear from them.

200 CLUB:

DRAW 1:	1 ST PRIZE	£51.60	No 54	K. Coles (Dunmow)
	2 ND PRIZE	£34.40	No 76	Buckhurst Hill B.C.
	3 RD PRIZE	£21.50	No 71	K. Coles (Dunmow)
DRAW 2:	1 ST PRIZE	£51.60	No 68	I. Taylor (Colchester)
	2 ND PRIZE	£34.40	No 60	Wanstead Central B.C.
	3 RD PRIZE	£21.50	No 48	Edna Woods (Tiptree Jobserve)

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Liz Garrett

Seconded by Sandra Fenton

BENEVOLENT REPORT:

Wendy reported that the Benevolent Triples/ President's Charity Day was held at various venues around Essex on July 15th. Thanks were given to all the clubs who had allowed the use of their greens and premises. The players and those who supported the raffles by bringing prizes and purchasing tickets were also thanked, together with the ladies working within the clubs providing refreshments. Everyone was reminded that without this Day and donations by clubs the Benevolent Fund would not survive.

A number of gifts had been requested during lockdown and Wendy wished them all a speedy recovery. The delegates were requested to ensure that all club secretaries were aware of the fund and that it was there to benefit any county affiliated lady bowler.

The Fund as at July 25th 2021 stands at £8,964

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Colleen Moss

Seconded by Carole Riley

BOWLS ENGLAND REPORT:

Linda reported that during this covid period Bowls England had tried to support clubs and bowlers through their website and social media channels. Linda went on to explain how the National Finals will change this year.

The event will run from Thursday 19th August to Sunday 5th September with both men and women playing at the same time. There will be unreserved grandstand seating on A & B greens. New areas include a Fan Zone providing onsite bar and eating area and a retail village. Limited parking is available in Victoria Park at a cost of £5 per day payable by card on arrival.

It will be a ticket event with competitors receiving free entry for all days they could be playing. Any additional days will have to be purchased via the Bowls England website for £4 per day for adults, £1 under 18's. **Or** on the day, subject to availability, for £5 or £2 respectively payable by card.

A condition of entry is: - Evidence of double vaccination via NHS app, a letter from NHS, your vaccination card. OR: - A lateral flow test taken with 24 hours of arrival and the ability

to show proof of negative test. Without this proof you would be asked to take a test by onsite medical team and not allowed entry until result has been read. Masks to be worn indoors with social distancing.

Men's and women's finals on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th will be streamed live via Bowls England Facebook & You Tube channels.

Tickets can be purchased in advance – go to Bowls England website home page National Finals 2021 tab – tickets. Programme of events from the home page – Competition tab – National Finals schedule. Postcode for Victoria Park car parking is CV31 3PH.

Adoption of the report: Proposed by Pat Brown

Seconded by Jenny Paternoster

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP 2021: Kim reported that her trip to Kent was a lovely day, with good weather. After a comfort stop we went on to Broome Park for a two course meal. The afternoon was spent in Canterbury. Kim thanked everyone who came.

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP FOR 2022: Jennifer's trip next year will be on Tuesday 12th July 2022 going to Oxford. The historic city of Oxford offers opportunities to explore ancient buildings, beautiful colleges, museums, art galleries and the botanic garden. There are lots of places to eat and relax. The forms will be out soon. The cost is £18, which includes the coach and gratuities. Places are limited to 96 and reservations should be made by 31st March 2022.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE E.C.W.B.A. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: These had to be in by 31st July 2021.

COUNTY LUNCHEON:

This will be held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 11.15 for 12 noon at Stock Brook Golf and Country Club, Stock. Cost is £29 per person. Booking form has been circulated and places need to be booked by 31st August 2021. Trophies, County Badges and Certificates of Merit will be presented on this occasion. Menu: Starter – Brie wedges with beetroot and chive chutney. Main course – Basil, garlic & lemon roasted loin of pork with bramley apple sauce & herb seasoning, potatoes and seasonable vegetables. Vegetarian option – Potato & basil gnocchi bound in a rich tomato sauce and topped with gratinated ricotta cheese. Dessert – Crème brulee with biscotti. Tea/coffee and mints. Raffle prizes on the day would be greatly appreciated.

The Thelma Herring fund was set up in the memory of Thelma Herring. The money is to be used to assist ladies to attend the ECWBA Annual Luncheon. In cases of hardship, applications can be made to the County Secretary.

NOMINATIONS FOR ALL COUNTY OFFICERS TO BE MADE BY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021: All nominations are to be sent to Jill Polley. We are particularly looking for a Junior Vice-President and D Area Secretary for 2022. The county needs a full complement of officers to work on your behalf.

COUNTY FINALS: The Championship finals will be played on Saturday 31st July and Sunday 1st August 2021 at White Hall B.C. at 9 for 9.30am. 4 wood singles: Rebecca Smith (Clockhouse) v June Linehan (Holland-on-Sea). 2 wood singles semi-finals: Michelle Squires (Clockhouse) v Chris Buck (Wanstead Central) and Lyla Horley (Holland-on-Sea). Senior Fours: Liz Tunn, Val McKillop, Lorraine Daden, Pam Smith (Arclight) v Jan Soar, Jean McCloud, Jacqui Miller, Brenda Bowyer (Rochford). Fours: Hayley

Kenny, Michelle Squires, Serena Madgewick, Rebecca Smith (Clockhouse) v Jean Druce (sub), Janet Bird, Janice Fortune, Maureen Norgate (Wanstead Central)

Sunday 1st August 2021 at Stock & Buttsbury B.C. at 9 for 9.30am Pairs: June Sevant, Shirley Beavis (Falcon) v Elaine Score, Emma Pitts (The Springhouse). Triples: Sue Clark, Carole Riley, Pauline Lowe (The Springhouse) v Hayley Kenny, Michelle Carlin, Rebecca Smith (Clockhouse).

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 2022: Jill is unable to publish these at present. Bowls England have not sent out the dates for next year and without these to work round, our calendar cannot be arranged. As soon as it is possible to send the provisional dates out Jill will do so.

A.O.B.

- All trophies must be returned to Jill Polley as soon as possible. Please make sure that they have been cleaned.
- Essex Patrons' Day is Friday 10th September 2021 to be held at Aveley and Maldon. Names to Sheila Brickel by 16th August 2021. All affiliated lady bowlers may attend for a fun afternoon of bowls. Patrons £8.50 and Non-patrons £9.50 (includes green fees and a meal).
- Affiliation forms will be sent out. Competition entries and handbook orders to be in by 1st November 2021. The Bowls England handbooks orders for this year have been carried over to next year, because they were not printed. If they are not being produced for 2022 the money will be refunded. The Essex Top Club entries were also carried over to 2022 and this will show on Forms B and C. County handbooks will be £4 to reflect the rise in cost. It is essential that every competitor has a copy. The "little yellow book" or "county Bible" is not just a telephone directory, it sets out all the rules and regulations for playing competitions, as well as a fountain of other information. The list of affiliated members (Forms F and G) with the payment must be in by 1st April 2022.
- Unfortunately the decision has had to be made to cancel the Intergroup matches this season, due to lack of interest for some games in some areas making them unviable.
- Please note that the uniform for playing all rounds of the county competitions is whites and registered club colours.
- If the incorrect number of bowls has been taken to play a competition a full matching set must be borrowed. Play cannot commence without a matching set (i.e. if just 2 bowls instead of 3 have been brought to play the game, you cannot play with the 2 bowls and 1 borrowed one).

THE EXECUTIVE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE COLTS FROM 2019, WHO HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PLAY THEIR QUALIFYING COUNTY MATCHES FOR THEIR BADGE, DUE TO COVID-19 LOCK DOWN IN 2020 AND COUNTY FRIENDLY MATCHES THIS YEAR BEING CANCELLED, WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THEM AT THE COUNTY LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2021. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THIS A SPECIAL OCCASION.

THANKS TO THE CHAIR: Proposed by Pauline Mount

Seconded by Jenny Paternoster

THE MEETING CLOSED AT: 3.08pm

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2021 AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL, RECREATION GROUND, GREAT BADDOW, CM2 9RL AT 2.00PM.