

HERTFORDSHIRE BOWLS

Minutes of the Committee Meeting - Thursday 14th March 2024

Present

| Full Name | Initials | Position | Present | Apologies Received |
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| Allan Sayers | AS | Chair | ✓ | |
| Marcia Dunstone | MDD | Executive Secretary | ✓ | |
| Martin Duke | MD | Treasurer | ✓ | |
| Lesley Tutt | LT | President | ✓ | |
| John Dowler | JD | President | x | ✓ |
| Karen King | KK | Vice President | ✓ | |
| Natalie Chalcraft | NC | Women's Secretary | x | y |
| Vacant | | Men's Secretary | | |
| Mavis Hendry | MH | W Div Secretary | ✓ | |
| David Brown | DB | W Div Secretary | x | ✓ |
| Anne Hudson | AH | E Div Secretary | x | ✓ |
| Harry Wright | HW | E Div Secretary | ✓ | |
| Ann O'Hare | AO'H | S Div Secretary | ✓ | |
| Stewart Parkhouse | SP | S Div Secretary | ✓ | |
| Graham Marriner | GM | BDO | ✓ | |
| Roger Evans | RE | Teams Manager & N Representative | ✓ | |
| John Hay | JH | CC&MO | ✓ | |

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| 1 | Introduction and Welcome- The Chair, AS , welcomed everyone in attendance. | |
| 2 | Apologies for absence already received from DB,NC,JD, and AH | |
| 34 | Minutes of the meeting held on February 1st were agreed and proposed by HW and seconded by GM and signed by AS as a correct record. They would be put on the website. (minor correction KK present) | |
| 5 | Matters Arising None | |
| 6 | Card of thanks received from Charlie Trantham. Query whether it could be arranged for Charlie/Alastair Lang to attend Finals Day. Help for U17 of £50 Nat Comp and International also includes May Singles. FoEB _ £100 membership to renew donation. Agreed 300 Club. Only 82 Tickets sold so far.MDD to remind and push Secretaries of clubs. Tickets can be bought by Club or individuals. 6 draws a year. Funds made support youngsters. | JH MD MD MDD |
| 7 | Treasurer's report. Request to support membership costs to an individual from Benevolent Fund was declined. A small sub-committee proposed to consider requests quickly. (MDD, MD, SP, AS) | |
| 8 | Secretaries Reports: a) Administrator -Report attached ;covering BE AGM and repercussions: County matters including sad loss of members in the past months b) Agreed to support Disabled bowler Colin Milner at Internationals in SA. Donation £xxx. | MD |

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| | <p>c) Hon Ladies County Secretary - report attached of collation of nominations for Ladies County Friendlies.</p> <p>d) Hon Men's County Secretary - JH reported club response not effective, poor response for County friendly games. Only 1 game with sufficient player. Discussion on how to improve numbers. Points system needs updating.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>2025 Programme - Fixed date for Ladies tour requested as June 22nd but depending on BE dates as usual.</p> <p>County Finals back a week into August, so later start date to season. Clubs and members need to be informed.</p> <p>New Mixed inter County Over 60 comp by BE...voted against, No entry.</p> <p>Divisions of County areas to stay same. Need to add to computer system requirements.</p> <p>Ann queried reason for Norfolk requiring neutral green Johns game.</p> <p>Agreed on Chesterton</p> <p>Computer System</p> <p>Discussion of info to fill in forms. Club membership list needs to be on the spreadsheet provided by Surrey, send to clubs with the Affiliation form.</p> <p>Sub group needs to meet to discuss what extra we need included as headings on form.</p> <p>Suggestion of Q and A with club secretaries by 1st May, which is Bowls England affiliation date.</p> <p>MD wished to change County affiliation date for this year. Not Agreed.</p> | AO, MD |
| 10 | <p>BDO Report - GM. A proposal has been sent to Amanda Scriven-Purcell (Coach Bowls Manager) that sets out the details of the next Level 1 Course, subject to her agreement, this can be advertised.</p> <p>Proposal: Two indoor clubs have offered their green- Hatfield IBC and Harpenden IBC. Hatfield is also interested is pursuing the Centre of Excellence and this has the advantage over Harpenden IBC as they also offer access to an outdoor green.</p> <p>The dates proposed for the two practical sessions Day 1 on April 21st and Day 2 (Assessment) 29th May 2024. Things Amanda needs to confirm (1) named Tutor and (2) named Mentors: A HBPP of Bishop's Stortford BC is prepared to be one of the mentors. GM will handle the logistics and be one of the Assessors.</p> <p>GM awaits ASO'S reply.</p> <p>2. Herts Bowls Coaching Society.</p> <p>AGM is on Sunday 17th March 2024 via ZOOM. HBCS considering request from AO'H to attend the two Johns Training sessions at Shire Park on 12th and 28th May 2024.</p> | |

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| | <p>3. Meetings attended. 6th March Active Hertsmere representing the 4 clubs in the borough. 13th March Hertsmere Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group; representing all Sports. GM represented BE working with Alistair Hollis. Next meeting 18th Sept 2024. From the sports present Herts Cricket, RFU, Herts FA, LTA, English Athletics, Sports England, Herts Sport Partnership and BE and Hertsmere Borough Council, there were no major issues discussed. The feedback was about progress or not in local schools/sites. The local plan for Hertsmere is still being reviewed, as it was in 2023!</p> <p>There are no large developments coming through with a sports element. Sports England asked if plan would be regulation 18 or 19. Hertsmere BC were unclear of this. No real direction will be seen until the May elections.</p> | |
| 11 | Disciplinary Officer - Nothing to report JH. JH is to attend next BE county meeting as special topic relevant to his responsibilities. | |
| 12 | AOB- None | |
| 13 | Confirmation of next meeting Thursday April 25th. | |

Administrator's Report 14 March 2024

BE

Some notes from the BE AGM held at Goodwood Bowls Club, Leicester. I sent out all the voting results to you but I haven't yet sent to the clubs. At the moment there are only 2 (President and Snr Vice) on the Presidential team. There was 1 person who offered from Hampshire, it was their President from last year, however the Hants Exec are not very convinced he would make a good BE Pres so haven't endorsed his application. David Tucker seemed to indicate at the AGM that with only 13 Celebration matches this year that 2 on the team is sufficient. However Sheila Storey from Northumberland apparently is only attending 6 and DKT has fallen and injured his good leg, delaying the op on his knee so he may not be playing. Two certainly wouldn't be sufficient to cover the duties at the Leamington Championships. The BE Board all looked very smart with black suits and BE ties, with the 2 ladies suitably attired, however the same could not be said about the Presidential team of 2, who looked a shambles in tracksuits, there's a time and a place for track suits.

Martin sent out an email after the AGM with various suggestions that were responded to by Allan and Graham – they weren't included in this Agenda but maybe should be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

(There was a discussion on the suggestions from Martin – He didn't think the Board members should each have a vote as it became a block vote however that led him to question whether we should all have a vote and if it was fair that small and large clubs should each have 2 votes. Decision was to leave it alone as it was working quite well as it is.)

The updated Rules & Regulations are now live on the BE website, however Appendices K, L & M have to be updated at a later date. I need to upload and place alongside our domestic rules for comps. The amends from last year's rules are listed at the back.

We have till 20th of March to enter any of our players into the various categories for international advancement. Junior Development, U18 International, U25 International, Full International. There is the option for players to enter themselves or be entered by the county.

County.

After appealing to the clubs in the North for someone to assist with taking competition results and running the relevant qtr finals day I drew a blank for the women. However SK is going to take the results of the Men's Pairs and run the QFs at Baldock.

I had some interest from a player at Whitethorn on doing more in the county since he has recently retired, he was thinking it was too late for this year and would be seeing SK to discuss with him. I've sent Div Sec Responsibilities and said it was an on-going job so he could be co-opted by Exec and ratified at next N mtg. He said he would peruse the document I sent.

As you know Betty and I visited one of our young players in hospital at Addenbrooks in Cambridge and both she and her mother were very appreciative. It was good to see her looking so healthy and in such a positive frame of mind.

Sadly we have had some deaths in the county. Di Thompson was very dear to many of us and although it was expected it is still a loss to John and their sons. She was organised up to the last and arranged for her body's disposal without ceremony and for John to host a wake/party at Whit Hern with strict instructions that it was to be bright colours and a happy day. John is going or has now gone on a cruise. Sheila Bowler's passing was very sudden and totally unexpected. She was taken into hospital with a chest infection and died

the next day. Her funeral is tomorrow and I intend to represent the County in uniform. Another sudden death on 27th February was of Simon Tory, Secretary of North Herts BC. Last, but by no means least, Mrs Kit Blackaby, a lady we have been sending Christmas gifts to for many years died at the age of 103. She was the oldest and longest serving member of Hoddesdon & Rye Park.

I contacted Colin Milner, he has been selected to represent Disability BE at the Internationals in S A. As you know the bowlers get no assistance from BE or Sport England and have to self fund by whatever means they can. Colin said today that he has managed to get just enough to pay for the flights and hotel but nothing else. As you know we helped Sarah our blind bowler so I'm sure you will agree that we should also assist Colin. *(Decision was made unanimously to donate £xxx to Colin)*

The County Directory is like painting the Forth Bridge – never finished. I've just sent to Tony so he can update the website, then I start again!

Competitions

All on the website apart from the Juniors. The player directories are set up ready to send out.

Secretaries Report for Exec 14/03/24 (Natalie Chalcraft)

All the nominations for the county friendlies have been received and collated. The results are as follows:

| Match | V Home / Away | | | Total nominations |
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| 1 | Middlesex | H | Potters Bar | 45 |
| 2 | Bucks | H | Berkhamsted | 39 |
| 3 | Essex | A | Dunmow | 22 |
| 4 | Berks | A | Maidenhead | 7 |
| 5 | Beds | H | Hatfield | 45 |
| 6 | Kent | A | Maidstone | 6 |
| 7 | Camb | H | Hatfield | 36 |
| 8 | Beds | A | Barton-le-Clay | 41 |
| 9 | Middx | A | Holtwhite | 30 |
| 10 | | | | |
| 11 | Essex | H | Sawbridgeworth | 33 |
| 12 | Surrey | H | Tring | 36 |

I don't think we will be able to increase the numbers for the match at Maidenhead, particularly as that is in the middle of competitions. I also think we will struggle with Kent.

Good percentage of Colts have nominated. Those that haven't several are still working.

I have yet to send out about the mixed match v Surrey. When I do I will encourage more nominations for Kent and Berks.

We are holding our first selection meeting on 11 April.