

**MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT OLD BASING BOWLING CLUB
ON THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2023 AT 2PM**

1. **PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS**

President, Stella Hayden, opened the meeting at 2.03pm, welcoming those present and thanking Old Basing for the use of their facilities.

2. **APOLOGIES** Elaine Bennett (Treasurer), Diane Timms, Margaret Woodage, Carol Scott, Carol Eichen, Edith Jefferies, Margaret Hankin, Alice Atwell.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Spring Council Meeting dated 14.03.2023 were sent out with the agenda prior to this meeting. It was agreed that the President should sign them.

Proposed: Karen O'Dea (OB)

Seconded: Anji Smith (W)

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mails to secretaries and delegates on numerous occasions.

E-mail to the Basingstoke Hotel with the menu choices for the Annual Luncheon & Prizegiving.

E-mails to pin badge company, liaising on design, orders and payment.

Received a thank you from Margaret Hankin re her 150 games badge and flowers.

Diane Timms has sent sympathy, congratulations and get-well cards on behalf of the Association.

6. **REPORTS**

TREASURER: Report received from Elaine Bennet 25.09.23.

President Stella and ladies of North Hampshire Women's Bowling Association, I am sorry not to be with you today but am pleased to report that despite some large spending the Association is in good financial shape.

Following on from the Spring meeting the Association has received income primarily from re-Affiliations of 20 clubs and the competition fees.

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| Affiliations | 340 | |
| Competitions | 831 | |
| Games (net) | 136 | |
| Raffles | 91 | |
| Shirts | 17 | |
| Interest | 41 | total £1456 |

On the payments side the largest spends have been the restocking of trophies (for 3 years), coach hire and a deposit for the forthcoming lunch venue.

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| Trophies | 2599 | |
| Coach hire | 625 | |
| Hotel deposit | 485 | |
| President expenses | 250 | |
| Admin (cards & stickers) | 256 | |
| Admin misc | <u>45</u> | total <u>£4260</u> |
| Overall | | deficit (£2804) |

Closing balances 30.9.23

Treasurer's a/c £ 691

Savings a/c £4669

I am aware that I have not received some outstanding money, nor perhaps reimbursed for certain expenses. However, the year-end final accounts will be available at the November AGM.

COMPETITION SECRETARY:

Carol was unable to attend, Stella read out the competition winners as follows:

SINGLES

Winner: Jackie Bloom (Piestock BC)
Runner Up: Janice Doran (Fleet United BC)

PAIRS

Winners: Anita Kirk, Karen O'Dea (Old Basing BC)
Runners Up: Paula Piasecka, Jackie Bloom (Piestock BC)

TRIPLES

Winners: Sharron Dunt, Carole Newman, Brenda Grout (Fleet United BC)
Runners Up: Judy Brown, Margaret Marsh, Margaret Hankin (Fleet Social BC)

FOURS

Winners: Janice Doran, Karen Vout, Jenny Harvey, Sharron Dunt (Fleet United BC)
Runners Up: Jacqui Ward, Lee McKay, Paula Piasecka, Jackie Bloom (Piestock BC)

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Winner: Rachel Powell (Farnborough BC)
Runner Up: Sheila Clarke (Kingsclere BC)

DOLLY ANSTEY TWO WOOD

Winner: Linda Russell (Howard Park BC)
Runner Up: Stella Hayden (Old Basing BC)

KATH McFAULD PAIRS

Winners: Laura Butler, Shirley Ball (Oakley BC)
Runners Up: Christine Williams, Val Ryan (Oakley BC)

GAZETTE CUP

Winners: Oakley BC
Runners Up: Fleet United BC

MATCH SECRETARY:

President Stella, fellow officers and committee members, ladies...

Well, the game against West Surrey Ladies went ahead despite the lateness of the fixture in the calendar – we were short of players so had to 'borrow' several ladies from them in order to field six rinks. In the end the game was very enjoyable with plenty of laughter echoing round the green, but the result evaded us by one shot – 96-97.

Over the summer we lost three games and won two. Both wins were quite close, but nevertheless it is nice to record a win.

The indoor season is getting under way now. There is the usual opener against Chawton Park Ladies on 10th October; we will possibly only field a team of five triples as CP find fulfilling this fixture a bit of a struggle. After the game

there will be refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake, tea and coffee. Following CP will be the friendly against Camberley IBC Ladies on 24th October. We are short of players for this fixture, we can only field five rinks of triples and there are no reserves. After the game there will be biscuits, tea and coffee. Both games start at 2:15 pm.

Into November and we have a friendly scheduled against Loddon Vale IBC Ladies on the 15th, for which I am waiting confirmation of rinks/triples. This game will start at 11:00am to avoid ladies having to drive home in the dark, which has been a common complaint of late. Refreshments of cake, tea and coffee will be provided after the game.

Finally, we have resurrected the fixture against Longmeadow IBC at Whitchurch. This is a smaller facility than the other venues we play at, there are only four rinks. It has been decided to play four rinks of triples if possible. The game is scheduled for 21st November, starting at 10:30am. A cold buffet, cake, tea and coffee will be laid on after the game.

We have been offered another fixture against Banister Park, but after the NH ladies expressed their dislike of the preponderance of men on the green and the fact that a number of the opposition simply disappeared after the game rather than stopping for tea, I think I will decline their offer. I shall try and contact the ladies in the Salisbury area to see if they are interested in a friendly. I heard nothing from Andover BC and Bohemian Isle want to include men so they have fallen away. Contact will be made by Brenda Walker from Hook with someone at Desborough BC, Maidenhead to see if they would like a game. Egham BC and Wye Valley BC (Guildford) were also suggested as possibilities in an effort to increase our outdoor games as, if we drop Banister Park, we will only play four outdoor games against eight indoor.

Thank you....

7. **FEES FOR 2024**

At present the fees remain unchanged awaiting Treasurer, these will be ratified at the AGM.

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| Affiliation Fees | £17.00 | |
| Gazette Cup | £ 6.00 | |
| Competition Fees – including Dolly Anstey 2 Wood Singles, Kath McFauld Pairs. | £ 2.00 | |
| Champion of Champions | £ 3.00 | |
| Friendly Matches | £ 9.00 | |
| Friendly Matches (Coach) | £10.00 | |
| Green Fees – for Dolly Anstey 2 Wood Singles, Kath McFauld Pairs, & Champion of Champions and Semi Finals. | £ 2.00 | This money goes to the host clubs. |

8. **ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND PRIZEGIVING**

To be held on Tuesday 7th November 2023 – arriving 12 noon for 12.30pm at The Basingstoke Country Hotel, side entrance to the right of front doors.

Menu:

Soup of the day,
Deep fried herb brie with cranberry chutney and a fresh salad,
Crab cake on sesame seaweed with hollandaise tartar sauce.

Braised blade of beef, garlic mash, roasted beetroot, braised red cabbage with a red wine jus,
Pan seared seabass with a potato cake and a prawn gremolata,
Mediterranean vegetable wellington with a roasted red pepper, rocket and toasted pine nut salad.

Cheesecake with salted caramel ice cream,
Crème brule with a shortbread biscuit.

Tea, Coffee
Cost: £28.00

The final date for numbers is 15th October, there will be no refund if cancelled after this date.
Could all members please provide a raffle prize.

A request for one more lady per club to bring up attendance numbers was made.

9. **AGM**

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 24th November 2023 at Old Basing BC at 2pm. Stella once again appealed for people to join the committee, as from next year we will have no President or Vice President.

10. **NOMINATIONS FOR 2023**

| <u>POSITION</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>CLUB</u> | <u>PROPOSER</u> | <u>SECONDER</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| President | VACANCY | | | |
| Vice President | VACANCY | | | |
| Secretary | Jackie Bloom | Pyestock | J Northwood | P Coster |
| Treasurer | Elaine Bennett | Hook | C Poulter | K Woodgate |
| Competition Secretary | Carol Eichen | Cove | C Taylor | A Guerin |
| Match Secretary | Jenny Harvey | Fleet | J Brindly | L Ogle |
| Committee Members | Margaret Woodage | Odiham & NW | A Webster | V Burrage |
| | Diane Timms | Whitchurch | C Goodridge | L Haywood |
| | Carol Scott | Basingstoke Town | P Haynes | M Chadwick |
| | VACANCY | | | |

11. **PROPOSITIONS**

No propositions were received relating to the Rules and Constitution.

One proposition was received relating to the Competition Bylaws, requesting North Hants games commence a month later than previously scheduled in 2023. The committee have begun discussing the possibilities of this for 2024, awaiting input from Competition Secretary.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

PIN BADGES

The Association will be introducing new pin badges. These will be awarded to the Champion of Champions, and members who have played in NHWBA friendlies a recognised number of times. Those being 50, 75, 120, & 150 games. The 100 games bar badge remains unchanged at this time. These will be presented at the luncheon.

President Stella once again thanked Old Basing for the use of their facilities, thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

The meeting closed at 2.35pm.

PRESIDENT

DATE