

NORTH HANMPSHIRE WOMANS BOWLS ASSOCIATION
AGM MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2023

1. President Stella opened the meeting at 2.30pm
Everyone stood for a minutes silence in memory of those who are no longer with us and lost loved ones. Stella then thanked all for coming today, and thanked Old Basing for the use of their facilities.

2. **Apologies:**

Carol Eichen (C), Diane Timms (W), Karen O’Dea (OB), Jenny Brindley (FU), Audrey Salter (FS), Sheila Andrews (F) and Sheila Hornby (Y).

3. **Minutes of AGM 2022:**

Stella asked if all present had read the minutes of the AGM 25th November 2022.
Everyone agreed that the minutes could be signed as a true record.

Proposer: Alice Atwell (AS)

Secunder: MarieAnn Chadwick (BT)

4. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising

5. **Correspondence:**

Diane Timms (Committee Member) has sent out sympathy and get-well cards on behalf of the Association since the ACM. A request for Secretaries and Delegates to inform the Association of members who may benefit from a card was made.

6. **Reports:**

Secretary (Jackie Bloom)

President Stella, members of the committee and ladies. I have been in this role for a year, and it has been most enlightening, hopefully by this time next year I will know what I’m doing. My thanks goes out to the committee who have been most encouraging of my efforts, I must also thank Margaret Hankin, previous secretary, who did a lot of handholding in the first few weeks and has continued to give advice when needed.

I would like to congratulate Stella on her role as President over the past 12 months. This year has been extra challenging without the support of a vice president, and for some of the time a competition secretary. Stella and other committee members have worked extremely hard to fill the breach and make everything run smoothly.

President’s Day was a great success. We had beautiful weather, a lovely lunch prepared by the ladies of Old Basing BC, followed by a nice friendly game. The day finished off with tea and cake. Perfect.

This years luncheon was attended by 65 people, that’s 14 up on last year. The new venue and dress code change seems to of made a difference. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed yourselves. Sadly, there was an issue outside of my control which I am calling “The cheesecake mystery”. 31 people ordered cheesecake, 31 were defrosted and cut in the kitchen, but when the deserts came round to the last two tables, they had run out. I can only think that a few ladies changed their desert choice at the last minute, causing chaos in the kitchen, and disappointing the ladies on tables 5 and 7. I must stress how important it is to stick with the food choice chosen. Hopefully next year will go smoothly.

Ladies, please do keep supporting the Association and encourage your other members to participate in next year’s competitions and friendlies. It’s always nice to see some new faces.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you on the green next year.

Treasurer (Elaine)

Good afternoon President Stella, and ladies of NHWBA.

It is my pleasure to present the accounts for last financial year from October 2022 to the end of September this year. We are seeing a rather large drop in the yearly finances mainly due to the re-stocking of trophies, which Carol does every 3 or so years. Also, the hotel booking for this month's lunch, required a 25% deposit; and finally there was the coach hire for our away game against Watford & District, which fortunately was less than I had forecasted.

The year has seen a significant Increase in the costs of the friendly games, particularly those indoors, both for rink fees and meals. On the occasions where a reduction in the type of refreshments has been stated a lower games fee has been charged to our players. However, assuming this trend will continue, the Committee has decided to introduce a 2 tier game fee. Therefore a friendly game plus a meal/buffet will now be £10, but tea or coffee with only cake/snacks will be £7.

The Affiliation fee, due next March (paid by your club) is also raised to £20.

Finally, I'm pleased to say that Lloyds Bank is once more paying interest measured in pounds rather than pence, which has produced a small but welcome result.

Revenue:

Club Affiliations	340
Competitions	832
Friendly games	134
Raffles	284
Shirts & badges	15
*Bank interest	<u>41</u>
	1646

Expenditure:

Luncheon costs (net)	300
Trophies purchase	2599
Coach hire	625
Expenses	324
President	250
Hotel deposit	485
Donation	<u>25</u>
	4608
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2962)

	30/9/22	30/9/23
Cash & cheques	45	31
Lloyds Bank Treasurers a/c	1130	691
Savings a/c	<u>7128</u>	* <u>4669</u>
	8303	5391

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let us hope 2024 is a really good season for all our players. THANK YOU.

Auditor – No report.

Comp Secretary (Carol) - no report

Match Secretary (Jenny Harvey)

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

Time has flown by yet again - no sooner are we out on the green than we're playing our club finals and looking to go indoors again!

We had some good results outdoor this year – we won two games (Watford and Camberley Ladies) and lost three (Banister Park, Rest of the World and West Surrey Ladies). It was a very close run thing against West Surrey Ladies – we lost by one! We won't be going back to Banister, the feeling was there were too many gentlemen on the green, they skipped and at the end of the game a lot of the BP people went home rather than partaking of the refreshments, so I have informed their match secretary that we won't be looking for return visit.

The first tranche of indoor games have taken place – we lost to both Chawton Park and Camberley IBC; the fixture against Loddon Vale was cancelled by them as they could not raise a team. The game against Longmeadow took place last Tuesday, they had to make their numbers up with three gentlemen who were of limited experience and did not play skip. The game was enjoyed by all – plenty of laughter and good spirits and an excellent cold buffet after the game was a real treat. It was lovely to reinstate a fixture that was last played around ten years ago.

There is a schedule of games for 2024 indoors – we start with Camberley IBC on 6th February followed by Chawton Park on 20th February – both these games will start at 2:15pm. We will try again with Loddon Vale on Wednesday, 13th March, start 11:00am; Longmeadow will follow on Tuesday, 26th March starting at 10:00am. The relevant paperwork regards availability and selection will be circulated shortly for the February games, followed by the March friendlies.

Regards the outdoor programme, I am pleased to say that a friendly has been confirmed against Oakley at Oakley BC on Friday, 9th June, 2024 and that I have also confirmed a friendly against Watford and District on Friday, 5th July, 2024, venue to be confirmed. If anyone would like to put their club forward to host the Watford game, please see me afterwards or drop me a line. More information regards the other friendlies will be available at the Spring Council meeting. I have been looking into Salisbury and District but as yet I haven't been able to find any contact information – I think that they are a mixed association and not just a ladies association from what I can find out.

Lastly, and very importantly, thank you again to you and your ladies for the continued support that you give to the Association; it is really appreciated – I know that if I'm in a bit of a fix I can always call someone and it will be resolved at the drop of a hat. So thank you from me to you!

And finally – and I know it's a touch early – may I wish you all a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year...

Proposer: Margaret Hankin (FS)

Secunder: Ann Guerin (C)

7. **DATES 2024 – PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND VENUES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Spring Council Meeting	Monday 11 th March	@ Old Basing BC 2pm
Autumn Council Meeting	Friday 11 th October	@ Old Basing BC 2pm
AGM	Friday 22 nd November	@ Old Basing BC 2.30pm
Luncheon	Tuesday 5 th November	@ ? 12pm for 12.30pm
Competition Draw	March	@ Old Basing BC 10.00am
Champion of Champions	Saturday t.b.c.	@ Whitchurch BC
Dolly Anstey 2 Wood Singles	Saturday t.b.c.	@ Whitchurch BC
Kath McFauld Pairs	Wednesday June	@ ?
Gazette Cup Semi Final & Final	Saturday 10 th August.	@ Old Basing BC
Gazette Cup reserve day	Saturday 17 th August	@ Old Basing BC
Semi Finals	Friday 16 th August	@ Whitchurch BC
Semi Finals Reserve Day	Saturday 17 th August	@ Whitchurch BC
Finals	Friday 6 th September	@ ?
	Saturday 7 th September	@ ?
Finals Reserve Day	Sunday 8 th September	@ ?

Dates will be confirmed prior to entry next year, following liaison with competition secretary.

8. COSTS 2024

Affiliation Fee	£20.00
Gazette Cup	£10.00 per club
Competition Fees – including Dolly Anstey 2 Wood Singles Kath McFauld Pairs,	£ 3.00 each player
Champion of Champions	£ 4.00
Friendly Matches (Coach)	£12.00
Friendly Matches	£ 7.00 tea & cake / snacks £10.00 buffet / meal
Green Fees - for Dolly Anstey 2 Wood Singles Kath McFauld Pairs, Champion of Champions and Semi-Finals This money goes to the host clubs	£2.50 each player.

9. Suggestion from Oakley

The following suggestion was received, dated 25th July 2023. This has been discussed within the committee as it relates to the Competition Bylaws.

Oakley Bowling Club wishes to put forward the following proposal to the North Hampshire Women's Association AGM on the 24th of November 2023.

We propose that North Hampshire Women's Bowling Associations competitions do not start until June as there are so many County and National competitions taking place in May, this would allow matches to be spread more evenly across the season.

Stella read out the suggestion and explained there may be movement in the calendar next year to facilitate this request, but we have not yet had the opportunity to discuss this with the competition secretary.

It was said that more people would enter NH's competitions if this change were possible.

10. Election of Officers & Committee:

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023

Vacancy	Nomination	Club	Proposed	Seconded
VICE PRESIDENT	VACANCY			
SECRETARY	JACKIE BLOOM	PYESTOCK BC	J NORTHWOOD	P COSTER
TREASURER	ELAINE BENNETT	HOOK BC	C POULTER	K WOODGATE
COMP SECRETARY	CAROL EICHEN	COVE BC	C TAYLOR	A GUERIN
MATCH SECRETARY	JENNY HARVEY	FLEET UTD BC	J BRINDLEY	L OGLE
4 x COMMITTEE	DIANE TIMMS	WHITCHURCH BC	C GOODRIDGE	L HAYWARD
	MARGARET WOODAGE	ODIHAM & NORTH WARNBOROUGH BC	A WEBSTER	V BURRAGE
	CAROL SCOTT	BASINGSTOKE TOWN.BC	P HAYNES	M CHADWICK
	VACANCY			

The meeting agreed to accept the above nominations.

PROPOSED: Margaret Hankin (FS) SECONDED: Angela Brayford (OB)

President Stella then invested Secretary Jackie, Treasurer Elaine, Competition Secretary Carol, Match Secretary Jenny, and Committee Members Margaret and Carol.

A welcomed late nomination was received for the vacant position of Vice President.

ANJI SMITH – WHITCHURCH BC

PROPOSED: C Goodridge

SECONDED: D Timms

The meeting agreed to accept the nomination.

PROPOSED: A Atwell (AS)

SECONDED: A Brayford (OB)

Stella then invested Anji onto the committee and presented her with her badge and a welcoming gift.

This then concluded the election of Officers and Committee.

As there was no other business, Immediate Past President Stella thanked Old Basing BC again for the use of their facilities.

Stella also thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

The meeting was closed at 3.07pm

PRESIDENT

DATE