

**NORTH HAMPSHIRE WOMAN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPRING COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT OLD BASING BC ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024 @ 2PM**

1. **OPENING REMARKS**

Immediate Past President Stella opened the meeting at 2.00 pm, welcoming those present and thanking Old Basing BC for the use of their facilities.

2. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Karen Vout (FU), Diane Timms (W), Edith Edgar (F), Angela Goman-Smith (P)

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Autumn Council Meeting dated 05.10.23 were sent out with the agenda prior to this meeting. It was agreed that IPP Stella should sign them.

Proposer: A Guerin (C)

Seconder: S Andrews (F)

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

No matters were arising.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Diane Timms has sent Sympathy and Get-Well Cards, a list of which was sent out as part of the agenda.

6. **REPORTS**

**Treasurer**

Good afternoon ladies.

This report covers the period from 1st October '23 start of the financial year to 10<sup>th</sup> March. This includes some raffle monies accrued from last season and affiliations and competition fees that have been paid ahead of today.

Affiliations	£ 300	
Comps	911	
Friendlys (5)	40	
Shirts	32	
Luncheon (net) #	194	
Raffles	<u>331</u>	1808
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
Hotel deposit (2024)	£ 374	
Engraving	176	
Cards & postage	24	
Donation	<u>20</u>	
		<u>594</u>
		<b><u>£1214</u></b>

# A booking deposit of £485 was paid to the hotel in April 2023.  
The actual cost of the November 2023 luncheon, excluding the raffle income of £283, was a loss of £291.

As at cob 10.3.2024  
Lloyds Bank current a/c £1847.90  
savings a/c 4593.14  
cash 116.39  
**£6557.43**

### **Competition Secretary**

Past President Stella, Vice President Anji, fellow Officers and Ladies good afternoon  
Thank you for your entries, the draw will take place at 10.30am at Old Basing on Monday 18th March 2024, and I will e-mail the competition sheets to Secretaries/Delegates as soon as possible afterwards.  
I have been unable to start the competitions any later in the calendar as there are not enough dates available.  
Please ensure your ladies check all the dates when you receive the competition sheets as the dates could very much change again depending on the number of entries.  
Attached to the agenda are the dates and venues for the one-day competitions, the semi-finals and finals so I will not bore you by reading them all out again. There is one change, the Kath McFauld Pairs will now take place at Farnborough Gate BC on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Apart from one club, you Ladies emailed/posted your competition entrees to me which really helped to save time and queueing at today's meeting. If you would like to do that again next year it is very helpful.  
Good luck in all your competitions, Nationals, County, NHWBA and Club, and let us keep our fingers crossed for clement weather this year.  
As a personal note I would like to thank you Ladies and the committee for your patience and understanding last year, it was very much appreciated.  
Thank you

### **Match Secretary**

IPP Stella, officers and committee members, ladies,

We kicked off the second half of our indoor season with a loss to Camberley – we will beat them one day! However, we followed that up with a rather nice win at Chawton Park, which means we've won both indoor friendlies against them. The friendly against Loddon Vale is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March starting at 11am; we can only muster four rinks this time due to an unfortunate clash. We conclude the indoor season with another visit to Longmeadow, starting earlier at ten am.

We've seen some more new faces, great to see new ladies so please keep encouraging your new lady members to give NH friendlies a bash – they are a great way of visiting new clubs, meeting new players and broadening their experience generally.

Games have been organised for the summer season; a schedule was circulated earlier this month with the paperwork for this meeting. I'd like to thank the clubs on behalf of the Association for

putting their clubs forward to host games – these events take a great deal of organising and help from their members; their offers of hosting games are very much appreciated.

There is one special game that we have been invited to participate in - celebrating Whitchurch's 100th anniversary with them later in the summer. Whitchurch will be putting out a team in conjunction with the Basingstoke and District BA and we have come to an agreement that the number of gents playing will be limited and they will not skip. I know a lot of ladies aren't keen playing against the men, but this is a special opportunity to support one of our local clubs and help them commemorate an important landmark in their history – plus the fact that games with the fellas can be fun!

Back to the indoor season later in the year - dates have already been confirmed with Camberley IBC and I am hoping that we will continue with our other indoor fixtures with Chawton Park IBC, Loddon Vale IBC and Longmeadow IBC.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to a) thank all the ladies who turned out to support us for our indoor matches and b) to wish you and your clubs good bowling during the summer and the best of luck in all competitions – unless you're playing FU – looking forward seeing you out and about on the green soon...take care and stay safe.

#### 7. **DATES AND COSTS 2024**

A list of dates and costs were sent out with the agenda. There was a date change to the Kath McFauld competition, this will now be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **Luncheon – Secretary**

This year's presentation luncheon will once again be held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel on **Tuesday 5th November**. Details are still to be finalised, but the meal will consist of 3 courses, with a vegetarian option available. Tea and coffee will follow. The cost per head will remain at £28.

Your ladies seemed to appreciate the smart casual dress code introduced last year, so we will continue with that idea.

I have had a heart to heart with the events staff with regards to last year's little hic-cups, and have every faith this luncheon will go smoothly. So, can I please ask you to remind your ladies to keep to their selected options.

The menu choices will be forwarded to you later in the season, I hope you will be proactive in encouraging your ladies to attend. The more of us the merrier, it would be lovely to fill the room after all the effort it takes to put on the event.

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

Meeting closed at 2.22 pm.