

Council Members Report – October 2021

The whole members Council wish to thank John Durston for his stewardship, guidance and inclusiveness during his time as Chairman of Somerset

Fifty years in the sport John would have seen many changes, hopefully some for the better, and been part of the team making things happen, both in Somerset and England. He will be missed.

The lack of courses in Somerset for training coaches was raised at our meeting by the **Coaching Coordinator**. **Coach Bowls** now run these courses but currently there are two on offer both many miles away making them impractical for any would be coaches to attend.

We would like Somerset to be proactive in its approach to coaching by asking all Clubs for numbers of members interested in attending a course. Once collated, decisions could be made dependant on the volume. A large interest and **Coach Bowls** should be chased to satisfy the demand.

The general view was that current coaches and players at Clubs wanted to improve, so if coaches could not be trained due to lack of courses, would it be possible for a set of drills/exercises on a particular skills/technique be issued to Clubs for implementation. A few little improvements by many is preferable than waiting for **Coach Bowls** to act.

We have talented individuals in Somerset, some of which are on the Board, who possibly may be persuaded to help with the detail.

The last 18 months have been challenging to say the least, we appreciate the efforts of the Board in issuing guidelines to keep us safe, while enabling us to play bowls. The computer system attack was particularly trying and is ongoing as you will have noticed from the lack of information on the website. Ken and the Board are reviewing how best to rectify this.

The Council Members thought a special thank you should go to Ross for his sterling work in keeping us informed in these exceptional circumstances.

Mike Groves