

## **Notes from the alternative AGM of the Essex County Women's Bowling Association**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Dear Lady Bowlers of Essex,

I am so sad to have been your President this year, but have not been able to do anything for you and support you in your games etc. I am hoping with all my heart, that next year will be different and we can enjoy our bowling again.

I wish everyone good health and well-being. Please take care and stay safe – wash hands, wear a mask and stay clear.

Love and best wishes, Kim Wiggins – President Essex County Women's Bowling Association.

### **IN REMEMBRANCE:**

Eve Harnwell, Jo Dragon (Clockhouse), Sue Ramsbottom (Thorpe le Soken), Margaret Fitness, Ruby Fisher (Burnham Hillside), Mary Clarke (Three Clubs), Margaret Gladstone (Stock & Buttsbury), Phyllis Miller (Elm Park), Pat Cooper (Essex County), Vera Watts, Maureen Hignett (Great Baddow), Sandra Durston (Barley)

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM:**

- The proposed cost of the full page advertisements for the County Handbook 2020 was £40, but this was put back to £30 because there were very few advertisers willing to pay the extra £10. Once put back to the original amount the take up for the 2020 handbook was good.
- Jasmine Wilson (Radwinter) was the winner of the Bowls England Junior Bowler of the Year for 2019. She was presented with her trophy at the Bowls England Dinner in November 2019. Many congratulations to Jasmine.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Sincere thanks were received from Wendy Coldham on receipt of her presentation gifts and retirement cheque. She was thrilled with her flowers and luxurious pens and was overwhelmed with her cheque. She looked forward to finding something special to buy.

Carol Cooper also sent grateful thanks for her retirement cheque and was sad to have to leave office after such a short time.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

This had been circulated and adopted unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A copy of the receipts and payments for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 had been circulated. It had been an unusual year, especially as we didn't have a candidate to take over from Wendy Coldham. Jill Polley kept the books for the year and was pleased to say

that, with all the ups and downs, we concluded with a surplus of £82.59. The aim was to break even and to be able to pass the books over in a healthy state. Jill was happy that this had been accomplished. Accounts and report agreed and adopted unanimously

### **200 CLUB DRAWS (APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER)**

Cheques had been sent to:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £43.20          No. 41 Carole King (Aveley), No. 55 Marina Thorne (Brentwood),  
No. 35 Doreen Ralph (RHP), No. 28 Thorpe le Soken Bowls Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £28.80          No. 49 Walter Whitehill (Aveley), No. 29 Thorpe le Soken Bowls Club,  
No. 69 Edna Woods (Tiptree Jobserve), No. 70 David Gooch (Tiptree Jobserve)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £18.00          No. 22 Liz Garrett (Brightlingsea), No. 72 David Harrington (Tiptree  
Jobserve), No. 45 Sandra Summers (Aveley), No. 4 Linda Mills (Aveley)

Thank you to the 72 participants for 2020. Don't forget, you have to be in it to win it in 2021.

### **BENEVOLENT FUND SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

A copy of the receipts and payments for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 had been circulated. Wendy had been pleased to be able to make 19 gifts from the Benevolent Fund this year. Without the income from the Benevolent Triples Day entries and raffle the balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 was down as expected, but hopefully next year we will be back to normal. The accounts and report were agreed and adopted unanimously.

### **BOWLS ENGLAND REPORT:**

A copy of this report had been circulated. Thank you to Linda Mills. Remember to keep up to date with all the current guidelines for bowling by going to the Bowls England website.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:**

No changes were proposed for 2021.

### **PROPOSITION:**

The motion proposed by Romford and seconded by Wanstead Central, Rainham, Gidea Park and Wanstead had been circulated. "That the affiliated areas be adjusted as shown below for season 2021."

Area A1 14 clubs – Barley, Clementswood, Elm Park, Fords (Newbury Park), Gidea Park, Goodmayes, Hainault, Haynes Park, Liberty of Havering, Old Dagenham, Rainham, Romford, St. Chads, Seven Kings.

Area A2 14 clubs – Aveley, Brentwood, Central Essex, Clockhouse, Grays Town, Harold Hill, Hutton Poplars, Kings Chase, Orsett, South Ockendon, Thames Sport, Thurrock, Upminster, Warley Hill.

Area D1 17 clubs – Aldersbrook, Buckhurst Hill, Central Park, Chingford, Connaught, Epping, Halex, Larsen, Loughton, Orford House, Plashet, Silverthorn, South Woodford, Wanstead, Wanstead Central, Walthamstow Borough & Aveling Park, Woodford.

Areas D2, B1, B2, C1 and C2 – no changes.

Voting papers were emailed to clubs and to each serving County Officer. 88 papers were returned by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and passed to 3 independent adjudicators. The results were recorded and verified as follows:

FOR: 39      AGAINST: 42      ABSTENSIONS: 7      The motion was NOT CARRIED

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Will be made to retiring officers.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

President: Kim Wiggins      SVP: Jennifer Spearman      JVP: Sandra Fenton  
Hon. Secretary: Jill Polley      Hon. Treasurer: Jenny Hyland  
Hon. Ass. Sec: Sheila Brickel      Hon. Comp. Sec: Jill Polley  
Hon. Ben. Sec: Wendy Buckingham      Bowls England Delegate: Linda Mills

Area Secretaries: A Area Pat Brown      B Area Brenda Bowyer      C Area Colleen Moss  
D Area VACANT

Area Selectors: A Area Pauline Mount      B Area Jenny Paternoster  
C Area Wendy Buckingham      D Area Sylvia Bloomfield

Essex Bowling Association Board Members: Pauline Mount, Sheila Brickel

Hon. Auditor: Linda Drewe

**ANY RELEVANT BUSINESS:**

The following documents for 2021 have been sent out separately:

- Confirmed dates
- Certificate of Merit application form
- 200 Club application form
- President's Day Trip form

The following clubs have either closed or will not be affiliating any ladies for 2021:

Alexandra Ladies, Birchanger, Grays Town, Halex, Mill Lane, Plashet, South Woodford, South Woodham Ferrers, Victoria Ladies.

**The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at the Millennium Hall, Great Baddow at 2pm.**