

SOMERSET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Eleventh ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**This is the postponed 2020 AGM, held via Zoom because of COVID 19 restrictions.
10th April 2021 at 10.30am
MINUTES**

Present: 30 officers and life members with voting rights:

John Durston (Chairman).

Board members; David Bendall, Edna Bessell (MBE), Alan Birch, Peter Bissett, Andrew Chappell, Sue Cooper, Brian Cracknell, Ken Leamon, Charmian Pearce, Ross Turnbull, Tony Whitmarsh.

Council Members: Mary Northcott, Celia Soby, Mike Groves, Derek Whitlock, Jill Price, Chris Wilson. Carolle Skeates (SVP), Barrie Dando (SVP), Sandra Every (JVP), Richard Soper (JVP).

Past Presidents: Peter Cast, Barrie Davis, Hilary Leamon, Peter Mottram, David Wederell, Shirley Wederell, Colin Westlake, Celia Whitmarsh.

Voting papers were received from: 56 Clubs and 26 officers.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dawn Barnaby, Alan Gray, Shirley Nicholls and Ian Wilson.

2. In Memoriam

A request had been sent out to all clubs asking for names in advance of their club members who had died during the last year. The meeting remembered:

Bloomfield; Frank Bell, Alison Jones, Bob Skehan, Phil Wing. Bridgwater; Len Elswood, Bob Marks, Gordon Stamp, Don Weston, Graham Wilson. Castle Cary; Joe Brett, Marian Evans. City of Wells; Ken Johnson, Maureen Merrifield. Clarence; Ann Ballinger, George Bridge, Bert Cheffers, Susan Foster, Derek Milford, Alan Newland, Pat Phillips, Lesley Phipps, Derek Stevens, Dick Symes. Clevedon; David Bryant (CBE), Peter Cornish. Fosseway; Geoff Moore, Bill Bolton. Frome Selwood; Graham Atkinson, Nancie Colling (MBE), Anne Muise. Keynsham; Peter Filliter, John Trowbridge. Knowle; Len Eade, John Bennett, Brian Simms, Terry Sheppard, Ray Meacham. Long Ashton; Carol Marshall, Tony Lock. Norwest; Di Noad, Keith Risdale. Portishead (Men); Howard Grey, Rod Hill, Mike Lockett, Gareth Morgan. Portishead RBL (Ladies); Anne Gray. Portishead RBL (Men); Terry Barnes, Tom Evans, Buster Footman, Graham Howell, Roger Wells. Purnell; Maurice Gregory. Severalls Jubilee; Sue Phinn. Shepton Mallet; Vernon Caines, Lance Charlton, Christine White. Somerton & District; Lizzie Cooper, Tony Burt, Jean Edmonds, Colin Dyer. Taunton Deane; Brien Bradford, John Tucker. Victoria Park (Bwtr); Keith Bartlett, Jim Gardiner, Betty Waldorf. Wellington; Bob Codd. Wessex Ladies; Jan Binding. West Backwell; David Jones, Dennis Smart. Wyrral Park; Dixie Dean, Alan Oliver. Yatton; Alf George, Brian Hardwick, Betty Topham, Brian Topham. Yeovil; Mary Taylor.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting, 9th November 2019:

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the General Secretary, per procurationem the Chairman. Proposed by Carolle Skeates (City of Wells) and Seconded by Edna Bessell (Yeovil).

4. Matters Arising

6. County Lunch.

- The 'comfort break' should be earlier.
- Presentations could start while coffee was being served.

Ken Leamon reported that the 'comfort break' will be dispensed with but the serving of coffee during the start of the presentations was considered disrespectful to the Presidents and guest speaker.

7. County Coach. Could there be more Level 1 coaching courses in Somerset?
(this has not been actioned because of COVID restrictions and will be carried forward to this season)
7. Council. Following the Council's comments the Chairman and Secretary met with the Patrons' Treasurer and had an open and frank discussion regarding the use and allocation of its funds. We all agreed the Patrons would continue to work within its Rules and Objectives and reiterated our thanks for their invaluable contribution to our financial burden.

5. Reports

The Board reports were circulated prior to the meeting and form part of these Minutes. Questions were invited from the floor:

Chairman

There were no questions.

General Secretary

There were no questions.

Treasurer

There were no questions.

Championship/Competition Secretary

There were no questions.

Performance Manager

There were no questions.

Edna Bessell (MBE) reported that the inter-County team competitions would be on a knockout basis for 2021. She was awaiting the draws from Bowls England.

Development Officer

There were no questions.

Brian Cracknell confirmed he would again be organizing the u18's tournament at Ashcombe Park.

League secretary

There were no questions.

David Bendall regretted that teams were starting to drop out, especially in the South & West region.

Marketing Manager

There were no questions.

Match Secretary

There were no questions.

Member Without Portfolio

There were no questions.

Ken Leamon reiterated his appeal for a County Archivist.

County Coach

There were no questions.

Report from the Council

There were no questions.

Report from Patrons

There were no questions.

Carolle Skeates clarified the position regarding matches. They had all been cancelled up until Step4 and she was looking to rearrange the anniversary celebration matches.

Report from the Benevolent Fund

There were no questions.

6. Adoption of the Accounts

Main Account

Tour Account

Benevolent Fund Account

Patrons Account

Proposed en-bloc by Barrie Davis (Keynsham) and Seconded by David Bendall (Keynsham). Carried.

7. Presentation of Presidential Officers

By agreement with the Presidential team their offices were rolled over for 12 months because of our inability to fulfil the 2020 County calendar.

- Two Immediate Past Presidents
Ailsa Midwinter (Purnell)
David Bishop (City of Wells)
- Presidents for 2020
Sue Cooper (Victoria Ladies)
- Tony Whitmarsh (Chew Stoke)
- Senior Vice Presidents for 2020
Carolle Skeates (City of Wells)
Barrie Dando (Prattens)
Proposed by Prattens
Seconded by City of Wells
- Election of Junior Vice Presidents 2020
Sandra Every (Williton)
Proposed by Williton
Seconded by Wyrall Park
Richard Soper (Clevedon Prom Men)
Proposed by Clevedon Prom Men
Seconded by Chew Stoke

8. Election of Executive Officers

Serving Officers:

- Chairman: John Durston (Clevedon)
- General Secretary: Ross Turnbull (Bloomfield)
- Treasurer: Andrew Chappell (Bath Mens)
- Championship/Competition Secretary: Charmian Pearce (Clevedon)
- County Coach Peter Bissett (Clevedon Promenade Mens)
- Development Manager Brian Cracknell (Taunton Deane)
- League Secretary: David Bendall (Keynsham)
- Marketing Manager: Peter Bissett (Clevedon Promenade Mens)
- Match Secretary Alan Birch (Isle of Wedmore)
- Member Without Portfolio: Ken Leamon (Severalls Jubilee)
- Performance Manager; Edna Bessell MBE (Yeovil)

Proposed en-bloc by David Wederell (Isle of Wedmore) and Seconded by Carolle Skeates (City of Wells). Carried.

9. Election of Other Officers

Middleton Cup Selectors:

- Regions 1-4 Pip Branfield (Clevedon)
- Proposed by Clevedon and Seconded by Bristol
- Regions 5-8 Mark Denslow (Ilminster)
- Proposed by Ilminster and Seconded by Watchet

John's Trophy Selectors:

- Regions 1-4 Celia Soby (Fosseway)
Proposed by Fosseway and Seconded by Chew Stoke
- Region 5-8 Nova Edwards (Bridgwater)
Proposed by Bridgwater and Seconded by Victoria Park (Bridgwater)

Mens General Selectors:

- Regions 1 & 3 Barrie Dando (Prattens)
Proposed by Prattens and Seconded by Purnell

- Regions 2 & 4
Proposed by Portishead RBL Men and Seconded by Yatton Lionel Slatter (Portishead RBL Men)
- Regions 5 & 6
Proposed by City of Wells and Seconded by South Petherton David Bishop (City of Wells)
- Regions 7 & 8
Proposed by Burnham-on-Sea and Seconded by Victoria Park Bridgwater Don Bridges (Burnham-on-Sea)

Ladies General Selectors:

- Regions 1 & 3
Proposed by Purnell and Seconded by Prattens Ailsa Midwinter (Purnell)
- Regions 2 & 4
Proposed by Portishead Ladies and Seconded by Portishead RBL Ladies Sue Tassell (Portishead Ladies)
- Regions 5 & 6
Proposed by City of Wells and Seconded by South Petherton Carolle Skeates (City of Wells)
- Regions 7 & 8
Proposed by Isle of Wedmore and Seconded by Ashcombe Park Shirley Wederell (Isle of Wedmore)

Members of Council:

- Region 1
Vacant
- Region 2
Proposed by Knowle and Seconded by Imperial Mary Northcott (Knowle)
- Region 3
Proposed by Fosseway and Seconded by Chew Stoke Celia Soby (Fosseway)
- Region 4
Proposed by West Backwell and Seconded by Congresbury Ian Wilson (West Backwell)
- Region 5
Proposed by Wellington and Seconded by Taunton Mike Groves (Wellington)
- Region 6
Proposed by Yeovil and Seconded by Queen Camel Derek Whitlock (Yeovil)
- Region 7
Proposed by Bridgwater and Seconded by Victoria Park Bridgwater Jill Price (Bridgwater)
- Region 8
Proposed by Banwell and Seconded by Clarence Chris Wilson (Banwell)

Proposed en-bloc by Ken Leamon (Severalls Jubilee) and Seconded by Tony Whitmarsh (Chew Stoke).
Carried.

Patrons Association:

- Chairman Barrie Davis (Keynsham)
- Secretary Carolle Skeates (City of Wells)
- Treasurer David Wederell (Isle of Wedmore)

Proposed en-bloc by Edna Bessell MBE (Yeovil) and Seconded by Hilary Leanon (Severalls Jubilee).
Carried.

10. Changes to the Constitution for ratification:

To reflect the changes to the collection of affiliation fees made by Bowls England:

6 (b) *The Annual Subscription payable by a club to the SBA Treasurer, no later than ~~1st January~~ 7th May, (late payment shall incur a penalty charge of up to £100 at the discretion of the ExB) is based on the number of members ~~of that club as at 30th June of the preceding year~~ who have the right to bowl for the current season. A list of ~~the those~~ members shall be provided to the General Secretary by e-mail no later than ~~31st July~~ 7th May. ~~The fee to be paid shall be for all members as declared at 30th June, less any member who died after the declaration was made. Should such situation arise a note to that effect shall be included with the cheque sent to the SBA Treasurer. Any members new to bowls or who have transferred from Clubs outside the County after the declaration was made must be added. NB Should a member join a Club from another Club within the County, after 30th~~*

~~June, his/her affiliation fee, paid by his/her former Club shall travel with them. The fee shall not be paid again.~~

Proposed by the Board and Seconded by Charmian Pearce (Clevedon). Carried.

To acknowledge that the Bowls England has now gone digital and can be viewed or downloaded from their website.

~~4 (f) Affiliated Clubs are required to purchase, each year, at least one copy of the BE Official Yearbook.~~

Proposed by the Board and Seconded by David Bendall (Keynsham). Carried.

11. Appointment of Account Examiners

- Main Accounts Trevor Goodship & Associates of Keynsham
Proposed by the Board and Seconded by David Wederell (Isle of Wedmore). Carried.
- Patrons Accounts Read and Co of Martock.
Proposed by the Board and Seconded by Richard Soper (Clevedon Promenade Mens). Carried.

The meeting closed at 11.33pm