



Bowls Hampshire Executive Meeting Minutes

13TH February 2022

The meeting was opened by the Chair Richard, followed by Hazel saying a few words in memory Rosemary Corney, following her death on Wednesday afternoon, this was followed by a minute's silence to in remembrance.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lyn Booth, Chris Brett, Christina Bundy, Derek Collins, Diana Cooper, Paula Haynes, Malcolm James, Jim Marsland, Mandy Orchard, Carl Taylor, Debbie Senior, there were 29 members were in attendance.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2021 were approved, proposed by Julie Greenwood, seconded by Margaret Leppard, all agreed and duly signed by Chair Richard Shelley

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising from the previous meeting. There were 4 items on the Action log;

- BE Coaching Director- still outstanding, it is hoped that in 2022 a visit by Mal Evans can be arranged.

-The Marketing subcommittee which is ongoing. Chair Peter will be sending an email with reference to the next meeting.

As the BE AGM is due this coming weekend 19th February, the next newsletter will be finalised following that to include a review from the AGM.

Two other items are on the log Presidents / gala day, a meeting between the newly installed Presidents Cynthia and Neil, Richard, Hazel and Lesley. After a short meeting following the Executive meeting, it was agreed that this year's Presidents Day will follow the usual format and take place on Wednesday 6th July at Banister Park. Assistant Secretary Lesley will be responsible for the invitations and finalising the arrangements in conjunction with the two Presidents.

A zoom meeting took place on the 19th January, with the Ladies and Men's match secretaries Wendy and Ken following a recommendation from the marketing committee with reference to arranging some mixed friendly matches with Hampshire clubs to promote the County with clubs and grass route bowlers. At the Selection meeting on 13th February this item to be progressed.

4. BH 2022 Calendar

The draft calendar was discussed and a question was raised by East Area secretary David Wildman with reference to the Home Counties League, this year the league will revert back to two leagues with Hampshire in Group 2 with Middlesex, Buckinghamshire and Kent. The dates are known but the arrangements haven't been finalised for these matches due to difficulty in contacting the opponents. These dates will be added to the calendar.

Kay informed the meeting that the first John's Trophy match was against Kent and would be played at Horsham. Kent had asked that the match be played in the morning. Chair Richard, said as John's Manager Kay should decide on the timing of the match.

5. **Presidential Badges**

Hazel explained that the ability to purchase blazers was becoming almost impossible and so rather than purchase blazer badges for our upcoming Presidents, maybe it is time to look at a metal badge to wear on the Unisex County Jacket. There was an open discussion amongst the Executive and it was agreed that the Management & Finance committee should look at options and come back to the Executive with a proposal. East Area Secretary David Wildman asked about whether there would be a change to the awarding of County Blazer badges to players once they had achieved badge qualification. It was agreed to include this with the Presidential badge discussion at the next Management & Finance meeting which was due to be held on Tuesday 8th March via zoom at 18:00.

6. **Finance Update**

As the Treasurer Carl was unable to attend the meeting, the Secretary Hazel read out an email received from him.

There is very little to note since the last meeting but a few headlines:

- Usual 'Contribution to expenses' payments for Officers were made after AGM
- County Luncheon payments settled - small £226 surplus thanks to raffle proceeds
- Annual membership fees paid to both Friends of English Bowling and Home Counties BA
- Payment made to Banister Park for updated signage
- Competition entry numbers are due to be sent to BE by end of month. Haven't had West Area figures as yet but will submit County return once received and update at next meeting
- New orders of shirts, jackets, coasters, stickers etc either in progress or completed

7. **Ladies friendly match coaches.**

When reviewing the ladies match programme, it was noted that one of the matches was due to take place at Ilminster Bowls Club Somerset on Wednesday 31st August and the distance and travel time would be in the region of two and a half to three hours, following a discussion the Executive agreed in principle to a coach for this match.

As the date currently arranged was in the middle of the National Championships at RLS. The Ladies Match Secretary was requested to check with Somerset to see if another date could be found.

Action: WB

Year Book Secretary Michael suggested that the item be discussed at the Management & Finance committee to agree that coaches would be used when travelling over a certain number of miles / time and should be the same for men's and ladies matches. Hazel agreed to add this to the agenda for the Management & Finance meeting on the 8th March.

8. **Bowls England**

AGM - Hazel went through the agenda for the up coming AGM and in particular discussed the three propositions put forward by Bowls Hampshire and the response of Bowls England. She agreed to report back following the meeting with the results.

Celebration Matches – Hazel explained the new process and criteria for Hampshire bowlers being put forward for BE celebration matches and requested input from anyone wishing to be put forward by Tuesday 15th February at the latest.

9. **Bowls Hampshire Luncheon**

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the date for the Presentation Luncheon would be the same as previous years on Sunday 23rd October 2022. At the moment there is uncertainty as to whether the Caterer Paul Gillingham will be available following information from Charlie Bumstead. It was agreed to investigate further, look at possible other caterers and report back.

10. **AOB /Date of next meeting**

There were one or two questions from the floor which were dealt with but not recorded.

A request was made by Steve Corney for the use of the Bowls Hampshire flag to be draped over her coffin at the funeral. The Executive agreed to this request. As soon as further information is received it will be forwarded to all members of the Executive for further distribution.

Hazel informed the Executive of an invitation received from Milton Park with reference to their Centenary celebrations on the 16th July 2023.

The meeting closed at 11:45am

The next Exec meeting will be Thursday 24th March at 18:00 at Banister Park.