

The Minutes of the Ladies Bowls Committee Meeting held at 23 Boleyn Gardens
West Wickham on Tuesday 25th March, 2025 at 10.30 am

Present: Chair – Anne Simmonds, **Captain and Match Secretary** – Jeanette Whitehead, **NWK Delegate** – Pat Walkinshaw, **Competition Secretary** – Barbara Huggins, **Secretary** – Sandra Figg

Apologies for absence Gail Barnes and Ann Saunders

1. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting on 11th February, 2025 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

- None

2. Secretary's Report

- Bellingham Bowls Club have confirmed our entry into the Belle trophy.
- An email has been sent to all members advising them of the change of colour of club trousers to navy for the 2025 season. Grey trousers can still be worn for roll ups and Aggregates but members will be expected to wear navy trousers when representing the club.
- The club handbook has been prepared and is currently with the printers. It is hoped that it will be available for distribution at the Ladies Pre-Season meeting.
- I have sent an email to all 39 full playing members and 14 Associate members inviting them to the Ladies' Pre-Season meeting and lunch on the 13th April. To date 29 members will attend the meeting with 21 members staying for lunch.
- Jeanette, David Figg, David Eagling and I have attended two Safeguarding meetings run by Yvonne and Martyn Grover our Safeguarding Officers. They set out their plans for implementation, details of which will be delivered by them at the Pre-Season meeting.
- Yvonne, Jeanette and I will be attending a First Aid Course on the 6th April.
- A card and plant were delivered to Ann Saunders following the passing of her husband Mike and a card has been sent to Karen Washington after she broke a bone in her foot. I have emailed Anne Bailey regarding Karen's injury and she is sending her a voucher on behalf of the Kent Ladies Benevolent Fund.
- Work on the new visitors' changing hut is progressing well and Geoff hopes to complete it by the start of the season.
- Following the purchase of the cards and plant, total cost £24.48, petty cash now stands at £64.14.

3. Captain's Report

- The availability sheets have been prepared and will be displayed at the Pre-Season meeting on the 13th April.
- The Mens' Selection Committee will meet on Monday 14th April to select the teams for the early Mixed games. Jeanette will also attend the meeting to represent the ladies.
- It is hoped that the Aggregates team will organise players at the Opening Mixed Drive on the 19th April.

- The draws for the London & Southern Counties and National games have yet to be drawn. If playing in the Preliminary round of the Ladies Top Club competition the game will need to be played by the 11th May. Preliminary games for the Tony Allcock competition must be played by 5th May.
- West Beckenham Bowls Club has sent out an invitation to enter The Alexander Shield to be held on 10th May. Entry fee £45 per triple, dress code whites.

4. Match Secretary's Report

- See Captain's report above.

5. Competition Secretary's Report

- There are 11 entrants for the Ladies Singles, 6 for the Novice Cup, 13 for the Handicap Singles, 12 for the 100 Up, 11 for the Handicap Pairs, 13 for the 2 Wood and 10 Ladies for the Mixed Pairs. More ladies will be encouraged to enter the competitions at the Pre-Season Meeting.

6. Management Committee Delegate's Report

- The next Management Committee Meeting is on 4th April.
- Barbara Huggins has agreed to be the Management Committee Delegate after Gail Barnes informed us that she is no longer able to represent the Ladies.

7. NWK Delegate's Report

- There is not much I can tell you that's different from my last report.
- All the new rules are confirmed as well as all the fixtures.
- We will be playing a lot of strong teams. They are: Coney Hall 1, Petts Wood 1, South Hill Wood 1, Sidcup, Orpington Excelsior and West Beckenham.
- I will try and pick the teams two weeks in advance so as to give the ladies time to let me know if they are unavailable.

8. Kent Delegate's Report

- No report.

AOB

- Karen Washington has taken over the organization of the Gardening Rota. Linda will continue to look after 2 Wood Corner and the pots at the side of the green.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am.

Date of Next Meeting: 6th May at 10.30.am at the Clubhouse.

Signed..... Chairperson