

The Minutes of the Ladies Bowls Committee Meeting held at West Wickham Bowling Club
On Thursday 24th October, 2024 at 10.30 am

Present: - **Chair** – Anne Simmonds, **Match Secretary** – Jeanette Whitehead,
NWK Delegate – Pat Walkinshaw, **Competition Secretary** – Sandra Figg
KCBA Delegate and Management Committee Delegate – Ann Saunders,
Secretary – Sandra Figg

Apologies for absence Gail Barnes

1. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting on 16th August, 2024 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

- Gail has sent an email to Gillian Leach at Bellingham Bowling Club regarding our proposals for Rule 4 and Rule 13 in respect of the Belle trophy. A copy of the email has been sent to all committee members. To date, Gail has not had a response.

2. Secretary's Report

- The Agenda for the 2024 Annual General Meeting on 27th October together with the Minutes of the 2023 AGM have been sent to all playing members.
- External competition entries need to be made shortly. Entries for the **London and Southern Counties** competitions and the **BB & DBA** competitions are to be discussed and encouraged at the AGM. Eunice Pain is happy to play in the **BB & DBA** Champion of Champions and also the **Nationals** Champion of Champions. One team to be entered in the mixed fours in the **Tony Allcock**. The ladies also wish to play in the **Top Club** competition.
- Cards and flowers were sent to Pauline Palser following her operation. Also, cards were sent to Sue Beynon and Kim Blacker after undergoing surgery. Petty cash now stands at £90.87.

3. Captain's Report

- Since the last meeting there have been 6 matches, 4 of them being Jubilee League matches where we accumulated 22 points resulting in an overall position of 2nd place. Well done to all the ladies who played in the league games this year. We won both friendly matches in September.
- I would like to thank everyone for helping to make Captain's Day on 1st September so enjoyable and for the beautiful flowers and gift.
- Congratulations must go to the Mollie Cleggett team for reaching the finals on 8th September and for a third-place position.
- Finally, many congratulations to all the finalists in our club competitions this year and especially to Sandra for her superb organisation on the day. It has been an enjoyable and successful season, well done to all.

4. Match Secretary's Report

- Next year's fixtures are starting to come in. Our Jubilee League fixture against Bellingham Bowling Club has been rearranged for Sunday 7th September at our club. Also, I am waiting for some dates to rearrange the Jubilee League fixture against New Beckenham as it clashes with Division 1 finals which we are hosting.

- We have numerous extra Kent fixtures next year with Chris Smith being Kent President. Most of these will be catered for by Sam our caterer and, hopefully, very few will affect the ladies' matches.
- At the Jubilee League AGM last weekend Woodcroft Bowling Club was accepted into the league but, due to the distance, Horton Kirby Bowling Club was rejected. As we already have a friendly fixture with Woodcroft this will now become a league match.

It was also decided at the AGM by a majority vote to stay as triples for next season although we did propose and got Bromley Town Bowling Club to second a move back to rinks.

A discussion regarding playing in whites for the league was raised in AOB and this will not change for 2025 but will be brought up at the next AGM.

5. Competition Secretary's Report

- The glass tumblers for the finalists who requested one arrived yesterday and will be available to collect on Sunday at the AGM. The engraving on all the trophies is now up to date.
- This is my last year as Competition Secretary but I will work with Barbara Huggins next season. David Smith is taking over from Phil Broomfield so we can expect some requests for changes.

6. Management Committee Delegate's Report

- We have not had a Management Meeting since our last committee meeting.
- Hopefully the request for the summerhouse to be reused as a visitor changing room will come to fruition after it has been cleared and repainted over the closed season.

7. NWK Delegate's Report

- Coming to the end of the season with only one game to play we were 3rd in the division. Our last game was against Sidcup and we needed to get 6 points to come second. Unfortunately, we only managed 4 points on a very difficult green so we finished the season in 3rd place with 46 points. Coney Hall were second with 47 points and Petts Wood were top of the division with 59 points.
- The NWK League AGM is on Monday 28th October at 7pm.

8. Kent Delegate's Report

- A proposition was received from Appleyard and Bearsted Bowling Clubs regarding the need for a County Handbook. As it was received after the deadline it will be added to the next Council meeting which will take place in April 2025.
- The County will have a new website next year.
- The KCWBA luncheon will be held on Saturday 9th November at the Cornwallis Suite, Maidstone. Five West Wickham ladies will be attending. Eileen Pickering will be presented with the County 2 Wood Runners Up Trophy and West Wickham Bowling Club will collect prize money for 3rd place in the Mollie Cleggett.
- Next year the final of the Mollie Cleggett will be held on Sunday 7th September 2025 at Empire Bowling Club.
- Eunice Pain will be presented with her County Badge in 2025.
- The County President for 2025 will be Claudia Carey who plays at Thanet Bowling Club. The Vice-President will be Jan Munday from Empire Bowling Club. All other positions will remain the same.
- The new County shirts have been ordered and will be delivered early in the new year. Navy blue trousers will be worn and players can purchase from any source.

- The unified AGM will take place on 24th November, 2024 at Maidstone BC Hall at 10 am.
- The format for the Amy Rose is changing.

AOB

-None

The meeting ended at 11.45 am.

Date of Next Meeting: tbc

Signed..... Chairperson