

# THURROCK & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



Founded 1946

## Minutes of Thurrock & District Bowling Association AGM 2012

Held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at the Thurrock Bowls Club

The meeting opened at 7.00pm with Acting President Ted Carter in the chair. Executive members present, J.Goodwin, R.Cornwell, M Coulson, G Jewell.

### 1, Roll Call, Clubs Present.

Aveley, Chadwell, Corringham, Drums, Ford Sports, Grays Town, New Phoenix, Pegasus, South Ockendon, Springhouse & Thurrock.

### 2, Apologies.

Barry Marchant (Pitsea RBL)

### 3, Absentees.

Billet, GP/Murrayfield, Orsett, Thames Sports, United Services & VCA Riverview.

### 4, Welfare, Obituaries.

Past Presidents, F.Chapman (Springhouse), S Tweedie ( New Phoenix), R Hobbs (GP/Murrayfield)

Past General Secretary, K. Moore (Thurrock)

Members, L Hurdle (Drums), R.Pritchard (Grays Town), H Edwards (Chadwell), R Sampson (Chadwell), B.Hodges (Corringham), E.Garwood (Orsett), J Martin, (VCA Riverview), A Wells (Corringham), C Wilcox (N.Phoenix), R Pope (Thames Sport), J Wetton (Thurrock) & N Barrett (Orsett).

### 5, Welfare, Seriously Ill.

D.Edwards (Chadwell) Recovering from 2 Hip Operations.

### 6. Read & Agree Minutes last AGM held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Minutes proposed as true record by T Chamberlin and seconded by M Coulson.

### 7. Matters arising from previous minutes. NONE.

### 8. Presidents opening remarks and address.

Ted thank John Goodwin for taking over as Acting General Secretary in June when our General Secretary Chris Hammett resigned for personal reasons.

He also thanked the Thurrock Bowls Club for allowing the Association to use their Clubhouse for meetings.

Both Drums & Thurrock Bowls Clubs were also thanked for hosting 2 successful Finals Days.

Ted also thanked the Committee Members and Club Delegates for their support over the past year.

### 9. Treasurers Report.

The end of year balance sheet shows that we have £588.95. in the Barclays' account and £48,344.42 in the Scottish Widows' account, giving us a total at £48,943,37. This large amount in the Scottish Widows is due to the fact that in spite of reminders, Thurrock Council have still not submitted their invoice for \season Tickets. The amount outstanding for Season Tickets is £41,196.00. When this is paid, it would leave us with a total balance of £7,747.37.

Over the year our overall income has exceeded our expenditure by £435.13. £344.42. of this excess has come from the interest made by our Scottish Widows' account with the remaining £90.71. from the other items on the statement.

The income from Competition and League entries including Affiliation Fees exceeded Competition Expenses including engraving by £504.22.

Income from sale of Presentation Dance tickets and the Raffle exceeded the expenses for the Presentation Dance itself by £160.30. This has been offset by the £200.00. deposit on the hall for 2013, which has already been paid. This leaves a net deficit of £39.70.

The income from the sale of Season Tickets will exceed the expenditure to Thurrock Council for Season Tickets by £34.08. This includes the purchase of printer card.

The expenditure for the purchase of stock exceeds the income from the sale of stock by £278.74. but we now have stock in hand. The income for matches exceeded the expenditure from Match Fees by £15.85. The figure given in the statement does not include the Match Secretary's Honorarium which will show in next years account. If this had been paid there would have been a loss of £134.15. which was mainly due to the cost of the coaches.

General expenditure for hire of hall and gift to retiring League & Competition Secretary came to £175.00.

The only changes I recommend is that the the fares for coaches is increased to £18.00. for Bowlers and £14.00. for Visitors It is anticipated that the cost for hiring coaches will rise in 2013. **These changes were accepted unanimously.**

Other fees to remain unchanged : Association registration fees :- £25.00. per club, League & Knock out fees £6.00. per team, Competitions £1.00. per player.

The interest rates for our Scottish Widows' Account are being reduced from 1.6% to 1.0% in January 2013.

Generally the Finances of the Association are in a healthy state. Copies of the Accounts are attached as a separate sheet.

#### 10. Account examiners' Report.

A Beasley all was okay and the report had been signed off.

#### 11. Acting General Secretary's Report.

Since the last AGM all correspondence has been acted on appropriately. All member Clubs were issued with two copies of the amended Rule Book.

A message was received informing the Executive Committee that the person approached to stand as Junior Deputy President was now unwilling to stand.

In June Chris Hammett informed the Executive Committee that he was resigning with immediate effect, John agreed to stand as Acting General Secretary until the AGM, but was unwilling to carry these duties after the AGM.

A letter was received from Leon Williams the he would not be seeking re-election as League & Competition Secretary due to health problems. Leon had held these posts for nearly 20 years and will be a hard act to follow. The Executive Committee agreed to give Leon a gift at the Presentation Dance I recognition of his many years of excellent service to the Association.

A letter was received notifying us that Fondu Bowls Club was folding.

#### 12. League Secretary's Report.

No problems reported.

#### 13. Competition Secretary's Report.

One problem resolved by the Executive Committee.

#### 14. Match Secretary's Report.

Had a successful Outdoor Season, winning 5 out of 13 games with Clary Miles skipping the highest winning rink 3 times, Gordon Chegwiddden twice and J.Graves, L.Arnold, B.Turner, R.Rowden, E.Blows and J.Rushbrook once each.

Next seasons fixtures are done but we are awaiting final confirmation from two clubs.

Indoors we are having a good season although we have not won a game out of the eight played so far but the games have been enjoyable. The fixtures for 2013/2014 indoor are nearly complete with just a few loose ends to tie up.

#### 15. Working Party Report.

All has gone well with all the Council Greens showing an improvement over last year, all clubs reported that their greens were playing well. One problem outstanding is the problem with the Irrigation system at some clubs, this

is due Hotech refusing to carryout repairs as they are in dispute with Thurrock Council over an unpaid invoice for work not authorised by the Council. Peter Butler the Head Green Keeper is in contact with Hotech to try to resolve this problem.

#### 16. To Discuss Motion 1 to amend Rule 7a PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS. **Motion passed 10 votes for none against.**

The new wording will read as follows:  
The challenger shall offer his opponent three (3) dates for playing, one of which must be a weekend (Bank Holidays Weekends excluded). Not more than two (2) dates shall be offered in one week. The offering of dates must be made May 3<sup>rd</sup> for first round games and for subsequent rounds within 3 days of the closing date of the

previous round. In the event of no reply is forthcoming from an opponent within 3 days the game may be claimed in **writing** to the Competition Secretary immediately and must be received by the closing date.

17. To Discuss Motion 2 to amend Rule 12 LEAGUE COMPETITION (j)

**Motion passed 8 For and 2 against** The new wording to read as follows:

(j) For Divisions 2 & 3 only All league matches should commence **no later** than 6.15pm (5.45pm in August)

If a full quota of 12 players at this time, then the following format will take place:

Eleven (11) players: Two rinks and one triple.

Ten (10) players: One rink and two triples.

Nine (9) players: Three triples.

Eight (8) players: Two rinks, forfeit one rink and 5 shots.

Less than eight (8) players the match is forfeited and the opposing team, providing twelve (12) turn up to play, receive seven (7) points and fifteen (15) shots. The opposing team will only receive six (6) points and fifteen (15) shots if less than twelve (12) players turn up to play.

In the event of a triple or triples being played the triple will lose 25% of their total shots or five (5) shots whichever is the greater.

(Rule (g) above still applies)

18. To Discuss Motion 3 Proposed by Mr R Clark and seconded by Mr L Patterson Springhouse B.C.

To Amend Rule 12 League Competition (e) and (m). **Motion passed 11 for none against**

New Wording to Read

(e) The league programme will terminate in August each year. As per the official league fixture programme. Any postponed games must be played no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> August. They may be played on any evening or weekends by mutual consent. Any dispute arising from postponed games not played by the 31<sup>st</sup> August will be resolved by the Executive Committee.

(m) Once dates have been arranged by the League Secretary, a club shall not cancel any game, unless circumstances **on the day** are unavoidable i.e bad weather or unless permitted to do so by the League Secretary. The League Secretary must be notified of any prior intended cancellations, failure to comply will result in the club cancelling the fixture, forfeiting the points for that match.

19. To Discuss Motion 4 Proposed by Mr R Clark Springhouse BC **Motion passed 11 for none against.**

To introduce a Thurrock & District Mixed Fours Knockout Competition in 2013.

It will be open to all members of Clubs Affiliated to T&DBA. All players in the four (2 Men & 2 Ladies) must belong to the same bowls club. Two substitutes allowed per team one Lady & one Man.

Winners Trophy to be supplied by Mr R Clark and runners up trophy by Mr T Carter.

20. To Discuss Motion 5. That the Executive Committee of Thurrock & District Bowling Association should continue to meet with the Thurrock Area Ladies Bowling Association to discuss a possible amalgamation of the two Associations. **Motion passed 10 for, none against, 1 abstention**

21. Election of Officer for 2013.

The following Officers were unopposed

President: Vacancy. T Carter agreed to continue as Acting President

Senior Deputy President Vacancy

Junior Deputy President Vacancy

General Secretary Vacancy. T Carter agreed to cover until February

Hon Treasurer John Goodwin

Account Examiners Alan Bradley & Dave Haworth

Match Secretary Roger Cornwell

Assistant Match Secretary John Goodwin

Competition Secretary Dave Haworth

Assistant Comp Secretary Ted Carter

League Secretary Robbie Clark

Assistant League Secretary Vacancy

Minute Secretary George Jewell

Delegates to Executive Committee Eddie Blows & Mick Coulson

Selection Committee President, Snr Deputy President, Jnr Deputy President

Match Secretary plus 4 members

Eddie Blows, Mick Coulson, John Goodwin and Frank O'Kane,

Competition Committee Competition Secretary, Treasure plus 3 members

Ted Carter, Roger Cornwell and Mick Coulson.

Joint Working Party President, General Secretary plus 3 members,

Mick Coulson, Alf Beesley and Alan Bradley

Representative to Thurrock Sport Council                      Eddie Blows  
Deputy Representative to Thurrock Sport Council              John Goodwin.

During the Election of Officers Ted Carter asked for a nomination for post of General Secretary this met with no response from the members present, Ted then made it clear to all present that without a General Secretary the Association would fold, he has agreed to take over as Acting General Secretary until February 2013, so that a letter/Email can be sent to Affiliated Clubs highlighting this problem, the letter will list the duties of the General Secretary. Hopefully someone will come forward.

## 22. Any Other Business.

Leon Williams asked Dave Haworth to thank everyone their support during the time he was League & Competition Secretary.

Robbie Clark read out the list of Proposed League Teams (Men's) as to date Aveley 2, Billet 1, Chadwell 1, Corringham 1, Drums 1, Ford Sports 1, Grays Town 2, New Phoenix 1, Orsett 2, Pegasus 2, Pitsea RBL 1, South Ockendon 1, Springhouse 3, Thurrock 2: Total 21 teams to date

Still awaiting replies from, GP/Murrayfield, Thames Sports, United Services and VCA Riverview.

## 23, Date and time of future meetings

Delegates, 10<sup>th</sup>. March 2013, 9<sup>th</sup>. June 2013, & 15<sup>th</sup>. September 2013.

To be held at the Thurrock Bowls Club at 10.00am

AGM 11<sup>th</sup>. December 2013

To be held at Thurrock Bowls Club at 7.00pm.

Executive meeting to be advised.

Minutes recorded by G Jewell. & presented by T Carter.

