

ESSEX COUNTY INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING held at the Falcon Bowling Club on Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.00pm.

Present: President G.Coster. Senior Deputy A.Knight. Junior Deputy R Kettle. Plus 16 Officers as the attendance sheet which is attached to the master minutes.

Delegates from Barking, Chigwell, Clacton, Colchester, Essex County, Falcon, Ilford, Jacks Centre, Rayleigh, Stonyhill, Turpins, Tye Green, Walton, West Mersea.

Club not represented, Harwich, Havering, and Tilbury.

Attendance Sheets attached to the Master Copy of the minutes.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from four Officers

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd March 2008

These minutes, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record, and accepted, on a proposal by D Cooper, seconded by D.Griggs.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

The Secretary reported there was no correspondence.

5. Officers' Reports.

a) Hon Secretary's

This is my fourth report to the Executive Council.

I have, with the help of all the Officers, again managed to carry out the duties of Secretary hopefully to most of your satisfaction.

Again, throughout the year I have tried to keep all members, Club's informed of the activities of the Association and I would like to thank the Secretaries and Delegates for their kind assistance throughout the year. Although some of the correspondence I send out to clubs asking for notices to be displayed, I find have not. It is very frustrating to go around the clubs and find that my recent request regarding vacancies for committee members have not been advertised, on the club's notice board. How are we to recruit if the club members are not informed of the vacancies? I obviously apologise to the clubs who have displayed the notices. I have facilitated the usual General Purposes meetings and have minuted all meetings. The use of email has helped considerably with circulation and if clubs or delegates want communication by that method please supply the relevant email addresses.

I have assisted the Liberty Trophy Team Manager Graham Arnold, with administration work, concerning the squad players and matches. Special thanks go to Dave Griggs for the monumental work he carries out with the organisation of the Under 25s.

I would like to thank Robert Walker for taking over the Competition Secretary's work and really doing a great job.

I also this year for the first time assisted John Brady and Jim Bunce in organising the Over 60's Liberty style Inter County Competition. Special thanks go to those two people for doing a superb job in running the teams. In addition, a special thanks to the players for the way they have responded with their enthusiasm. I hope this

competition goes from strength to strength. I am indebted to Peter Russell for organising and running the Over 60's league competition.

I would like to thank Ian Bates for running the web site.

I would also like to thank John Gardner and Roger Kettle for organising the President Select games.

I would also like to thank again the Falcon Indoor Bowling Club especially Barrie Crowe for all the help that has been given in staging our Liberty Cup game. Also, for the meeting facilities, which we enjoy.

A special thanks to Essex County bowling club for running the Under 18's English Bowling Youth Development Competition. I am still looking for a venue to hold the 2010 competition.

I have attended all E I B A and Eastern Counties meetings and must mention the joining of the men and women into one organisation called the English Indoor Bowling Association Limited. I have contacted the Lady Secretary of the Essex County Indoor Women's Bowling Association with a view to set up a working party to explore mutual interests of both our associations.

I congratulate our President George who has brought his own style to the Presidency. Again, it has been a pleasure to work with him. He has been very supportive towards the Under 25 bowlers.

I must conclude by thanking all my other fellow Officers for all their hard work throughout the year and I hope they have enjoyed their roles as much as I have enjoyed mine.

This report I consider as an interim one and I will be giving my full report at the Annual General Meeting.

I conclude my report by thanking you all and I look forward to working with you again next year if elected.

b) Hon Treasurer

The Treasurer presented his un-audited accounts. He said it was his ninth report and his last as he was standing down at the A G M. Full report in master copy of minutes. He concluded that he would like it minuted a thanks for all the help he had received over his period as Treasurer from his fellow Officers and clubs.

c) Match Secretary's Report.

The match secretary reported a steep learning curve and thanked all Clubs' for their assistance.

In the County Friendly fixtures, Essex had won 13 lost 5. List attached to master minutes.

He reported on a sub committee had been formed to look at the selection and availability system for friendly matches. He was to try a new system and monitor its results.

d) Hon Acting Competition Secretary's Report

The Acting Hon. Competition Secretary reported on the current state of the competitions and thanked the competitors for their cooperation. He would be suggesting changes for next year that would be discussed later on the agenda.

e) Hon Handbook Editor

The Handbook Editor said there was not much to report but any contacts for new advertisers would be most welcome.

f) Hon Press Officer

No report.

g) Hon Tour Secretary

The Secretary read out the report. The tour once again was very popular. Full report in master copy of master minutes. Peter Cole also said he was standing down at the A G M. He was thanked for all the hard work he had put in on the past tours.

h) Liberty Team Manager

The Secretary read out the Liberty Team Manager's report. The full report is attached to the master minutes.

i) Child Protection Officer

The Child Protection Officer reported that it had been quiet on the C P O front. The full report is attached to the master minutes.

J) Fixture Secretary

The Fixture Secretary reported that arrangements for 2009-2010 were almost complete. He also would be standing down at the A G M. Full report in master copy of minutes.

k) Under 25 Manager

D Griggs reported on the Under 25 team and their matches. Full report in master copy of minutes.

l) Over 60's Inter County Competition

The Over 60's Manager John Brady submitted a report that was read by the Secretary. He was very pleased with the progress the team had made. Full report in master copy of minutes.

m) Over 60's League

Peter Russell reported that after a shaky start, and a redraft of some fixtures, he was pleased to report that the League was running comparatively smoothly. Full report in master copy of minutes.

6. Recommendations to Annual General Meeting Appendix 1(A)

1) OFFICERS 2009-2010

President	* A.Knight (Ilford)
Senior Deputy President	* R. Kettle (West Mersea)
Junior Deputy President	* Vacancy
Hon. Secretary	* A.Ellis (Falcon)
Hon. Assistant Secretary	* B.Adams (Jacks Centre)
Hon. Treasurer	* Vacancy
Hon.MatchSecretary	* M.Ferris (Turpins)
Hon Fixture Secretary	* Vacancy
Hon. Competition Secretary	* R.Walker (Falcon)
Hon. Tour Secretary	* P.Cole (Stonyhill)
Hon. Handbook Editor	* J.Drewe (Falcon)
Hon. Press Representative	* J.Tully (Havering)
Liberty Trophy Team Manager	* G.Arnold (Barking)
Under 25 Manager	* D Griggs (Barking)

2) APPOINTMENTS 2009-2010

**Hon. Auditor
General Purposes Committee**

*** P.Cox (Clacton)
* I.Bates (West Mersea)
* J.Chapman (Turpins)
* C.Vigar (Falcon)**

3) DELEGATES 2009-2010

**Essex County B.A.
Essex Bowls Council**

*** A.Ellis (Falcon)
* P.Neighbour (Barking)
* J Chapman (Turpins)**

Eastern Counties Indoor B.A.

*** A.Ellis (Falcon)
* I.Bates (West Mersea)**

4) HON. LIFE MEMBER

*** G.Coster (Ilford)**

The President put the above proposal to the meeting. All were in favour none against.

- 7) The Secretary reported that there were no further proposals of the General Purposes and Finance committee that had to be proposed to the meeting.
- 8) The Competition Secretary then gave his reasons for proposing changes to next year's competitions. These proposed changes had been distributed to clubs with the agenda.
A lengthy discussion then took place and a vote was taken on each proposal.

Proposals

1. To amend Competition Rule 1 to read:

"Three dates must be offered, one of which must be a weekend."

Proposed R Walker Seconded by J Drewe. Passed 20 for 6 against.

2. Competition Rule 1(l) – Delete the whole sentence from "Where the distance..." to "...COMP SEC determine otherwise"

Proposed R Walker Seconded by I.Bates. Passed 18 for 2 against.

1. To rearrange the clubs into 4 sections as follows:

Section A – Ilford, Chigwell, Tye Green, Turpins

Section B – Barking, Havering, Tilbury, Stonyhill

Section C – Southend, Essex County, Rayleigh, Falcon, Jacks

Section D – Colchester, West Mersea, Walton, Clacton, Harwich

Proposed R Walker Seconded by J Chapman. Passed 15 for 5 against.

2. To arrange a play off day, for the quarter finals and semi finals, of the Champion of Champions Singles.

Proposed R Walker Seconded by I Bates. Passed 21 for 0 against.

All proposals were passed and will come into effect for next season.

P. Neighbour asked if the Competition Secretary would look at his suggestion of playing the Under 25's singles on one day. He said he would investigate the idea.

9) Any Other Business

J Gardner asked if there could be a reciprocal minimum food approach adopted by all clubs. The Secretary replied that the County could not make proposals to individual clubs regarding catering arrangements, and suggested a common sense approach be adopted and also suggested more communications between clubs themselves, on the subject.

J.Gould said there would be no increase in competition fees.

The President requested that the Secretary thank the Falcon for the use of their facilities.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Date: 1st March 2010 Signed President A Knight