

ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION GROUP 6

AUTUMN MEETING 3rd SEPT 2024 at 7:00pm

Meeting opened at 19.01

Chairman David Jacobi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Officers Present

Chris Flack; Kevin Robertson; Ray Woollard; Jim Bunce; Ken Griffiths; David Jacobi

Apologies

Steve Gunnell; Chris Chorley

Attendees by Invitation

David Birch; Michael Birch

AGM date, venue and location

The Group 6 2024 AGM is fixed for 10th October at 7pm, venue Rochford Bowling Club.

Officers Reports (to be used at AGM)

Officers were reminded they will be required to produce a report at this year's AGM.

The Treasurer reported a very healthy bank balance with concerns expressed that this will only increase over time to a figure he is uncomfortable with, the Officers should think about ways of controlling this increase.

The Match Secretary expressed his thanks to those clubs who supported the game against the Essex Vice-Presidents at ECBC

Unfortunately the game against the Park Circle has been cancelled by the Park Circle.

The League Secretary informed the meeting that all the league games with the exception of leagues 1 & 2 were now complete.

It is becoming apparent that there will be fewer teams making up the five leagues next season and this will present challenges in agreeing the revised format.

He plans to present at least two options to the delegates at the AGM for voting.

The selectors have had a very successful season and this will be reflected in their AGM reports.

The officers expressed their thanks to Jim Bunce and Ray Woollard following their winning the Ashford Cup and Wally Ball Shield this season.

Congratulations to Jim, Ray and the players.

Officer Nominations/Recruitment

Chairman David Jacobi, Treasurer Chris Chorley and Selectors Jim Bunce, Ray Woollard and Steve Gunnell are stepping down this year after many years of dedicated service, the officers expressed their thanks.

Chris Flack (Secretary), Kevin Robertson (League secretary), Ken Griffiths (Match Secretary) are standing for election again this year.

Jim Bunce is prepared to stand as chairman

Ray Woollard is prepared to stand as County Selector (a job the chairman previously held)

Mike Birch (Rayleigh BC) is prepared to stand as Treasurer

David Starkey (SB&CBC) is prepared to stand as a selector

David Birch (ECBC) is prepared to stand as a selector

Lee Watkins (ECBC) is prepared to stand as a selector

All the above positions will be subject to a vote at the AGM

AGM Motions/Proposals

Group 6 Officers intend to present the following motion at the AGM

1. Change the Group 6 Constitution , paragraph 5.2/5.3: -

Make the County Selector role a stand-alone position on the committee.

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2. League Secretary's Responsibilities, Add rule: -

Where a team has had to field a rink (or rinks) with only 3 players, the League Secretary will perform the calculation to reduce the rink(s) score(s) by 25%. Teams are to enter the scores as per their scorecards

No proposals have been received from Group 6 clubs at the time of the meeting

Discussion Items

1. Group 6 league games on a Wednesday

Positive view from all officers with another year to go in the trial

The league secretary will make suggestions to the AGM about game start times for next season now we are playing 18 ends

2. Possible Group 6 league structure in 2025

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He plans to present at least two options to the delegates at the AGM for voting.

3. League Rule Changes

The league secretary will present a rule change at the AGM regarding teams only playing with 3 players

4. Representative Game Venues

The Secretary expressed concern about the greens at Prittlewell BC and Bournemouth Park BC

The officers agreed to review the Prittlewell green at the beginning of next season and make a decision about it being the venue for next seasons Wally Ball games.

Bournemouth Park are not due to host a game until 2026, giving us next year to assess their green

5. Representative Game Nominations for 2025 (from clubs)

Nominations from 5 clubs have been received so-far, a very poor return but with

some weeks to go, this may improve.

County President 2025

The Secretary explained that is common practice for the group for whom the President represents should take out a congratulations advert in that years County Handbook.

Paul LaPlain from Essex County B.C. will be County President in 2025, Group 6 should follow the same practice.

The Group 6 Officers agreed that the group we should pay for an advert. The Secretary will organise.

County Luncheon 2024

It is customary for groups to send a representative to the County Luncheon when trophies to competition winning players, clubs and groups are presented.

Group 6 won the Ashford Cup and Wally Ball Shield this year, Jim Bunce and Ray Woollard the respective selectors will attend on our behalf.

Any other business

County Executive Meeting 9th September

- Ashford Cup proposal from Group 4
Change Ashford Cup play-on dates to fortnightly rather than weekly from 2025
- Rejected by the delegates
- Wally Ball proposal from County President
Current County rule states that players who play in the Eastern Counties league are not eligible to play in the Wally Ball and Middleton Cup the following season.
Proposal to change rule to allow players who play in the Eastern Counties league to play in the Wally Ball and Middleton Cup for two seasons before being not eligible.
Alternative proposal from Group 6 that players who play in the Eastern Counties league can play in the Wally Ball and Middleton Cup the same year and future years. - Agreed by the delegates
- Carreras BC leaving Group 6
Carreras BC who have moved their home green to Gloucester Park have asked the ECBA to move them to Group 9 from Group 6.
- Group 6 have no objection.
- Group 1 proposal
Change the scoring method for the Ashford Cup (2 points for each winning rink) to be the same as the Middleton Cup (2points for each winning rink + 10 points to the team with the highest aggregate score)
- rejected by the delegates

They're being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm