

## **Minutes of the Spring Meeting held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 10.30am conducted online via Zoom**

**Apologies:** Mike Hammond, Mollie Abel, Terry Adams, Richard Blenkinsopp, Keith & Ann Boobyer, Harry Briley, Tony Crabb, George & Sheila Folkard, Alan Frampton, Jean Jones, Lesley Kingsley, Carol Prestoe, Henry Purnell, Norman Rowlands, James Saint, Tony Tomlinson, Barry White, Bob Wilson, Brian Woodhead, Barbara & Colin Woollard.

**Minutes:** There were no Minutes from Spring Meeting 2020, due to Covid, only reports were submitted

**Matters Arising:** N/A

**Chairman:** Meeting opened at 10.35am. We are proceeding under instructions from Bowls England and will observe their instructions. A message has been received from our President, Mike Hammond, he conveys his thanks to everyone who has continued to keep the club running so efficiently during these difficult times we have all endured, he is looking forward to the new season and meeting up with everyone again. I wish to reiterate those comments and express my own thanks to everyone who has kept the club running. We have lost some very good long-established members, Mike and Peggy Bartholemew, Ron and Eileen Hodgson, Jean and Jim Sykes amongst others and they will all be sorely missed. Our membership numbers are down and this season we need to get back to as near normal as possible then progress from there. – **Jim Woolley**

**Secretary:** The green opens next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April but we are still governed by Covid restrictions. Next week I will email everyone setting out full conditions of play. We are now registered for QR code, which will be displayed on side of shed at entry to the ground, visitors must use this or complete their full details in a register in the Captains Lodge. Changing rooms and Captains Lodge are open with restrictive access, face masks must be worn in all buildings, tearoom is not open for sitting in. Everyone must record their attendance for roll ups in the rink diary and for Crinklies, full names must be entered on scorecards and these kept for minimum of 30 days. No more than 24 people allowed in the ground at one time, no spectators. Tea and cleaning rota has been distributed. Big thank you to Barry Mizen for setting up a new website for the club, also a Twitter account, and thanks to Jeanette Mizen for setting up the Facebook page. Basildon & District cup draws, and competition details are displayed in Captains Lodge, please update progress. **John Lepley**

**Treasurer:** Happy to report a healthy bank balance at end of March, Current a/c £15,280.37 and Reserve a/c £6,147.12. the boost came from a grant of £5,036.93 and funds from the club's online bingo games amounting to £366.00. The 100 club has so far only raised £290, but members will be able to purchase tickets once the green is open. We have been successful with obtaining funding through the National Lottery, we were awarded £10,000.00 to refurbish our toilet facilities. **Jeanette Mizen**

### **Membership**

**Secretary:** Two of our members have re-joined making our membership 20 ladies and 41 men. We are holding a "learn to bowls day" on 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 10am to 4pm, please encourage friends and relatives to come and have a go to help boost the membership. **Graham White**

### **Match**

**Secretary:** All original Basildon League fixtures were cancelled by the league and new fixtures created, effective from 12<sup>th</sup> July, resulting in our teams playing the other teams in the league only once, the season has been extended until 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021. 21 of the 31 matches have been rearranged and the remaining matches should be rearranged in the next 10 days or so. Amendments to the Handbook include Affinity match against ECBC moved from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Friendly against Billericay on 16<sup>th</sup> May adjusted to 3 mixed triples at Billericay and 2 mixed triples at Runwell to comply with Covid restrictions of 24 players on the green. Affinity League fixture against Falcon on 29<sup>th</sup> June is on a Tuesday, not Monday as stated in book. **Dave Martin**

### **Competition**

**Secretary:** Thanks to everyone who entered competitions, numbers are: Men's Championship – 26, Ladies Championship – 8, Men's Handicap – 27, Ladies Handicap -7, Men's 4.3.2.1 – 24, Ladies 4.3.2.1 – 9, Men's two Wood – 23, Ladies Two Wood – 4, Men's Thomas Trophy – 12, Ray Senior – 23, Men's Pairs – 14/15, ladies Pairs – 5, Mixed Pairs – 14, Mixed Two Wood Pairs – 10, Mixed Triples – 9/10. We require more names for ladies two wood and pairs, will also be helpful to get more for championship and Handicap. Draws will be deferred to allow more entrants. **Malcolm Phillips**

**Men's  
Captain:** No report, working on friendlies. **Chris Brown**

**Ladies  
Captain:** Please support friendlies, bowlers not selected for Maldon in first friendly will be selected for Billericay. Disappointing that no new bowlers have signed up for David Petts Measuring and Marking course, it will help their development. To avoid green damage always use protection mats when appropriate. We are planning a recruitment day called 'Try Bowls Day' and endeavouring to get a banner to advertise. Thanks to Dave and Christine Thomas, who are moving from the area and leaving the club, for their help and advice. **Pam Petts**

**Maintenance  
Officer:** Numerous repairs carried out including, new toilet doors, repair ladies' ramp, paint flagpole, new box for mats, roof repairs to jack hut, replace many ditch boards, hot water heaters in toilets, paper towel and soap dispensers in toilets, toilet seat in gents, all fences painted, safety corners fitted. All work carried out with valuable help from Dennis Toomer, Peter Wright, Bob Young, Bob Wilson, Gilbert Billingham, Malcolm Phillips and Keith Tuckwell. Bad frosts have stopped work on garden. **Raymond Smith**

**Green  
Warden:** Thanks to Keith Tuckwell, Ray Smith, Bob Young, Dennis Toomer, Bob Wilson, Gilbert Billingham, Colin Woollard, Ron Hodgson for all their help during close season. 5 damaged boards around green replaced, more will be done at end of season. Had problems with Fusarium, treated and now in recovery. Will seed and top dress when weather warmer. Also, thanks to Steve Haydon and Dave Thomas for clearing hedging around green. Bowlers must use weather mats when appropriate, and damage will result in the closing of the damaged rinks. **Malcolm Phillips**

**Ladies County  
Secretary** Dates of some games have changed, County books have been delayed but will be distributed when available. Members wanting to go on July outings must complete form on notice board in Ladies changing room. ECWBA have two tournaments, Benevolent Triples on 15<sup>th</sup> July and Patrons Day on 10<sup>th</sup> September, interested parties contact Marianne or Pam. **Marianne Smith**

**Ladies County  
Delegate:** Jill Polley advised County meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> April cancelled, other meetings for July, October and November should go ahead, Clubs will be advised of revised schedules. **Jenny Foster**

**Group 6  
Delegate:** No report, have swapped a couple of dates which clashed. There is food after game restrictions, we need to play it by ear. **Dave Rodwell**

**Southend &  
District  
Delegate:** No Report

**Basildon &  
District  
Delegate:** No Report

**Events  
Committee:** Jeanette done great job organising online bingo. Hopeful that Ladies Celebration can go ahead on 24<sup>th</sup> August but will wait a bit longer before sending invitations. We have sanitising equipment and people on cleaning duties must refill when appropriate. People on cleaning duties must take the rubbish home with them. **Marianne Smith**

**Sports &  
Social Club:** Open with takeaway facility only, review due after 17<sup>th</sup> May. **Malcolm Phillips**

**100 Club:** Graham White suggests that all team managers make every effort to sell tickets to their team members

**AOB:** Carol White will keep maintain all cleaning supplies, we have sanitizing hand wash and paper towels dispensers in all areas, when on cleaning duties members must ensure these are topped up, supplies are in cupboard opposite broom cupboard in the kitchen, keys to open the dispensers are in a tin in the drawer next to the fridge. When on cleaning duties please ensure that you take the rubbish home with you to re-cycle in your own bins as at the present time we are not able to use the re-cycle bins in the Social club. Tea

towels must also be taken home to wash. Judith Loman will keep a check on tea, coffee, and milk supplies. Please remember to bring milk when playing league games. **Marianne Smith.**

Sally Dunn has agreed to take charge of the Crinklies competition. John Lepley will email all competitors prior to the start of the Crinklies season.

**Date of next**

**Meeting: TBA**

**Meeting ended at 11.45am**