

# ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION GROUP 6

## ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING

12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 at 10:30am

Meeting opened at 10.34

### Officers Present

David Jacobi; Chris Flack; Jim Bunce; Kevin Robertson; Dave Starkey; Chris Chorley

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Ken Griffiths, Kevin Watkins

### 2. Secretary's Report

#### Inter Group Knockout Selector

**CF** informed the meeting that he had received an email from Alan Simpson, stating that Alan would be stepping down from his selectors position with immediate effect, this due to business and medical reasons. The Secretary has written back to Alan thanking him for his contribution to Group 6 activities over the last few years, wishing him well and hoping that we might see him return to the committee at some future point.

### 3. Review of the latest Bowls England COVID guidelines

**CF** had previously circulated to committee members a copy of the Bowls England 'Return to Play' Step 3 guidelines.

The guidelines now state that organised bowls can return to normal play in all formats from 17<sup>th</sup> May.

This will allow all Group 6 activities to resume as per the original schedule with all activities i.e. Leagues, Ashford Cup, Wally Ball. And Inter Group Knockout being played on the planned dates and venues in the original formats.

All clubs have been sent a copy of this document and those clubs who were standing by as additional venues have been informed.

### 4. Group 6 League

Having received the guidelines above, an email has been sent to ALL Group clubs informing them that normal play i.e. ALL 6 rinks can be used for Group 6 league games, will be anticipated from 18<sup>th</sup> May. Any clubs who cannot comply with this request should contact the League Secretary.

There are still restrictions applicable to food being served indoors. Group 6 committee still believe that decisions on the serving of food at Group 6 league games should be the decision of individual clubs.

The Secretary will send an email to all clubs with the above information.

### 5. Representative Games

- Ashford Cup

The Secretary has received an email from the County Match Secretary confirming that the Ashford Cup will now proceed as per the original match schedule. **JB** confirmed that the team for the first game has been selected and published and sent to all clubs and players asking for confirmation of their availability by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

- Wally Ball  
**DS** confirmed that the Squad and team selection for the first game is near completion and hopefully will be ready for distribution later this week. A squad of 19 players is looking a distinct possibility.  
**DJ** informed the meeting that due to health problems he will not be bowling this summer and unable to be part of the Wally Bally squad. The committee wish him well with his treatment and hope to see him return to bowling next season.
- Inter Group Knockout  
With the resignation of Alan Simpson, the committee need to find an alternative selector. **KR** suggested that Kevin Watkins is the ideal candidate to fulfil this role and **KR** would be available to support this function. It was agreed that the Secretary would approach **KW** and ask him. In the event that **KW** refuses the committee could share this role between them.
- Shirts  
**JB** advised the committee that he believes we require a few more large and very large shirts before the games start.  
**JB/DS** will order the required amount, probably up to 20, with the invoice sent direct to the Treasurer.

## **5. County Competitions update**

In the absence of **KW** to provide an update, the committee believe that the competitions are proceeding without any problems, to date.

## **6. County Two Wood Competition – 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Again, in the absence of **KW**, the committee are not 100% sure about how the organisation of the early round games at ECBC are going, specifically with organising markers for the first round. The Secretary will make enquires and endeavour to ensure our obligations are fulfilled.

## **7. Group 6 Friendly Fixtures - 2021**

In his absence **KG** has advised the following friendly fixtures have been arranged for the coming season:-

- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> July against Essex Vice Presidents at ECBC (Men only)
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Aug against Southend B.C. at Southend B.C. (Mixed)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept against Southend Park Circle at Hockley B.C. (Men only)

Hopefully **KG** will be able to attend the next meeting with an update

## **8. Group 6 Competitions**

**CF** informed the officers of his intention to distribute the entry forms to previous competitors and clubs in mid-May.

**DS** asked where the final would be taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> September, as no venue has been notified. **DS** offered South Benfleet BC as a possibly venue, subject to SB&CBC officers agreeing, he will ask them and confirm to the Secretary.

**DJ** suggested Thorpe Bay as a reserve to the above.

## **9. Any other Business**

- **DJ** asked about the availability of a spare copy of the County Handbook, the Secretary will investigate is a spare copy is available.
- **DJ** informed the meeting that due to health problems he will not be bowling this season, but it is his intention to carry on selecting Group 6 players for County Friendlies, Pat Finney has also been informed.

## **10. Next meeting**

The committee agreed to holding another meeting prior to 12<sup>th</sup> June, CF to arrange  
They're being no other business; the secretary closed the meeting at 11:45am