

# ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION GROUP 6

## COMMITTEE MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023 at 2pm

Meeting opened at 14.04

Secretary Chris Flack welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Officers Present

Chris Flack; Kevin Robertson; Ray Woollard; Jim Bunce; Ken Griffiths; Chris Chorley;

### Apologies for Absence

David Jacobi, Steve Gunnell

### Discussion Items

**Ashford Cup team selection** – The committee discussed all nominations received from the clubs as well as other players identified as possible selections.

A list of 42 players was eventually agreed, these players will be contacted and asked to attend the practice game on Sunday 7th May at ECBC.

The 42 players will be supported by 10 other players, potentially Wally Ball squad members, to give us 6 rinks on the day plus some reserves.

All players are guaranteed at least half a game.

The squad will be selected immediately following the practice game and distributed to the players and our website.

**Wally Ball team selection** – With The Ashford Cup squad selection nearly complete and the Inter Group squad selection proceeding well, the Wally Ball selector expects to name his squad within the next few weeks.

**Inter Group Knockout team selection** – Steve Gunnell supplied a list of potential squad players from which the team will be selected during late May and early June

**Group 6 Representative Game Venues** - The Secretary suggested the committee should review some of the venues previously selected as representative game venues on our 5-year plan. Rochford and Bournemouth Park should both be re-assessed following the work taken place on their greens in the last few months. This will take place throughout the season.

**Group 6 Officers attending representative Games** - It is hoped as many of the Officers can attend each of our games this season.

Jim Bunce is unavailable for the 21st May Ashford Cup game, Ray Woollard and Chris Flack to deputise

Chris Flack is unavailable for the 28th May and 4th June Ashford Cup games but will continue to update the website and distribute teams sheets during this period.

**Group 6 Shirt stock** – The selectors confirmed they have sufficient stock for this season.

**Group 6 bowls stickers stock** – The selectors confirmed they have sufficient stock

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**Group 6 scorecards stock** - The selectors confirmed they have sufficient stock for this season.

**Confirmation of Group 6 Friendly fixtures** - Ken Griffiths confirmed the Group 6 verses ECBC Vice Presidents game on 27th July at ECBC

Chris Flack asked if Ken was confident the problems at ECBC kitchen would be resolved before then. The committee agreed that a deadline of mid-June should be applied, to make sure Group 6 are not embarrassed if there are no kitchen facilities available for this game. Ken Griffiths agreed.

The Group 6 game against the Southend Parks Bowls Circle is still to be discussed and it is hoped to be arranged in September at a Park Circle club venue. Members are asked to check the Group 6 website for updates to this fixture.

**Group 6 Friendlies Club Notification** - Chris Flack reminded the meeting of the discussion held at our last AGM where members asked if the clubs could be reminded of the Group 6 friendlies at the beginning of the season, This so they could place the game in their club diary to ensure players are available to support the game. Ken Griffiths agreed he will do this.

**Group 6 League Results reporting** - Kevin Robertson (League Secretary) reported to the committee on the recent technical problems he had experienced with our website, these have now been rectified and the system is now working, having been thoroughly tested recently.

**Group 6 League Rules updating** - Kevin Robertson reported that he is still to update the league rules following discussion at our AGM, this will be completed before the first league game of the season.

**Treasurers report** - Chris Chorley reported that the Group had received the annual contribution from ECBA and our bank balance was looking very healthy.

He reminded committee members to keep records of their expenditure throughout the season, making claims easier in September.

**A.O.B.**

**Ashford Cup Practice Game catering facilities** - Chris Flack asked if we wanted catering facilities at this game, if we did, we (the indoor committee) would need to make special arrangements.

The committee confirmed they would like these facilities to be available, Kevin Robertson to arrange.

They're being no other business; the Secretary closed the meeting at 3:45pm