

# ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION GROUP 6

## AUTUMN MEETING 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023 at 2:30pm

Meeting opened at 14.34

Chairman David Jacobi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Officers Present**

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

### **Apologies for Absence**

### **AGM date, venue and location**

The Group 6 2023 AGM is fixed for 12th October at 7pm, venue Rochford Bowling Club.

The committee discussed the 2024 Affiliation and league fee rate and agreed to keep the fees the same as for 2023

### **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 report a healthy bank balance with no concerns going forward.

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

He is also confident of club's support for the Park Circle friendly in September

The League Secretary informed the meeting that all the league games were now completed, with only a couple of 'issues' encountered (see A.O.B.)

A copy of the Ashford Cup selectors report was distributed, with thanks

Group 6 Officers expressed their thanks to Steve Gunnell the selector of the winning Inter Group Knockout team against a very strong Group 2. This is our first win in this competition since 2015, congratulations to Steve and the players

### **Officer Nominations/Recruitment**

All current Officers will be standing for election again this year.

Currently, no Officer nominations have been received from clubs, but there is still 4 weeks to go before the deadline.

Following the distribution of a recruitment poster to all Group 6 clubs for Officer vacancies at the end of 2024, one response has been received from Essex County member David Birch in respect to the Ashford Cup selector position.

Unless other volunteers are received, the Officers will be seeking approval from the AGM to co-opt David to assist Jim Bunce for next season. This position will be subject to an election at the 2024 Group 6 AGM.

Currently no volunteers have been received to take over the role as Group 6 Chairman

## **AGM Motions/Proposals**

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

1. The league allows Skips to visit the head  
The league allows 3's up, or to visit the head  
All games are reduced to 18 ends

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2. All league games are reduced to 18 ends

Wickford B.C. will present the following motion to the AGM

3. All league games in August to have a start time of 5:30pm

## **Discussion Items**

**Moving Group 6 League games to a Wednesday for the 2024 season** - This is a reminder to all clubs for next season.

### **Representative Game Venues for 2024**

**Ashford Cup** - Rochford B.C. are scheduled to host two Ashford Cup games in 2024

Sunday 26th May against Group 4

Sunday 2nd June against Group 5

The Officers discussed their experiences of the green at Rochford B.C. this season, those ranged from extremely fast in June to very heavy in July and August, which made it difficult to make a balanced judgment.

It is extremely important that Group 6 have confidence in the greens that will be played on next season, to that end Jim Bunce will speak to the Rochford B.C. Secretary about the green preparation and the need to have a practice game on their green prior to the first game to ensure it is to the required standard.

**Wally Ball** - The Officers agreed that following good reports of their green throughout this season Prittlewell B.C. should be invited to host the one home game next season

Sunday 23rd June against Group 5

The Group 6 Secretary will contact the Prittlewell B.C. Secretary and discuss

**Representative Game Player Nominations** - The Group 6 Officers agreed that there are some bowlers around the group who are not being nominated by their clubs to play for Group 6 in Representative games, this means good players are being overlooked. How can we encourage clubs to nominate their good players.

The Officers agreed that we can only appeal to all club representatives at the Group 6 AGM to address this concern.

## **Any Other Business**

**Unplayed league game** - The League Secretary described a situation between Southend B.C. and Bournemouth Park B.C. in division 4 in the second week of the season, when Southend B.C. could not field a team on the scheduled date. The League Secretary assumed that with 12 weeks of the season remaining this game would be played. It was only recently that it became apparent that this game would

not be played before the end of the season, for whatever reason and the League Secretary must make a decision regarding the allocation of points.

The League Secretary felt that in his opinion, 12 weeks was ample time to play the game and the fact that neither team had contacted him to say they were experiencing difficulties, although he was aware the game hadn't been played. This would indicate that neither team tried very hard to arrange the game, which indicated both teams were at fault.

Given the above information, the Group 6 Officers agreed that both teams should be awarded zero points.

In future teams trying to re-arrange games should consult with the League Secretary if they are having problems agreeing dates with their opposition finding a suitable dates.

**Unplayed league game** - The League Secretary described a situation between Southend B.C. and Shoebury Park B.C. in division 2 on the last day of the season, when Southend B.C. had a 'wake' at their club that was attended by bowlers preventing them from fielding a team.

Southend B.C. were aware of the need to re-arrange the date before the end of the season and offered alternative dates to Shoebury Park B.C. who felt they could not accept these dates without fielding a weakened team, which given their position in the league they were not prepared to do.

Given the above information, the Group 6 Officers agreed that both teams should be awarded zero points. (It should be noted that David Jacobi abstained from this decision due to a conflict of interest being a Thorpe Bay member)

Like the first instance above, in future teams trying to re-arrange games should consult with the League Secretary if they are having problems agreeing dates with their opposition finding a suitable dates.

**County President 2024** - 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.

Dave Starkey from South Benfleet & Canvey B.C. will be County President in 2024, 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 2023** - 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 Inter Group Knockout this year and Steve Gunnell, the IGK selector will attend on our behalf.

**Group 6 Shirt stock** – Jim Bunce confirmed we had 27 shirts, although a healthy number, some sizes were in short supply and will need purchasing before next season.

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