

ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION GROUP 6

OFFICER'S MEETING 5th SEPTEMBER 2025 at 7:00pm

Meeting opened at 19.00

Chairman Jim Bunce welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Officers Present

Chris Flack; Ray Woollard; Jim Bunce; Ken Griffiths; David Starkey, David Birch, Mike Birch, Lee Watkins; Kevin Robertson

Apologies

None

AGM date & Location

9th October @ Rochford B.C. starting at 7pm

AGM Officer Reports

The Secretary reminded all the officers that they must each have a report for the AGM, a copy of which will be included in the AGM minutes

The Treasurer supplied a draft copies of the 2024/25 accounts for presentation at the AGM and asked the committee if the details concerning the new shirt purchases should be included as a stand-alone item, his personal view is that they should, even though they skewed our financial position.

The committee agreed

2026 Officer Nominations

The Secretary informed the meeting that all Group 6 clubs have been invited to nominate their members for election to the Group 6 committee (as per standard procedures.

All current officers are standing for re-election with the exception of our chairman, Jim Bunce.

The Secretary expressed his concern to the meeting that we will not receive any nominations and the committee will be one member short for next year.

The Secretary was planning for the above scenario by identifying possible candidates who could be approached about possibly taking up this position.

Four names have been mentioned: -

Kevin Crowley - Rochford BC

Keith Emberson - SB&CBC

Taylor Marshall - ECBC

Mark Cohen - ECBC

Kevin Crowley has privately expressed possible interest, but has not confirmed as yet. David Birch plans to call Kevin and discuss it further.

Keith Emberson was approached by the secretary, but has declined to stand.

Taylor Marshall has been approached and is yet to respond

Mark Cohen has been approached and has indicated a willingness to stand. Various officers expressed concern about Mark's availability to devote enough time to the role considering his other activities.

The meeting also expressed the view that future officers should ideally belong to any other club that ECBC, as we need other clubs represented.

We will wait for the situation to evolve and react accordingly

Affiliations and League entries 2026

Currently the Secretary has received affiliation fees from 12 clubs, leaving 9 outstanding

League entries so far indicate no changes from last year, although the committee would not be surprised if some teams were withdrawn causing the league structure to be revised again.

The League Secretary expressed concern that if this were the case he would want to avoid penalising Hockley BC again, as they were last year. We will wait for the final numbers and react accordingly.

Motions

Currently we have two motions, both from the committee: -

1. To make Wednesday night the permanent League night after the trial period.
2. Change the league rule 4.h to allow league games to be restricted to 11 ends (on each rink) in the event of adverse weather

Discussion Items

1. Possible league structure 2026 - See above

2. Representative game venue changes, how to we inform the clubs.

The committee agreed this should be included in the Secretary's report at the AGM, with no details added unless questioned by the delegates

The subject of Group 6 paying for Teas & Coffee's at representative games was raised with views expressed that we should not be paying.

If players want a Tea or Coffee they should pay, this despite some Groups offering this.

3. Group 6 Shirts, do we need to order more.

David Birch provided an update on the latest stock figures and suggested that we order 20 more shirts on various size. The committee agreed.

4. Ashford Cup nominations from clubs so far

We have received 14 nominations so far with hopefully more expected over the next few weeks

A.O.B.

- Ken Griffiths, raised the subject of the up coming Group 6 fixture against The Rest (ECBC Presidents team)

Whilst initially we had received confirmation from 24 players for this game, subsequently this number has dropped dramatically.

We have also been informed that ECBA are also experiencing difficulties with only 14 players available.

The committee agreed that Group 6 secretary should write to the County Fixture Secretary withdrawing from this game, this is after Paul Laplain (President) has been informed

- Dave Birch reported the following cash sums had been raised for you shirt sponsor charity the MCA Trust: -
£200 - Ashford, Wally Ball, Inter Group, charity boxes
£25 donated by Prittlewell member, Geoff Cope
£200 - Group 6 friendly charity against Rayleigh BC raffle
£85 Chelmsford & District BA charity boxes
- The Secretary asked for a volunteer to present the trophies at the Group 6 finals day on 21st September at Rayleigh BC
Jim Bunce volunteered, thank you

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