Preseason Minutes of Group 4 at Romford B.C. 9th April 2019.

1) Apologies were received from John Tully and Roy Parsons, meeting began with 20 members present.

2) The chairman opened the meeting at 7.00 pm.

After welcoming all in attendance the chairman thanked the Romford Bowls Club for their hospitality and use of the club.

3) The minutes of 2018 preseason meeting were not read but can be found on the group website. Agreed and accepted.

4) Secretary's report: There was no correspondence. The Green testing schedule had been sent out. The County hand books were there for collection. The chairman then thanked the secretary (who stands down at the A.G.M.) for his past work and effort. And although the position is still open to nomination the chairman gave notice that there was already a nomination for the position namely David Farquhar, (Romford B C).

5) Treasurers report: The treasurer reported that there had not been much change to the accounts since the last meeting.

At this point Conway Fleming demonstrated an 'Orange Shirt' which he recommended could be adopted as the Group 4 Competition Shirt. After some discussion the chairman agreed to inform the County that the shirt would be adopted. It was decide that £500.00 to £1000.00 would be spent on said shirts.

6) County Selectors report: The County Selector said that all the County games were filled and we had seven (7) first timers for County games, with five (5) bowlers receiving their badge this season.

Thanks for the great support from the group.

7) Assistant Secretary/Results Secretaries report:

Good Evening Gentlemen.

Everything is in place for this seasons competitions.

The only change as you have probably already heard is that the Fours will be reverting to its original play dates later in May. When it was changed for last year, a decision was made to review it after one year. At a meeting the Executive voted to change it back again.

The competition entries have stabilized and in some cases there is a slight increase. The one exception is the Two Wood competition, where the entries have dropped.

Essex will have three (3) entries in the Nationals at Learnington in the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours but only the Two (2) finalists in the Two Wood where we were six entries short of qualifying for a third entry.

I would like to wish you and your clubs all the best for the oncoming season.

Thank you Gentlemen.

8) Domestic Competition Secretary's Report: The Ashford Cup trial sheet and the Wally Ball team sheet along with the Un-Badged Competition entry form will be sent to all clubs on the 14th April.

9) Green Testing: The green testing schedule has been sent out.

11) The chairman closed the meeting at 7.55