

# ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION

(Group 4)



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## **Minutes of ECBA Group 4 AGM** **Held 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

1. The meeting was opened at 19:30 by the Chairman *Dudley Payne* whom after thanking those present for attending thanked Romford BC for their hospitality and the use of their venue. He went on to thank the Selectors acknowledging the difficulties experienced with people dropping out of matches at such short notice, "The selection was intense"!
2. Apologies were received from: *Ricky Watson, Dave King, Dave Jarrold, John Wilkins and Martin Blackmore*. These were logged in the attendance book.
3. Minutes of the previous AGM (19<sup>th</sup> October 2021) have been available on the website and were also sent out with the AGM agenda. The minutes were approved and signed, proposed D. Payne, seconded M. Long.
4. Matters arising: County AGM 12<sup>th</sup> November. Mr. John Tully has been endorsed by Group 4 in the election of the ECBA Team Manager. We need maximum attendance from G4 club county representatives for the vote.  
Emails have been sent to Brentwood and Havering Councils re. The pressure being put on local clubs with the huge increases in charges which, for some, may cause their demise.  
*Mike Long* explained that, for Havering Council, they are looking to recover the full cost of maintaining a green throughout the year which they quote as being £21K/year. Discussions are however ongoing and there seems to be a few options open for exploration.  
**DP.** Thanks Mike.  
Hutton Poplars also had a meeting due with Brentwood Council to discuss lease and boundaries. This has been postponed due to our National Loss of our Queen and Patron Elizabeth II.  
As Chairman I am fully on-board with the discussions and looking at alternatives. Maybe private contractors for greens maintenance given that the general perception is that we do not get what we pay for at the moment (work done per the schedule).

5. The Secretary's report, has been previously circulated.
6. Green Testing: The Secretary *Dave Farquhar* reported that self-testing went very well last season with a number of clubs carrying out their own testing.  
Self-testing report forms for 2023 will be sent out in due course.  
  
***If a club requires a testing team from Group 4 to test their green would they please submit a request to The Group Secretary for a test date. This will initially be the same day and week number as last year.***
7. *Phil Hensher*, Group 4 Treasurer handed out the examined accounts spread sheets and walked officers and delegates through them.  
Shirts have cost us dearly this season in that there was no charge to replace a previously purchased old style shirt for the 2022 season Group 4 representatives. This cost will be out of the equation next year.  
Accounts were adopted. Proposed M. Long. Seconded C. Bryan.  
**DP.** Thanks Phil, Thanks Dennis.
8. *Conway Fleming*, County Selector reported that everything was fine and progressing with county selections.
9. *Chris Bryan*, Assistant/County Competitions Secretary reported that the ECBA Competitions Portal was not yet open.  
Again there have been complaints about having to buy a County Handbook when entering a competition when the draw information required is only on the Portal.
10. *Ricky Watson*, Group Competition Secretary, unable to attend, previously circulated his report.
11. With no new nominations for officers the Chairman asked if those serving were willing to continue. All agreed. Proposed En Block, M. Long; Seconded, M. Cuthbert.  
The Group 4 committee is therefore made up thus...

Position	Name	Club
Chairman	<i>Dudley Payne</i>	Kings Chase
Group Secretary	<i>Dave Farquhar</i>	Romford
County Selector	<i>Conway Fleming</i>	Kings Chase
Assistant/CC Secretary	<i>Chris Bryan</i>	Romford
Group Competition Secretary	<i>Ricky Watson</i>	Rainham
Group Treasurer	<i>Phil Hensher</i>	Romford
Group Selector	<i>Terry Patrick</i>	Haynes Park
Group Selector	<i>Conway Fleming</i>	Kings Chase
Group Selector	<i>Dave King</i>	Romford
Group Selector	<i>Russell Gurnett</i>	Romford
Group Selector	<i>Colin Morton</i>	Romford
Webmaster	<i>Alan Warner</i>	Harold Hill
Financial Examiner	<i>Dennis Mills</i>	Clockhouse

The meeting was closed at 20:05