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## MINUTES of WSBL ADM

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Lindsay Bangs (LB)  
Secretary Alan Messer (AM) Treasurer David Parker (DP)

**Management Committee Members:** Ray Hills and David Jackson,

Together with delegates from 18 member clubs as detailed below:

Arundel, Bognor, Chichester, Crablands, Goring Manor, Maltravers, Marine Gardens, Middleton, Norfolk, Pagham, Petworth, Pulborough, Southbourne, Storrington, Tarring Priory, Witterings, Worthing and Worthing Pavilion.

1. **Welcome** Action
- 1.1 The Chairman (LB) welcomed all delegates to the meeting and asked that all questions be directed through the chair and that delegates did not have conversations with their neighbours whilst another member was speaking. LB
2. **Apologies**
- 2.1 Chris Rolph, Paul Leatherbarrow, Eric Pidgeon, John Frew, AM
3. **Minutes of previous ADM**
- 3.1 The minutes of the ADM held on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 had been circulated to all clubs and were unanimously accepted as read and were then signed by the Chairman. AM
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings**
- 4.1 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous WSBL ADM. AM
5. **Chairman's Report**
- 5.1 The Chairman then presented his report as now attached as Appendix 1 LB
6. **Secretary's Report**
- 6.1 The Secretary's report had been circulated to all clubs prior to the meeting to enable it to be read fully. Clubs were asked if they had any comments or questions concerning the report which was accepted as Appendix 2 AM

**7. Hon. Treasurers Report**

- 7.1 The Treasurers report was issued to all of the delegates present. The Hon. Treasurer reported that the donation from Peter Chiffins guaranteed sponsorship of the PC Cup until 2029. Other than that our spending patterns were similar to previous years, although finals day expenditure, was a little up this year as prices had increased. **DP**
- 7.2 The Treasurer proposed League Fees for the following season to remain at £35 per team. It was unanimously agreed that both the accounts and the League Fee proposal should be accepted. **DP**
- 7.3 It was proposed that an honorarium of £100 be paid to the Secretary for the work that he does and the expenses that he incurs, also a sum of £50 to be paid to the Webmaster to cover the costs of web fees for domain names etc. This was unanimously agreed. **DP**

**8. Election of Officers**

- 8.1 The current officers with the exception of the Hon Secretary had already agreed that they wished to stand for office in 2018-19. All officers were unanimously re-elected en bloc. The current Hon. Secretary in the absence of any other candidate agreed to take office again for 2018-19. He further advised the meeting that there was a space on the Management Committee for one other member. Nigel Reynolds (Crablands) was co-opted onto the Management Committee from the floor **LB**

**9. Proposals for Changes to Current Constitution**

- 9.1 The amendment to WSBL League Rule 3.2 tabled by the Management Committee was withdrawn without a vote following a discussion with all clubs taking a full part in a lively and informed debate. **AM**

**Although no change to rule 3.2 will take effect**, all Division 1 clubs agreed that the Management committee would produce a 14-week schedule for clubs to complete their fixtures. Fixtures would be in fortnightly blocks with clubs to agree dates for the scheduled fixtures within the specified 2-week period. Alan Messer to produce the schedule and issue to clubs by the end of the week following the ADM. A majority of Division 2 and 3 clubs agreed that this format could be used to support their fixture planning in 2020.

**10. Finals Day**

- 10.1 The Secretary confirmed that the date for Finals Day 2018 would be Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at Worthing Pavilion. **AM**

**11. Date of next ADM**

- 11.1 It was agreed that the 2019 ADM would be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at Arundel BC at 19:30 hours and was entered into the Arundel BC diary on the night. **AM**

**12. Closure of formal part of the Meeting**

- 12.1 The Chairman then concluded the meeting at 20.20 hours **LB**

**13 Other Business** **AM**

Tim Baldwin (Worthing Pavilion) raised the issue of the need for a drinks/tea break in league matches. WSBL Rules specify that play should be continuous. If clubs wish to provide drinks or refreshments at the end of the rink as good hosts, then they should not be denied the opportunity, but it is not a WSBL requirement

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Anthony Bull (Southbourne) asked if the rule regarding artificial surfaces and timing of matches could be relaxed as their carpet was comparable with the faster grass surfaces. The rule remains in place but common sense between Southbourne and visiting teams should prevail

The draw for the PC Cup took place and is now published on the website. The Chairman and Treasurer drew numbers 1-19 and the numbers drawn were recorded on the sheet with a copy being in the possession of at least five Officers. The completed draw as part of these minutes as Appendix 3

Lindsay Bangs from the chair wished all delegates a good winter and hoped to see them all on the green in 2019.



**Alan Messer**  
**Hon Secretary**  
**15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Signed as a true record .....**

**Chairman (L Bangs)**

**Date .....**

## APPENDIX A

### Chairman's Report 15/10/2018

Firstly, I must apologise for my non-attendance at the Finals Day on 16<sup>th</sup> September. This was due to an unfortunate clash of dates outside my control. As always, I must thank the Management and Committee of Arundel Bowls Club for allowing us to hold another ADM in their clubhouse. This really is an excellent centrally located venue for us all to get together.

I think we will all agree that this has been a wonderful season weather wise for bowls. Lots of sunshine, maybe a little hot for some at times. This resulted in very few matches being rained off which was good for us all. I would like to congratulate all the clubs who have won trophies this season, notably Chichester for success in winning the League and PC Cup and Pagham and Marine Gardens for topping Divisions 2 and 3 respectively.

I must say how delighted all the Management Committee are, as I am sure are all delegates, that our President, Chris Rolph, has been active on the bowls green this year after recovery from his serious illness. I have had the pleasure of playing with him in the Billingham League and Pullen Cup games, and can confirm that his form has been excellent.

I am very pleased to report that once again the season was completed with very few problems and the Management Committee did not have to meet face to face at any time. All members of the Management Committee have been kept fully aware at all times of matters relating to the league.

I must say a big 'thank you' to Alan Messer for the outstanding work he has done again during 2018 as our Secretary. On reading the Secretary's report you have all been sent I see that Alan has thoroughly covered all matters appertaining to the last year and I feel it unnecessary to repeat what he has said. I do however echo all the thanks to the various people involved in our league (management, results coordinators etc.) and hope that they continue to support us for many years.

I could not let the evening pass without continuing to say 'thank you,' to our sponsor, Andy Clarke, known to all as Clunky. He has, through his Company, Phoenix Quality Frozen Foods, been very generous with the money he has given us and the vouchers he has provided as raffle prizes. As you will all no doubt know, we have a further year of this arrangement to go and I am sure we will try and twist his arm to continue after that.

As ever, some clubs are struggling with membership numbers and finding it increasingly difficult to get sufficient players available for all League games. I think all clubs should be encouraged to look for creative ways to attract new members, because unless this happens, the sport of bowls will continue to decline and none of us wishes that to happen. If any club has had great recruitment success, then please could you share with others how you achieved it so that other Clubs may benefit from using similar techniques.

Finally, gentlemen, I wish you all good health during the winter, success for those of you who play indoors, and look forward to enjoying the League's 35<sup>th</sup> season in 2019.

Lindsay H Bangs

WSBL Chairman

**APPENDIX 2**

**Hon Secretary's Report 15/10/2018**

Once again, I am pleased to be able to report on what has I believe been a successful season. I took over the Secretary's position as a temporary measure in October 2016 until someone was able to come forward – time pressures from other quarters have grown over this time and I would actively encourage a replacement to come forward to ease the burden.

In early August, a mistake on my part resulted in sending out a rule change amendment on behalf of the management committee a week later than it should have been. This could have been the key to my standing down from the role of WSBL Secretary, but the two initial objections to the rule change on the grounds of late publication to the clubs were withdrawn. I was totally honest with all delegates and stated when I sent it out that if just one club objected then the rule change could not be put in place.

At last year's ADM, when there was a straw poll in favour of the change to a fixed and regulated system for Div 1 fixtures. The management rule change is the first stage of that process. The rule change will be voted through or rejected by all the clubs and will not just fail on a technicality as could have happened due to my faux pas.

Despite the record-breaking summer statistics. the weather still took its toll on 5 fixtures this year resulting in clubs sharing the points. It was however sad to report that one of our clubs could not fulfil a fixture and incurred the heavy penalty which such an action incurs.

Chichester A were successful in winning Division One, they have had an exceptionally good season with success in lots of other competitions besides our league. Last year's champions Worthing Pavilion 'A' finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Bognor A and Worthing finished 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and are relegated to Division Two. In Division 2, very few points separated the top 7 teams, eventually Pagham were crowned Division Two Champions. Marine Gardens are proud to be the Division Three Champions and whilst the champions will be promoted, other promotion places cannot be decided until all entries for 2019 are received. Arundel are relegated to Division Three. League Formation for 2018 will be 24 teams arranged as 3 divisions of 8 teams

<b>2019 WSBL Division 1</b>	<b>2019 WSBL Division 2</b>	<b>2019 WSBL Division 3</b>
<b>Chichester A</b>	<b>Bognor A</b>	<b>Arundel</b>
<b>Crablands</b>	<b>Bognor B</b>	<b>Chichester B</b>
<b>Norfolk A</b>	<b>East Preston A</b>	<b>East Preston B</b>
<b>Pagham</b>	<b>Goring Manor</b>	<b>Middleton</b>
<b>Southbourne</b>	<b>Maltravers</b>	<b>Norfolk B</b>
<b>Tarring Priory</b>	<b>Marine Gardens</b>	<b>Petworth</b>
<b>Worthing Pavilion A</b>	<b>Pulborough</b>	<b>Storrington</b>
<b>Worthing Pavilion B</b>	<b>Worthing</b>	<b>Witterings</b>

Finals day itself was once again held by kind courtesy of Worthing Pavilion BC on their excellent greens on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The PC Cup Final was won by Chichester and Pulborough were Runners Up. The draw for the 2019 PC Cup will take place at the 2018 ADM.

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In the Champions versus The Rest match, because Chichester were Division 1 winners and PC Cup finalists, Pagham and Marine Gardens each supplied four rinks and, the 'rest' team comprised of players from every other club in the League (other than the two in the PC Cup Final) plus a few guest players and another 12 invited bowlers.

The after-dinner meal was this year prepared by Donna, the new caterer at Worthing Pavilion. We wish outgoing caterers, Dave and Yvonne the best of luck in their new jobs and offer them our thanks for all the meals of previous years that they have prepared. Once again thanks are due to our sponsor Phoenix Foods. Andy (MD of Phoenix Foods) provided a free raffle for all players to take part in. As a league we must be grateful to 'Clunky' for continuing to sponsor the WSBL through his company.

The second winners of the Sportsmanship award were Crablands, who were indeed worthy recipients of the WSBL Pennant.

My thanks must go to Lindsay Bangs, our Chairman, to David Parker for once again managing our accounts so admirably, to David Jackson who makes sure the mechanics of our website are in good order, to the members of the Management Committee, Dave Jackson again, Ray Hills, and Paul Leatherbarrow – I am also most grateful to our results co-ordinators – Ray Hills, Lew Mockett and Brian Heal – thank you all for your efforts this season

I must also thank our President Chris Rolph who has come back from serious illness last year, and by all accounts is bowling better than ever (time to play in the league again Chris?)

And finally, thanks to all of you - the Club Secretaries and email delegates - who have all played your part in the administration of this league in what I consider having been a very successful season – thank you.

Alan Messer  
Hon. Secretary  
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## APPENDIX 3

### WEST SUSSEX BOWLS LEAGUE

#### Draw for the 2019 PC Industrial Products Cup

By End of May			By End of June			By End of July			By End of August		Sep-18	
Prelim			Round 1			Round 2			Semi		Final	
#Team	Clubs	Sc	#Team	Clubs	Sc	#Team	Clubs	Sc				
G1	Storrington											
	East Preston		G4	Playing on								
Bye	@			Arundel								
Bye				Marine Gardens								
Bye			G5	Playing on								
Bye				@								
				Worthing								
G2	Worthing Pavilion											
	Crablands		G6	Playing on								
Bye	@			@								
Bye				Chichester								
Bye				Pagham								
Bye			G7	Playing on								
Bye				@								
				Goring Manor								
G3	Witterings											
	Pulborough		G8	Playing on								
Bye	@			@								
Bye				Petworth								
Bye				Tarring Prioory								
Bye			G9	Playing on								
Bye				@								
				Southbourne								
Bye				Norfolk								
Bye			G10	Playing on								
Bye				@								
				Middleton								
Bye				Maltravers								
Bye			G11	Playing on								
Bye				@								
				Bognor								