



**BANSTEAD NEVILLE BOWLS CLUB
LADIES SECTION
Minutes of the Spring Meeting
Monday 11 April at 2.00pm**

Barbara Belcher	President
Carol Rowell	Captain
Pat Thorpe	Secretary
33 members	

1. President's Welcome and Apologies

Barbara Belcher welcomed members and wished them an enjoyable and successful season. She urged them to support Carol Rowell and to play often.

9 members sent their apologies for not being at the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated by email on the 17 April and by post on the 20 April. There were no comments and members were invited to accept the minutes as read. Acceptance was proposed by Pam Parker and seconded by Val Matthews.

3. Captain's Report

Carol Rowell, Captain, for 2016 thanked Maggie James for being her Vice Captain. She said she hoped members would continue to support the Club and take part in competitions and matches. These along with routine roll ups, fun days and social events ensured a wide range of activities for everyone to join in and enjoy the season.

She asked if she could have volunteers willing to drive themselves and other participants to away games. A list, with the request, would be pinned on the Notice Board in due course. Passengers were urged to make a small contribution of £1.00 per person to the driver.

Carol also mentioned the various "Invitations" from other Clubs. These clubs set their conditions, fees and rules for the day. It could be a full day event including lunch and refreshments.

4. Match Secretary's Report

Derek Monkhouse could not be at the meeting but had sent in a short note to be read on his behalf. It reads as follows:

" I have little to report other than that members should have their 2016 Fixtures Lists. There are two new fixtures, a NDTL match against Newdigate on 19 June and a late season friendly against Lower Kingswood on 21

September. The dress code is grey at the request of Kingswood. I have sent offers of dates to 2017 and agreement of these dates are starting to come back.”

5. Introductions to the Surrey County Women’s Bowling Association (WBA), Mid Surrey League (MSL), North Downs Mixed Triple League (NDTL) and the Sutton and District Bowling Association (BA).

Shirley Breeden, delegate for the Sutton and District BA could not be at the meeting but had sent in a note which read as follows:

“The objectives of the Association are to foster the spirit of friendly rivalry amongst the members of the clubs of the Association and to further and promote the game of bowls by arranging Competitions and Friendly matches with affiliated clubs and other Associations, to which Banstead Neville is affiliated. This Association also raises money for charities. Last year, £1000 was given to the British Limbless Association and £250 to the Marsden. To enter the competitions members have to play in 2 matches for the Association, 1 indoor and 1 out door. If members are only outdoor players then it is 2 outdoors. The advantage playing for this association is that one meets fellow players from other clubs and by playing in competitions against new people your own game improves”.

If anyone is interested please look at the notice board for games and put your name on the list, or ring Shirley Breeden on 01737 832085.

Morag Frost, delegate for the MSL and NDTL, assured members the matches were similar to the ones played against other clubs but with an added edge, as teams were very competitive. Notices were posted on Notice Boards and any member could put their name down to play. Contact Morag for details.

Barbara Rourke, Club delegate for Surrey County said participating in matches scored points towards a Surrey badge. Whilst there was no material benefit for the Club it made other Clubs aware of the existence of badged players and the resultant bowling expertise. Matches were played on set dates and hosted by the respective Club player(s). Barbara Belcher reminded those members involved that if it was a home draw, the Green Fee(s) of the opponent(s) is payable to the Pamela Donnison. (See Fixture List for confirmation).

6. Finances

Pamela Donnison was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a message to say the Financial Report circulated at the AGM had not changed. She had collected £41.00 for books, cards and jigsaws sold over winter. The going rate for tea/biscuits/cakes for matches was still 50p per person.

7. Section Duties, including competitions, welfare, house keeping and gardening

Morag, Competition Secretary, urged members to enter competitions and to keep enjoying the game. Carol and Gloria said there was nothing to report on housekeeping. Liz had sent get well and condolence cards as appropriate, and £41, from the large bottle on the kitchen counter, was donated to the Surrey Air Ambulance. Wendy had circulated the request for volunteers for watering and whilst she had a reasonable number of volunteers there was always room for a few more. Plants only needed to be watered if compost was dry and volunteers should not feel pressurized to water on wet days. Terri showed members the new watering hose advertised as, easy to unwind and rewind. She said if it worked as sold it would make watering the beds and pots easier.

8. Any other Business

Pam Parker told members that Club information would be sent via email or placed behind and post boards. A full set of circulated documents would be pinned on the Notice Board for the benefit of all concerned. Pam said if asked anyone who did not recall receiving the Spring Newsletter and attachments, via email, should recheck their email address with Pam and check "spam mail" for misclassification of mail. Consideration is also being given to posting information on the Club's website. The Ladies Section will be dealing with circulations in the same way but exceptions will be made if any member finds it difficult to access information.

The Social Committee's Program for 2016 is on the website and members were asked to support the Coffee Morning on Saturday 16 April. Meant mainly as a recruitment exercise the event did nevertheless helped raise money for the Club.

The meeting ended as approximately 3.00pm.