



Area Two

Minutes of the Area Two Annual General Meeting held at King George Field IBC on Sunday 23 October 2011

Officers and Delegates in attendance: Mick Harris (Chairman and Mid Surrey BC): David Miller (Hon Secretary and Cheam BC) : Tim Orr (Area Two and Mid Surrey BC) : Doug Smith (Area Two Councillor and Imber Court BC): Eddie Adamson (Oxshott BC): Robin Claydon (Cheam Fields BC): Roger Cooper (Esher BC): John Hannon (Cheam BC): Doug Harding (Malden BC): Reg Harding (Merton BC): Peter Harwood (Supreme BC): Andrew Richardson (Southey BC): Robert Stent (Surbiton RBL BC):
Also present – Terry Foote: (SCBA President) Derek Harvey (SCBA Secretary): Dave Candeland (SCBA MC Team Manager)

The Secretary read the Notice convening the AGM.

- 1. Chairman – Welcome and Opening remarks** – The Chairman welcomed those present – Club Delegates and County Officers - and thanked them for their attendance and support. It had been another successful year at both inter-Area level and for individuals. He congratulated the players who had successfully retained the *Walter Cross Memorial Trophy* for Area Two, and those who had won national honours – Mike McDonagh (Cheam), National over 55s Singles winner, and Julian Astill, Ron Brookbank, Derek Clewley and Ray Wrenn (Supreme) who, with their lady team mates, had won the inaugural National over 60s Mixed Fours Competition, the *Tony Allcock Trophy*. Further congratulations went to Eddie Adamson, (Oxshott BC) for reaching the Final of the County Unbadged Singles competition.
- 2. Apologies** had been received from Pauline Biddlecombe (Southey BC): Colin Clarke (Area Two Treasurer and Hook and Southborough BC): John Garland (Ember BC): Chris Hayfield (Byfleet BC): Trevor Hoy (Area Two and Byfleet BC): Deric Homes (Weybridge BC). Stephen Leach (Surbiton BC): David Regan (Auriol BC): Ron Smith (Hersham BC):
- 3. Minutes of the 2010 AGM** were agreed on a proposal from John Hannon, seconded by Andrew Richardson.
- 4. Matters arising** – none.
- 5. Hon Secretary's report** – had been distributed in advance. David Miller reviewed the year, developing some of the principal items identified. In addition to the probability of Cheam Village closing, he had been informed that Harrodians had lost its green and had decided to wind up. Robin Claydon said that there had been developments in relation to the green at Cheam Village and that it could remain as three rinks, sharing with croquet.
- 6. Area Councillor report** was presented by Doug Smith. His temporary incapacitation during the season had restricted his attendance at some functions but he hoped to be more mobile in 2012. He had continued to disseminate County and Bowls England news and information to Area Two clubs and had responded to direct queries from clubs seeking information and direction. He had been a member of the County's *Unification* sub-committee, had contributed to the implementation of the Unification Road Shows and attended eight related presentations. Attendance overall had been disappointing. He thanked all who had assisted him by providing transport during the season.
- 7. Top Four Competition Secretary's report** – Mick Harris reported an increase of four entries in 2011. He emphasised the flexibility of the competition which, being a *club* entry, allowed any number of substitutes. The competition had operated smoothly and had been won by C Hayfield, P Gibbs, R Godding, T Hoy (Byfleet BC); the Club will be invited to host the *Eric Theobald Salver* match in 2012. Supreme had been losing finalists with Cheam and Oxshott defeated in the semi-finals. The County Top Four winners had been Area Four's West End BC, losing finalists in 2010. The possibility of the Top Four competition becoming a County badge-qualifying event had been raised but further discussion had been put on hold until the Areas could agree on exactly the same

entry and operating rules. The County Top Four Finals Day, in 2012, will be Area Two's responsibility, and will be held at North Sheen BC on Sunday 9 September.

8. **Finance report** – in Colin Clarke's absence, was presented by the Accounts Checker, Doug Smith. The Top Four competition had shown a profit after deductions for expenses and prizes. One Club entry fee was outstanding (resolved at the AGM) and, when paid, would be added to next year's accounts. Raffle income at the Presentation Evening had allowed the event to show a small profit of £57 and he thanked Di and Mick Harris for conducting raffles throughout the year, the income allowing the Area to avoid an operating loss. By increasingly making use of e-mail technology, the Secretary's expenses had been reduced by almost 30%. The end of year bank balance is in the black.
9. **Election of Officers and Committee members** – on a proposal by Doug Harding, seconded by Robert Stent, the Officers and Committee were re-elected *en bloc* viz Chairman, Mick Harris: Secretary, David Miller: Treasurer, Colin Clarke, Top Four Competition Secretary, Mick Harris: Committee, Trevor Hoy, Tim Orr, John Round and Doug Smith. In line with the Constitution, the Committee had responsibility for electing the Area Councillor (subject to ratification by the Area Committee members not present, Doug Smith was re-elected at the Committee Meeting that followed). It is likely that at least one current Committee member will not stand for re-election at the 2012 AGM. Area clubs are asked to encourage members to consider assisting the Area by serving on committee.
10. **Area Presentation Evening** – had again been a success and thanks were given to the West Wimbledon club for hosting the event. In 2012, the Presentation Evening will be at West Wimbledon BC on Friday 3 February.
11. **Area Matches 2012** will be as follows
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| Sunday 3 June | 10.00am | Combined Areas v SCBA under 25s | 4 rinks | Oxshott BC (tbc) |
| Sunday 24 June | 9.30am | WC Trophy v Area Four | | Supreme BC |
| Sunday 8 July | 9.30am | WC Trophy v Area One | | (Area One) |
| Sunday 29 July | 9.30am | WC Trophy v Area Three | | (Area Three) |
| Tba | 10.00am | Eric Theobald Salver v Byfleet BC | | Byfleet BC (tbc) |
| Tuesday 28 August | 2.00pm | Combined Areas v County President | | Chipstead BC |
- (6 rinks)
12. **Dave Candeland** (SCBA Middleton Cup Team Manager) congratulated Area Two on its continuing success, adding that he had enjoyed watching the inter-Area games, all of which had brought possible *players of promise* to his and his Advisers' attention. The County was making progress in its ambition to win national honours and he highlighted aspects of its new Selection Policy which would add their contribution towards this aim. A post-season meeting with Middleton Cup players had identified further steps which he hoped the Strategy and Selection Policy sub-committee would adopt and add to what would be dynamic policy in practice. The *Walter Cross Memorial Trophy* games should continue to offer a window of opportunity for players to show that they had the potential for Home Counties and Middleton Cup places and, through the policy, each year, the names of those who had shown such promise would be on the website with a guarantee of a Home Counties place the following year. He drew attention to the Players and Management Code which was part of the Selection Policy; it set out clearly the standards of conduct expected of both groups. He supported the concept of a County League which, if introduced, would similarly offer an opportunity to play regularly at a high level and raise the standard of play county-wide. Finally, he reinforced the principles of good communications enshrined in the policy and encouraged this to be a two-way philosophy. In response to a question, he agreed that the Strategy sub-committee should look at the annual clash of inter-Area and under 25s matches. The inter-Area games were one step down from Middleton Cup and Home Counties and they should offer under 25s an opportunity to play at this higher level.
13. **Derek Harvey** (SCBA Secretary) said that he had been impressed by the way that Area and Club Secretaries carried out their work. The County Centenary Year celebrations had witnessed, among others, an excellent Gala Event and changes to the Year Book. The County was moving forward with fresh ideas coming from new Councillors, policies being published and a strong focus on communications. The selection policy was being followed by publication of a composite Honours Policy which, for the first time in a single document, would bring together the various

honours the County might offer and the manner in which they were awarded. Unification with the Ladies would be effected for 2012 in line with Bowls England's requirements. Surrey would adopt a joint *Management Board* model with the two county associations operating without structural or financial change. The Management Board would comprise the County Presidents (alternating Chair annually), Secretaries, Treasurers and two other members and would be reviewed at the end of 2012. There would be changes for 2012. Jim Green would retire as Match Secretary with Bill Ayling taking over. Robin Taylor (Windlesham) was Junior Vice President-elect. Bowls England planned a new two-wood competition but Surrey would not introduce it until 2013 following an assessment through Forms C of possible numbers of club entrants. There had been changes to the national coaching organisation with the Bowls Development Alliance being appointed by BE as the body responsible in lieu of the English Bowls Coaching Scheme. Whilst Surrey coaches had accepted this principle, a small majority of counties had rejected it and would continue to oppose it. In conclusion, he felt that the County Executive was operating well and *that* bode well for years to come.

14. Other business –

- i. **President Terry Foote** thanked the Area for the invitation to attend. It was gratifying to know that the Areas and the County were moving in the right direction.
- ii. **The 2012 Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 21 October 2012** at King George Field Indoor Bowling Club .