

SUTTON & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



Message from : John Morton, S&DBA Secretary

February 2017

For your information below, I have noted the key points arising from the 2017 AGM (but please note that these are **not** the formal minutes) :

1. People

- Officers elected for 2017 : Immediate Past President:- Don Davies; Treasurer:- Chris Ballard; Indoor Match Secretary:- Peter Pankhurst; Outdoor Match Secretary:- Geoff Garland; Secretary:- John Morton.
- David Gould and David Ganney are co-opted onto the Management Committee
- David Ganney becomes an Honorary Vice President
- No nominees for President for 2017 (nor for Senior VP or Junior VP). Officers would be willing to explore the role with anyone who might be interested.

2. Matches

- 2017 Outdoor Programme : largely in place. 4 matches have been removed from the programme - Beckenham & Bromley BA, S&D Ladies BA and New Romney BC. It proved impossible to find a convenient date to celebrate Auriol's 50th Anniversary (which would have numerically replaced Carshalton's anniversary match in 2016)
- Indoor Programme : struggled with numbers with initial fixtures, but finishing the season strongly, e.g. vs King George in April is 17 over-subscribed. Hope to see Desborough visit Sutton in 2018.
- Future matches will be predominately Mixed

3. Treasurer

- Has been a difficult year with late and / or incorrect payments and receipts, reflected in the accounts being currently unaudited and containing lots of accruals. If this continues in 2017, then a new Treasurer will be required at the next AGM.
- 2017 Entry Forms and Fees for the Blesma, St Raphaels, Ted Peirce & Past Times Competitions will be sent initially to the Treasurer, who will then advise the relevant Competition Secretaries (this is to simplify and clarify the flow of money).

4. Club Affiliation

- 24 Clubs have paid their subscription (1 less than last year - Hook and Southborough)
- Entries to the Yonwin, Arthur Hughes and Paston Cups are 22, 22 and 23 respectively
- Fees applicable wef 1st December 2017 unchanged

5. Sutton & District Ladies BA

- Written to their members, closing their Association immediately
- S&DBA had not been advised in advance and we felt unable to take on any of their activities due to shortages of our own Officers
- We are willing to work with any interested persons if, for example, they wished to continue with some or all of their competitions
- Of their 12 member clubs, only 1 (Merton Park) is not affiliated to S&DBA via their Men; ladies are welcome to participate in our indoor and outdoor match programme

6. Constitution / Competition Rules

- Rule changes to simplify and clarify the objective of the association, eligibility and voting, together with a simplified description of the matches of the association, were agreed in line with the proposals
- Competition Rule 10 - timing of issuing the initial challenge to the opponent. The proposal will be modified to distinguish between Club (drawn in April) and Individual (drawn in May) competitions

7. Finals Day 2017 (Saturday 23rd September 2017)

- Venue undecided. Clubs are requested to expressed interest by 28th February - key points for consideration are the quality of the Green, followed by facilities and car parking.
- Opportunity to publicise / promote the Association by holding the event at different Clubs
- Currently three clubs have expressed their willingness to hold Finals day

8. Thanks

- Competition Secretaries : Tony Josolyne, David Ganney, Don Davies, Peter Gammage & Margaret Woods (many of whom do more than one role)
- Wallington BC for hosting a number of S&D matches, our 2016 Finals Day, and allowing us to meet for our Council meetings & AGM
- Hosting : Sutton BC (Masonics, Hythe & New Romney & Past Times Finals); Carshalton BC (S&D Ladies BA); Rose Hill (Presidents Day)
- All Clubs for entering the S&DBA Club Competitions
- All individuals who entered the individual S&DBA competitions and supported our match programme
- Our supporters and spectators
- S&DBA website - Peter Gammage
- Our Officers, especially retiring President Don

John Morton
S&DBA Secretary