

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Ceredigion County
Bowling association held at the Clubhouse, Aberaeron on Monday 8th
April 2024 at 7pm.**

PRESENT:

Chairman:	Dafydd Davies
President:	Barry Davies
Treasurer:	Arwel Williams
Secretary:	David J Edwards
Aberaeron B.C.:	Dewi Morris
Aberystwyth B.C.:	Arwel Jones, Richard Morgan, Bertie Jones,
Cardigan B.C.:	Andre Bann, Paul Monders
Lampeter B.C.:	Elfan James, Ron Thomas
Llandysul B.C.:	Martin Graves, John Seymour
Newcastle Emlyn B.C.	Darren Davies, Graham Berry
New Quay B.C.:	Harry Harrison
Queens Road B.C:	Brian Davies
Tregaron B.C.:	Arwel Jones
W.L.B. Council Member:	Glynne Jones
Life Member:	David J James
Senior County Selector:	William Treverton
Website Co-Ordinator	Paul Edwards

Presentation

At the start of the meeting the President presented the outgoing Secretary Mr David James with a gift as an appreciation of his services to bowls in Ceredigion for over 30 years. Mr David James reciprocated the kind words and wished the County every success in the future.

1. APOLOGIES

Roger Dimmack – Senior Vice President
David Bennett – Junior Vice President
Wyndham Jones – Aberaeron
Martin Cross, Cliff Wilson – New Quay
Steve Entwistle - Lampeter

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2024 were taken as read and confirmed, and were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Richard Morgan

Seconded: Dewi Morris

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Minutes Secretary

No names received to date. Arwel Jones was proposed by Ron Thomas & seconded by Glyn Jones. No other nominations. Arwel Jones accepted the role for this year.

b) Website Update

- Paul Edwards shared the current club details on the website and requested all clubs send updated versions to DJ Edwards so he can forward to Paul to update. It would be beneficial to include photographs of the club on each page.
- President requested that the customary photo that was in the booklet of presiding President should be included on the website. All agreed.
- Adding the constitution to the website is now advisable as we no longer have a booklet.
- Minutes of meetings to be uploaded after the subsequent meeting.
- All personal addresses to be removed and only contact numbers and email addresses to be provided.

c) County League Winners (Badge Swingers)

Swingers have been found at £4.31 each + VAT. They were £5.60 last year. Treasurer to order for Aberystwyth & Aberaeron. Treasurer to co-ordinate in future.

d) Vacancy for Senior County Selector

It was enquired if selectors were eligible for selection. As this is not currently the case then a proposal was made for the rule to be amended to make selectors eligible for selection, as is currently the case with the Open County Team. Proposed by Richard Morgan & Seconded by Harry Harrison. All agreed.

As a result Paul Edwards was duly elected as Senior County Selector.

e) County Games Food

Confirmation that Mid Glamorgan & Monmouthshire will require food after their matches.

Match fees will be £7.00. Clubs will get £6.00 per head.

f) County Trial

Names were very slow coming in for County selection. Only Aberystwyth, Aberaeron & Tregaron had responded. As a result it was decided not to have a County Trial but all names for Open County & Senior County selection need to be provided by 1st May 2024.

g) W.L.B Booklet

Secretary had created booklet and were available at £2 each.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Report – Deposit Account - £6,505.00
Current Account - £15,180.00

Treasurer noted that all four monies were currently in the current account. Realistic budget without this was circa £3,800.00.

- b) County Affiliation Fees

Affiliation fee invoices have been sent to all clubs. Aberystwyth, Queens Road & Cardigan yet to pay. All payments needed by 1st May 2024.

5. CARRUTHERS FIXTURES UPDATE

It was noted that Cardigan B.C were suspended from the competition for this season.

All fixtures circulated with a start date of 1st May 2024.

Pembrokeshire yet to agree the play-off date. Proposed for 29th May 2024.

Match Secretary to send final results to Adam King – Bowls Wales.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Brecon Bowling Club – email circulated regarding the Danny Mustoe competition.

b) Welsh Trials – Iwan Davies nominated for the Under 25's team.
Daniel Doughty nominated but was unavailable for selection this year.

7. W.L.B MATTERS

a) Report from Glyn Jones:

- 3 meetings attended.
- Teams have been entered into the Home Internationals at Leamington Spa in June and for the European Team Championships in Ayr in September.
- New competition this year – Under 25's 4 wood pairs. Match Secretary to co-ordinate.
- All Carruthers results to be sent to Adam King.
- Layton Davies from Harlequins B.C has been suspended from all bowls until 1st October. New Quay to be aware as he may be present for the County game against Mid Glamorgan.
- Confirmation that the Home Internationals & British Isles games will be at Llandrindod Wells in 2025
- Contract extended with Llandrindod Wells for 10 years to host matches/finals
- Ceredigion Ladies to get an extra Executive Member & vote at meetings as a consequence of Heulwen Morgan Aberaeron B.C becoming Vice-President.
- Confirmation that no ladies are allowed to play in mens County competitions this year.

b) U25's Pairs Competition

New competition this year – 4 wood pairs. Noted that pairs do not need to be from the same club. Match Secretary to co-ordinate Ceredigion competition.

8. OPEN COUNTY CLUB COMPETITIONS

Corporation Cup at Plascrug – Saturday 20th July 2024

Open Mixed Triples at Tregaron – Saturday 27th July 2024

Open Triples at Lampeter – Saturday 24th August 2024

New Quay are celebrating their Centenary this season and have a number of matches/events scheduled:

- Match against Barbarians

- 1924 fun day including fancy dress
- 10th August – Friendly – they request 3 members from each club in Ceredigion to participate.

9. COUNTY TOUR 2024

- 27 names for Tour with 26 players - all bar 1 has paid.
- 4 games have been scheduled.
- Plaques have been ordered and paid for.
- Dress code – white tops to play in – does not need to be white County tops
- Further updates will be communicated through Tourists what’s app group

Chairman thanked Darren & Mal for their continued work with the County Tour.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Score Cards – Match Secretary to prepare. 24 x cards plus spares required for Open County games, Senior County games & County Tour games. Circa 90 cards to be prepared. John Jones to keep County Score booklets as he will most likely be at all games.

b) Ceredigion U25 competition – agreed to be flexible with dates due to school exams. But all games need to be played before the County Finals week.

c) U25 Double rink – no entry from Ceredigion this year. Match Secretary to notify Adam King.

d) Confirmation that the County 2 wood singles, 2 wood pairs & under 16’s singles will be on the 22nd & 23rd June at New Quay B.C.

e) Noted that the funding Bowls Wales receives from Sport Wales will not be increasing.

Meeting closed – 8.10pm

Next Meeting to be held Monday 16th September 2024.

Signed

Date

Note: Following the meeting confirmation was received that the Senior County game against Carmarthenshire will be played at Llanelli Bowling Club on Tuesday 23rd July 2024. Food will be provided after the match.