**QUESTIONS ASKED AT THE FORUMS**

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| How much is the match system for clubs? | £50 for 1st year and £25 thereafter |
| Will something be done for people who coloured blind so show them what colour the rinks are playing on? | To be discussed |
| Can we enter Surrey competitions individually rather than through club? | No it would be nightmare to administrate |
| Can anyone see the club online match system? | No it is “club” specific |
| Competitions | Secretaries when entering competitions on the system. Always best to get somebody to check what you have done. |
| What is the purpose of Areas | The area contacts are first point of contact for queries |
| How do we vote? How do we choose area Committee members. | Voting is done in area for the 5 area committee members in the meeting before the AGM, clubs will be asked to nominate people who are willing to stand, a short CV might need to be provided |
| Worry about area contact having to visit clubs? | Not overly onerous as the 5 area committee members will share the visits out between them. If a committee member is playing a club in a match, that can be deemed to be the club visited, all that needs to be done is to have a general chat to some people in the club. |
| Do we have to affiliate people who just go along to the club? | Anyone who is not a bowling member of the club does not have to pay affiliation fees, however, all members who step foot onto the green to play bowls must be affiliated regardless.  Parks clubs have to leave a rink free for the public. They pay the club who has to pass that money onto the Council. |
| We play against scouts, tennis club or choral society. They are not bowlers/associations do we need to affiliate them? | No, this can be regarded as recruitment. |
| Why are we keeping 2 presidents? **Raised at Southey and Wey Valley** | Men’s and Women’s county matches and comps are mostly single gender. Until that changes difficult to have only one President. |
| Can I, as a club member, get into the BE website? | If you need club support, then you must use the club password. |
| Safeguarding Officers – do they need to be DBS checked? | Yes, they do. If you are a safeguarding Officer for your club you should be DBS checked and attend safeguarding course. |
| In competitions, how do I get my opponent’s details?  Who has access to the “members” part of the website and therefore access to the edited minutes? | Opponent’s details are hidden until you log into the member’s pages. Phone numbers are next to the opponent and marked with a + sign. Click on that and opponent’s details will appear.  All affiliated members have access.  All affiliated members have accesss to the members pages, they need to have their account activated. |
| How do we choose area contacts? | CV’s for candidates for area positions for clubs in that area to vote. The election will be confirmed at AGM. |
| What is the position with playing unaffiliated clubs? | Need to be very careful as it could affect insurance. If you are insured with Sutton Winson, because you are affiliated to BE you get a preferential rate. If an unaffiliated player had an accident, you need to check that they would be covered under the public liability part of the policy. |
| Will affiliation fees rise? | Bowls Surrey not expected to rise but that depends on the membership not going down more. |
| Are we going to have coloured trousers? White is so old-fashioned | Difficulty matching the dye but it is work-in-progress |
| Do we have to sign up to Bowls’ Big Weekend? | If it doesn’t suit your club obviously not but whatever you do, the club will need to work hard to get results. No good just waiting for people to come through the door. Get on local facebook pages or Whats App Groups. |
| Since points system gone women will find it more difficult to get badge. Will it improve? | Yes. Depending upon the number entries the criteria will change. It has changed from 6 round to 5 rounds in most competitions for 2023 |
| What is the dress code for county games? | Women not really changed; men no need to wear blazers, just county jacket and no need to change to shirt and tie can wear county shirt. Officers stay the same. |
| Will clubs get a copy of the presentation? | Yes all clubs. |
| Will Bowls Surrey Committee be suggesting people for the new roles? | Not our remit. We want the clubs to be involved |
| How will area committees be voted on? | They will be voted on at a meeting prior to the Bowls Surrey AGM by the clubs in that area. Details have not been finalised |
| Will area meetings be held in the evenings? | Workers should not be excluded from standing because of meeting timings. |
| What are the possible timings? | EGM in September/October so that Area meetings can happen so changes can be made at the AGM |
| How do we log in to BE Website? | Your Club need to sign up for a club password. This will be given to the Club. |
| How can we check to see if a club or Association is affiliated? | Check Bowls Surrey or Bowls England websites. |
| How many counties are unifying or are unified? | Some have already done and some are in the process |
| How often do Safeguarding Officers have to go on courses? | They should look at the Bowls England/Bowls Development Alliance on Safeguarding |
| Do Safeguarding Officers have to be DBS checked? | Yes |
| Do Surrey coaches have to attend safeguarding courses? | Yes |