

**MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF STOOLBALL ENGLAND  
HELD IN THE RENSHAW ROOM, WIVELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL, EASTERN ROAD,  
WIVELSFIELD GREEN, EAST SUSSEX, RH17 7QG  
ON SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AT 11am**

**PRESENT:**

**Stoolball England Officers:** Mrs Kay Price (President), Mr Kelvin Speirs (Chairman, Rules and Umpires), Mrs Anita Broad (Vice-Chair, Research and Education), Mr Trevor Parsons (Treasurer, Insurance and Sales), Mrs Wendy Heal (Secretary), Mrs Genevieve Gordon Thomson (Governance and Legal), Rick Mason (Website), Mr Richard Emsley (Membership and DBS), Sophie Dunn (Youth Ambassador Surrey), Georgina Harrison (Youth Ambassador Sussex)

**Life Members:** Mr John Price and Mrs Kay Price

**Leagues, Associations and Clubs Represented**

Surrey Ladies Stoolball Association: Mo Zeiher, Andree Hartnup, Gwyn Griffith, Bob Hartnup, Sophie Dunn

Mid Division (SCSA): Karen Speirs, Marina Dudman, Joy Manns, Georgina Harrison, Pauline Hurley, Jane Silk

Sussex County Umpires Association: Kelvin Speirs

North Division (SCSA): Debbie Martin, Wendy Heal, Anita Broad, Delia Saunders, Carol Browne, Sybil Voller

Chanctonbury: Sally Booker, Geoff Laker

Coastal: Pat Wyatt, Vanessa Challon

West Division (SCSA): Kay Price

West Kent: Anne Hardwick

Central Division (SCSA): Elaine Berry, Barbara Parsons Gerry Miller

Sussex County Stoolball Association: Kay Price

Mid Sussex Mixed League: Richard Emsley, Rick Mason

**1. Chairman's welcome**

Kelvin welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those who had come a long distance.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Melissa Mantle – West Division (SCSA), Jenny Keates (Vice President), Meg James (Youth Ambassador West Kent)

**3. Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2017 meeting were agreed unanimously.

**4. Matters arising from those minutes**

Umpires must agree to hold onto medication. Inhalers are ok but should be labelled with person's name.

Anita Broad – Stoolball England Officers – Title changed to Vice Chair.

Junior Bats are available to purchase at a cost of £15.00 each

**5. Chairman's Report**

Kelvin presented his report (copy attached).

**6. Treasurer's Report: (detailed report and audited accounts can be found on website)**

Trevor reported that sales for the year were lower than in 2017 and reminded the meeting that Stoolball England relies on the sale of bats and balls for funds to promote stoolball.

Insurance had made a loss during the year of £509.00. The policy is paid for by Stoolball England in advance in Feb/March, we then need to collect the money from clubs.

England Game – we had to cancel the ladies match and therefore had to pay for pitch hire. We have asked for a refund and await to hear from Worth Abbey.

We trialled a couple of winter indoor leagues, which also made a loss

Balance Sheet – A permanent storage facility has been found, we have paid half of the cost in this year's accounts and the other half has been paid in the next year.

Hunts are no longer producing bats, main supplier is Gray Nicholls and Aresson for the junior bats.

The Balance sheet was adopted  
Proposed Sally Booker – Seconded Gwyn Griffith

**7. Election of Officers:**

**President:**

**Existing Post Holder**

Kay Price

**Chairman:**

Kelvin Speirs

**Vice-Chair:**

Anita Broad

**Hon. Secretary:**

Wendy Heal

\*\* the above 4 positions were voted en bloc

Proposed: Stoolball England Committee

Seconded: Karen Speirs

Unanimously approved

**Hon. Treasurer:**

Trevor Parsons (not seeking re-election)

Nomination: Georgie Harrison

Proposed: Stoolball England

Seconded: Gwyn Griffith

**Press and Publicity  
Officer**

Vacant

The job would involve writing press releases after events,  
Publishing events

A couple of people have offered to help, but we need an overall  
co-ordinator. If anyone knows anyone please get in contact.

**Officers:**

Richard Emsley, Rick Mason, Genevieve Gordon, Sophie Dunn, Megan James, Lynda Buttifant  
\*\*Toni Wheatley – Not standing for re-election  
The meeting agreed to elect the Management Committee en bloc  
Proposed: Karen Speirs  
Seconded: Anita Broad  
Unanimously approved

**8. Election of New Vice Presidents:**

Existing Vice-Presidents: Ann Peck, Marion Stanbrook, John Pritchett, Delia Saunders, Brian Johnson, Gwyn Griffith, Richard Emsley, Peter Cheeseman, Jenny Keates, Mr Michael Ledwich  
Add: Trevor Parsons  
Proposed Stoolball England Committee,  
Seconded Rick Mason  
Unanimously approved

**9. Election of Life Members:** Existing Life Members: John and Kay Price

**10. Appointment of Independent Examiner:**

D A Clark & Co Ltd  
Proposed: Sally Booker  
Seconded: Georgine Harrison  
Unanimously approved

**11. Open Forum**

**Insurance:** We proposed to ask Leagues/Counties to consult with their clubs and advise us which clubs require Insurance, prior to asking the broker for a quote. The premium needs to be paid to the insurance company by the end of February 2019. Therefore, the answers to the above will be required before Christmas.

The 2018/19 policy cost £5400 for Civil Liability and £2600 for Personal Accident.

Administration of the Insurance needs to be tightened up.

The meeting was reminded that Leagues/Counties/Divisions need to be affiliated to Stoolball England to be able to purchase the insurance policy from us.

Every Club must have Civil Liability Insurance and if they decide not to purchase Stoolball England Insurance they need to confirm who they are insured with by supplying a copy of the certificate of insurance with their affiliation fee.

The meeting agreed that Personal Accident Insurance needed to be included with a possible increase in the cost. It was agreed that a flat fee for a team should be paid, rather than a per player cost.

**Constitution:** The President and Life Members are added to the voting section – agreed unanimously.

**England Games:** It is a shame that some players from some leagues will not consider playing, even when names are put forward by selectors.

2019 games will be in the same format, dates and venues TBA once county fixtures are confirmed.

Our selectors are out watching matches throughout the summer. Players names may be brought to the attention of Stoolball England to enable players to be assessed by all selectors.

League results and County Match results need to be entered onto the website, to enable selectors to view players stats.

Chanctonbury and Coastal leagues need to be encouraged to take part in County Fixtures, this will help their players to be seen by selectors.

U21 Team game was very close and two very evenly selected teams participated. The game was won in the last over.

**Coaching Programme:** A funding bid is just about to go into Sport England for a 'Train the Trainer' programme. This will produce accredited Stoolball England Coaches to deliver courses.

We are also looking at:

'Stoolball Maker' – Club Level/Community coach courses

Primary School CPD

Secondary School 'Stoolball Makers' similar to Sports Leader Courses

Stoolball Specific courses for coaches already qualified to Level 2 in other sports

We need people to come forward who are interested in delivering stoolball courses.

The Train the Trainer course will be a 2-day course plus an assessment day. Trainers will be expected to hold a Level 2 coaching qualification or teaching qualification.

We are also putting in a funding bid to Wealden District Council for pilots in Walking Stoolball and 2 Young Stoolball Makers courses in Hailsham Community College and Heathfield Community College.

**Social Media and its Pitfalls:** The meeting was asked to remind all teams and players within their leagues that some derogatory comments made on social media could be illegal, and to tread very carefully.

**General:**

We should be encouraging any team which has folded to donate their equipment to local schools or other teams.

DBS Checks – contact Richard Emsley

Buying balls from the internet – Teams are advised to be careful, even though they say they are approved by Stoolball England, they probably aren't, and very often they are the wrong size. Teams should be encouraged to buy from Stoolball England.

Young Player Restrictions: - Fielding restrictions will stay in place and must be adhered to.

Coloured balls are popular with young players, we have sold a lot of pink balls.

The meeting closed at 12.30