



BRIXHAM BOWLING CLUB

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MINUTES of the Club Pre Season Meeting held in the Club House on Saturday 16th March 2019 at 9.30am

The meeting was opened by President David Hayden who thanked everyone for their attendance. Apologies where received from: Audrey Armitage, Vera Bond, Sue Dawes, Brian Farmer, Sybil Greatbatch, Maggie Goldsmith, Bebs Harvey, Fred Hoare, Margaret Holbrow, Margaret Inett, Linda and Graham Oakden, Mo Thomas and Marion Turner.

There were 56 members present, which was in excess of last year's attendance of 39. David Hayden continued by repeating his remarks from yesterday at the Men's preseason meeting, thanking Mick Stephens and his band of helpers for all the work that they had done inside and outside the club house, painting and tidying etc. plus we look forward to the soffit installation next week which will give the pavilion a new look. He also thanked the green team, ably led by Mike Friend and looked forward to a fantastic season on the best green in the bay.

He also stressed the need for more members, as there were 36 Friendlies throughout the year, both at home and away. A daunting prospect.

Also he would like to welcome any new members who have come along to today's meeting.

Captain's remarks.

David Moseby began by thanking the members for attending the meeting and reminding us of the two players that we have lost this year, namely; Barrie Vestey and Kenneth Cornford, condolences have been sent to both families and the club was represented at both funerals. Also the sad news about Brian Muirhead who has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer, we wish him well and hope for an early recovery.

David continued by echoing the president's remarks about all the unseen work that goes on behind the scenes, such as the green team and the pavilion team and was looking forward again to a new season of friendly and competitive bowling. Social events etc.

David stressed the need for all members to try and encourage new members to come along to our "Try It" day as we are desperate to bolster the "B" team, because once the "A" team players had been selected it will leave the remaining members in very short supply for the "B" team. Barry Goldsmith has advertising leaflets for "Try It" day which he would like to issue to members to place in appropriate places for as wide a coverage as possible.

He then went on to mention "Opening Day" which would follow on from "Try It" day and told the meeting that at the men's meeting, it was agreed that Phil Davies being the oldest member of the club had been invited to bowl the first wood of the season. A newsletter would be produced for all the new starters to inform them how the club runs and to welcome them. Barry Goldsmith has a number of flyers available to members for circulation around the area.

Ladies Captain's remarks.

Mo started her remarks by expressing a big thank you to all the people that have worked behind the scenes throughout the winter period, keeping the grounds and pavilion in a state of readiness for the coming 2019 season.

She continued by saying that this year was her 20th year of bowling and she looked forward to great things to come this year. We have a strong group of ladies this year and the aim is to move the "A" team up to

the 1st division and to build on the work that the “B” team have done this year and hopefully move them up as well.

Treasurer’s Update.

David started by saying that “We are doing all right, so don’t break anything.”

He also said that he was talking to the treasurer of another club who stated that they have not got the facility to have their green mowed and had to pay for this to be done for them at a cost of £5,000 per year, so we are very lucky in the circumstances having our own green team.

Fixtures secretary

David Hayden remarked that in the fixture list, the men’s “A” team games against Stoke Fleming have been reversed, resulting in the first game on Saturday 25th May being an away game and the return game on Saturday 13th July was at home. I hope you are all looking forward to the season, as we have 36 friendly games both at home and away. The away games are mostly with local clubs on a reciprocal basis to forge closer relationships with other clubs.

The long standing May Bank holiday games at Liskeard and Plympton are all booked and with the rising costs of coach hire these days we hope to keep the cost per person to around £20 which includes travel, all meals and rink fees. Normal arrangements, first pick up at the bottom of Nelson Road and then continuing on around the usual route. The Liskeard game will commence at 10am with lunch afterwards and then on to Plympton for a 3pm start with a light tea to follow.

Social Events, Barry Goldsmith.

Barry started by thanking all those who came along and supported the social events and remarked about some of the talent we have in the club which certainly entertained us. A big thank you to Sue and Chris Dawes for designing the posters and the fixture cards. Barry then mentioned that we have a bonus session coming up on Saturday 20th April in the form of a horse racing evening, where we watch races on a TV screen and bet on the outcome etc. Someone is coming especially to host the evening for us, so please make every effort to attend.

A Cayman golf evening has been arranged, the same as last year, the proprietor is anxious to advertise our bowling events and we in return will advertise theirs. We have already had two of their members who have joined our club for this year and there is a possibility of more to follow.

Thelma then asked to address the meeting to say that the Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening will be held at the Berry Head this year, on Friday November 22nd (7 for 7.30pm.) Details to follow.

Riviera Triples League.

Barry apologized that on the fixture card, he was named as the secretary, but it was a joint position, shared with Sandra Sutton. He wanted to say that Sandra does a brilliant job in organizing everything and he just does the paperwork.

There are several changes this year with there being two divisions (we are in division 2) we all get 12 games throughout the season culminating in the final between the winners of division 1 playing the winners of division 2 (we hope to be in this final) We also have 2 extra games at the end of the season and we have been drawn to play against Kings and Torquay.

The game is triples, 3 players per team and it must consist of at least one man and two ladies or one lady and two men. It is designed for novice players to gain experience. Also “A” team players are not allowed to play in the Riviera.

Please put your names up to play and you will be rotated to ensure that you all get a game.

Over 55’s triples league.

Roy Moore asked for members to put their names down on the sheets and he said that he has several already in his book. He looks forward to a good season.

Club tasks.

Green team. Mike Friend said that they have had a quiet winter and that the green is coming on reasonably well. Jobs being done at the moment are the ditches. A big thank you to Bill Gray and Dave Farley who have repaired the leak in the tank but we haven’t filled it up yet. All being well that should be ok.

Avon are pleased with the green and they have taken soil tests, but no results yet. We have a couple of new volunteers who have started clearing ditches and painting the ditch boards. All being well we are on course for a good season.

Catering. We still need a coordinator to organize the team of caterers.

Bar. We still need a few more volunteers to man the bar, because we have lost one or two this year. It's not an onerous task and is very sociable.

Unfortunately we have had to increase the prices slightly, by 20p across the board. Prices have been frozen for the last couple of years and hopefully this will last for the next couple of years.

Any other business.

Club competitions. Jenny Hopkins and Rob Cann ask that as many members as possible enter the competitions, because the more that enter will increase the points earned towards county badges. If there are less than 16 entries per competition, the point's value is 1 per game. Over 16 will give each player 3 points per game. Please place your forms and payment in an envelope and insert in the appropriate container.

Pavilion upgrades. Mick Stephens told the meeting that the Fascia panels would be installed next week and the new sign would be arriving soon after. He thanked his helpers for all their valuable work in painting the inside and outside of the clubhouse and the general tidying of the main sections of the pavilion.

Smoking on the premises, within the boundary fence.

At the last management meeting, the committee passed a motion that there would be no further smoking within the confines of the club premises.

This was brought to today's meeting and the general consensus was in agreement with the proposal with the proviso that relevant signage was displayed in appropriate areas of the premises. Anyone who wished to smoke should position themselves outside of the perimeter fence.

Ramp or easier access down to the green for tea personnel.

It was decided that due to the proximity of the steps etc. that it was impossible to install a safe ramp down to the green. It was suggested that anyone who could not carry trays and hot water down to the green safely, should ask for help from other members who were around at the time. If anyone has an idea that may overcome this problem would they please talk to a committee member about it?

Torbay Lottery.

Mo Penhaligon told the meeting that the club had joined the Torbay Lottery scheme, which would produce 50p per week to club funds from a £1 stake that members who join pay. (£1 per week equates to £4.34 a month.) To date 7 members have joined which brings in £3.50 per week (or £15.19 per month) to club funds. There is also an added bonus in the fact that we as a club can apply for funding from the central fund. The lottery is run by Torbay Council.

Please support this venture and get us up to our target of 50 members, which would boost our funds by £25 a week.

Welcome sign.

Graeme Davies has offered to pay for a Welcome sign to be made and positioned on the lower fence, facing the sea. This would consist of a 3ft by 4ft sign, welcoming new bowlers and their families to the club.

The meeting thanked Graeme and Phil for their kind offer.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.40am.

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