

Management Committee Report from Hon. Secretary

Good morning!

The Management team met 6 times during the 2018 season, during which time several items were discussed by the committee.

These were mainly questions of recruitment, sponsorship, the 2018 club tour, the Captain's charity, Pavilion maintenance, social events, the replacement for the vacant position of Vice Captain, plus the resignation of the ladies competition secretary and of our president.

The latter items were discussed to great length and it was decided to carry on, with Jenny Hopkins taking over the competition secretary's position and leaving the President and Vice Captain positions until the AGM with David Taylor chairing any subsequent Management meetings.

2018 started out really well, with both the Ladies and Gent's "A" teams promoted to the Premier and First Divisions of the MDL leagues. Both teams knew it was going to be a tough year for them to hold their new positions and unfortunately, after they both had given a good account of themselves, the men finished at the bottom of their division, with the ladies securing second from the bottom, meaning that both "A" teams go back down to their previous leagues.

The "B" teams also played their part, giving good accounts of themselves, with the ladies finishing in third place in their league and the men ending their season two from the bottom. The men's over 55 team finished in third place with the Riviera team finishing in bottom position after they had actually reached the quarter finals and may I say, the results did not reflect the way in which the players performed. All our teams should be congratulated on their performances this year, which has proved to be above all expectations.

We had our share of friendly matches, both at home and away, which culminated in meeting new players and making good contacts with new clubs for future fixtures.

This year saw our biggest influx of new members, in the form of 5 Ladies and 15 men.

We welcome you all and hope you have enjoyed your first year's membership and look forward to you all re-joining us again in 2019 for another year of friendly and competitive bowling.

Sponsorship.

Barry Goldsmith successfully arranged a visit to Bays Brewery, with 14 of our members attending, which resulted in a sponsored day with them giving us a container of their best ale to sell behind the bar.

David Moseby approached Ron Campian and received a cheque for £100 sponsoring the Lifeboat Day at the club.

David Bunney reported that there was no response from his letter to Specsavers, so it was assumed that their sponsorship two years ago was just a one off.

Sue and Chris Dawes agreed to look into the possibility of arranging a club tour for this year, which resulted in 14 of our members travelling to Bembridge on the Isle of Wight for a 4-day tournament of indoor bowling. This was indeed a great success and was enjoyed by all.

Hopefully perhaps we could do something similar next year?

A very big thank you to Sue and Chris.

Both the Ladies and Gents Captains agreed that their charity this year would be the “Marie Curie Foundation” which was endorsed by the Management Committee.

This resulted in a cheque for £900 being presented to a “Marie Curie” representative on closing day.

David Taylor was commissioned to obtain new white 'Drakes Pride' Jacks on the clubs behalf. (These have been purchased and are now in use.)

On a lighter note, the Captains Charity day was a great success, both with the attendance and the monetary income. Well done to all those who made it such a success.

Barry Goldsmiths Cayman Golf afternoon was another successful event with a lovely time enjoyed by the participating members. Thanks to all who made this possible.

This years Christmas Dinner and Presentation evening will be held at The Redcliffe Hotel in Paignton and Thelma would appreciate anyone who hasn't filled out their requirements or not paid to do so as soon as possible please, as the Hotel would like to know the menu and seating arrangements.

At the Men's AGM, it was proposed that the management committee look into considering the wearing of shorts on the green during league and friendly matches and after much discussion at our last management meeting, it was decided that we would recommend this proposal to the AGM with the proviso that the wearing of shorts would only be accepted if we strictly adhered to the Bowls England and MDL definitions.

The Captain of the day would have the power to refuse the wearing of anything other than this.

It only remains for me to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year and we must all hopefully look forward to a healthy season in 2019.

Thank you.