



BRIXHAM BOWLING CLUB

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MINUTES of the Men's Pre Season Meeting held in the Club House on Friday 15th March 2019 at 7pm

The meeting was opened by our President David Hayden who thanked everyone for their attendance and after the hearing the list of apologies, commenced the meeting. Apologies were received from; Brian Farmer, Mike Holbrow, Fred Hoare, Peter Howlett, Graham Oakden, John Bates and Roy Moore.

There were 26 members present, which was one more than last year's attendance. David continued by 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 which will entail many members playing several times during the same week, throughout the year.

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.

He reminded the meeting that there were three lists on the table by the door and asked that members enter their names for this year's events before they leave this evening. Namely; The attendance register, the men's dinner on Sunday 7th April at 12.30 for 1pm at the Cricket Club, plus the request sheet to play in either the "A" or

“B” team in the MDL league. He 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. Prospective members are desperately needed.

David Moseby then mentioned the “Opening Day” which would follow “Try It” day and told the meeting that he would like to ask Phil Davies to bowl the first wood of the season. The meeting unanimously agreed and Phil accepted.

Volunteers. It was stressed that volunteers were always needed for all sorts of tasks, such as green and pavilion maintenance as well as coordinators for catering, tea rota’s, bar staff etc.

Also it was suggested that members turned up earlier to matches, to help put out the equipment for the green and also to help the captains, to stop them wondering if members are going to turn up at the last minute. Please be at least 30 minutes early.

Any other business. David Stone inquired if it would be possible for a vehicle and driver be designated on a rota basis, to ferry infirm players and their bowls from the coach at the end of Nelson Road to the clubhouse. The reaction from the meeting was to say that we do this already, but the vehicles that do travel to and fro find that their parking spaces are gone when they return. It would therefore be necessary to place parking cones or chairs etc. to hold the spaces for the relevant drivers and their vehicles. This was agreed and we decided that we would do this if requested by the visiting clubs.

Brian Miller requested the Secretary to furnish him with the post codes of the clubs that we visit on away matches to allow him to volunteer to take players to the clubs in question. David Bunney said that he would do this and thanked Brian for his offer of transport.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

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