



BRIXHAM BOWLING CLUB

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Affiliated to Bowls England & Bowls Devon

(Founded 1913)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 10.00 5th November 2016

Present: Audrey Armitage, Doug Barnard, Wendy Barnard, Geoff Baxter, Sheryl Baxter, Margaret Bond, David Bunney, Thelma Bunney, Rob Cann, Andy Caunter, Graeme Davies, Phil Davies, Chris Dawes, Sue Dawes, Margaret Dyer, Peter Dyer, Anne Dyke, Mike Evans, Jenny Farley, Brian Farmer, Mike Friend, Barry Goldsmith, Anne Gray, Brian Gray, Sybil Greatbatch, Paul Harris, Reg Harvey, David Hayden, Julie Heslop, Ken Higgins, Fred Hoare, Sally Hoare, Mike Holbrow, Jennifer Hopkins, Jane Inett, Brian Lane, Dot Langford, Sally Lees, Margaret Medway, David Moseby, Brian Muirhead, Roy Nash, Linda Oakden, Alan Parker, Jane Parker, Keith Parker, Pauline Parker, Ken Penhaligon, Mo Penhaligon, Alan Simpson, Anne Stenning, Sandra Sutton, Audrey Taylor, David Taylor, Malcolm Turner, Marion Turner, Margaret Watters

1. President's Welcome

Prior to the meeting, a minutes silence was observed in memory of Terry Coombs, Parry Thomas, and Denny Postlethwaite.

The President welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies – Angela Allison, John Allison, John Bates, Vera Bond, Peter Caunter, David Farley, Maggie Goldsmith, John Greatbatch, Bill Guest, Sheila Guest, Brian Gumm, Bebs Harvey, Stephanie Hayden, Margaret Holbrow, Graham Oakden, Harry Riley, David Stone, Helgard Stone, Mo Thomas, Mo Wilmot

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 7th November 2015

The minutes were accepted without any comments.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

5. Opening remarks by the President

Last year was a successful season for the club. Both the Men's A & B Teams narrowly missed promotion. The Ladies B Team also just missed out on promotion, but their A Team did suffer relegation. We are confident they will bounce back next year. We entertained twenty seven touring sides this year who (along with the bar takings) make a significant financial contribution to the club. The feedback we have received is that Brixham is a very friendly club which they have enjoyed visiting. Once again, we have the best green in Torbay, which bowled superbly throughout the season. Thanks to everyone who played during the season, and for their commitment to the club.

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6. Annual Reports

- i. Management Committee Report from Hon. Secretary
Since the last AGM we have had new windows installed, and have plans to upgrade the remaining windows. Thanks to all concerned in improving the working of the door lock. Special thanks go to the "green team" for all of their hard work throughout the year to provide the excellent playing surface we have, together with the surrounding areas and the clubhouse itself.
Thanks also to Phil Davies, who is providing new rails for the steps to the green, and jack movers for those less able to bend. He has already donated a seat and a box seat to the club.
- ii. Financial Report from Hon. Treasurer
David provided the members with copies of the audited accounts. It has been a very satisfactory year financially. Last year it was thought we would need to increase our income to improve our cash reserves. We started the year with a balance of just over £12,000 and finished the year with a balance just over £15,000. We also have £378 from the "goodies" table towards the defibrillator. Thanks were directed to Mo & Ken Penhaligon and their bar team who contributed around £5,000 to the club. The raffles provided an income of £1,300. Although the catering looks to break even, we did make a profit of £400 on this. Special mention was given to the green team for their prudent management of expenses, to Geoff Baxter for his work in the pavilion and the sheds, which has reduced potential costs to the club, and to Loris Goring and Dave Hurford for the donation of two new benches.
Club fees will remain the same next year, with the exception of raising the charge for novice members from £10 to £20, thereby differentiating them as "players" from the social members who do not benefit from the playing side.
Income and expenditure for 2017 looks OK, and we will be replacing the remaining windows as previously stated. We also need to maintain the old mower, which is regularly used, and this will attract a cost of around £1,000.
- iii. Fixtures Secretary Report
We are currently looking to host 15 touring sides in 2017, although it is hoped that this number will increase before the season commences. We have a fixture in May against 6 rinks from Stithians (nr Falmouth). There was some discussion as to whether our Liskeard trip should include Stithians rather than Bere Alston. The general consensus was that we should stick with the current arrangement. It was suggested that refreshments at Bere Alston should be at the end of the match.
There was some discussion about the 2017 tour; this was likely to be in the UK, and not requiring too long a drive. David Bunney is investigating options.
- iv. Riviera Triples League Report
David Stone (currently on holiday) supplied the following report, which was read out by Chris Dawes.
It is with great pleasure that I can inform the Club that we again achieved 6th place in a league of 10 teams, which I feel is the highest place that we can achieve because our teams are playing against vastly more experienced teams. Nevertheless, this is a great format for beginners to enter competitive bowling with minimal stress as this is usually such a friendly competition. I would like to thank all the players who played in the RMTL for their efforts and also the players who put their names down but were somehow overlooked: please continue to put your names down next season.
I am rather worried that we have over 50 Lady members, and after the RMTL there is nowhere for these players to go. I have been sounding out the possibility of a Ladies C Team, and am hopeful that the majority of ladies will agree.
I would like to thank the other two selectors, especially Phil Davies, who continues to be of great help to Helgard with the teas in the home games, which we try to make a bit special. I have put forward Sandra Sutton as the lady selector for the 2017 season and hope you will all give her your support at the AGM, and look forward to seeing you all next year outdoors.

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7. Men's Elections for 2017 Officers

- Captain David Hayden
- Vice Captain David Moseby
- Over 55s Secretary Roy Moore
- Competition Secretary Rob Cann
- MDL Reps Chris Dawes, David Hayden & Roy Moore
- Selection Committee Alan Parker, Ken Penhaligon & Geoff Baxter

8. Ladies' Elections for 2017 Officers

- Captain Sally Hoare
- Vice Captain Jenny Hopkins
- Secretary Sheryl Baxter
- Competition Secretary Pauline Parker
- Fixture Secretary Janet Bolland
- Selection Committee Thelma Bunney, Jenny Moore & Dot Langford

9. Report from the Green Maintenance Team

Brian Gray provided a detailed report on behalf of the team. The Hon. Sec was asked to write to Avon thanking them for their work, and contribution to the quality of our green. The issue we had with nematodes and frit fly was addressed by chemical application by Avon, but this is not a complete solution, as the insects will return. However, an EU edict has banned the use of such chemicals, so there is a potential problem with the aforementioned, and also earthworms and leatherjackets. That said, the team will do its utmost to continue to provide an excellent green.

Thanks were given to Mike Friend for his leadership, and a call was made for volunteers to join the team, as both Brian and Fred Hoare were standing down.

Fred was thanked for his hard work, particularly the concreting.

Andy Caunter was thanked for his role as "odd job man", as well as helping with the green.

Although Doug Barnard handed over a couple of years ago, he still turns up three times a week, and we are grateful for his continued contribution.

Also mentioned were Mike Holbrow for keeping the ditches in good order and weed free; Ken Penhaligon for trimming the edges of the green; Geoff Baxter for his carpentry support, particularly with the new shed; Sheryl Baxter for the gardening.

We have one volunteer to help, David Farley, and we welcome him to the team.

We, of course, do need a minimum of three more people. That would then have two teams of two working with Mike.

10. Election/Appointment of Officers

- i. President Alan Parker
- ii. Hon. Secretary Chris Dawes
- iii. Hon. Treasurer David Taylor
- iv. Bar Secretary Mo Penhaligon
- v. Child Protection Officer Barry Goldsmith
- vi. Riviera Triples Secretary David Stone
- vii. Welfare Officer Marion Turner
- viii. Publicity Officer Barry Goldsmith
- ix. Fixture Secretary David Hayden
- x. Section 6 Delegates Chris Dawes & Sheryl Baxter
- xi. Pavilion Manager Geoff Baxter

11. Membership Fees for 2017

The Hon. Treasurer suggested that membership fees remain the same for 2017, with the exception that "new" playing members pay a £20 fee (up from £10), thus differentiating them from social members.

The meeting agreed this change.

The Hon. Sec will ensure that all documentation and advertising is amended to reflect this change.

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12. Constitution Changes

The updates below were described, and agreed by the meeting.

- i. change all references to English Bowling Association (EBA) and English Women's Bowling Association (EWBA) to Bowls England
- ii. change all references to Devon County Bowling Association (DCBA) to Bowls Devon
- iii. remove the section on Licensed Bar and produce separate document on bar management outside of the constitution

A proposal from David Stone, which would affect the constitution was read to the meeting and discussed. The proposal read, "***I propose that the Vice Captain be in charge of the B Team. After the A Team is selected, he will then pick four players from the remainder to assist with selection of the B Team***". It was explained that the background to this proposal was the fact that the selection committee, as elected at the Men's AGM, contained only (2016) A Team players, and that the B Team was not represented. After some discussion it was agreed that Chris Dawes would stand down from the selection committee and be replaced by Geoff Baxter. The proposal was then voted on by show of hands, and rejected unanimously.

13. Club Competitions Rules

Chris informed the meeting that he had created a Competition Rules document, based on similar in use at other clubs. This was not yet complete, but would be offered for acceptance at the 2017 pre-season meeting. Copies were provided to the Men's and Ladies' Competition Secretaries for their comments.

14. Club Social Evenings

David Moseby thanked everyone for their support of the four social events held in the previous year. He encouraged the support of forthcoming events, as they are fun, help members to get to know each other better, and raise funds for the club. If anyone has any ideas for social evenings, please let Dave or Chris know, and they will endeavour to make it happen. The schedule so far:

Thursday December 15 Christmas Extravaganza, fronted by David & Audrey Taylor. If anyone wishes to perform, please let Dave know.

Saturday December 31 New Year with Graeme Dee at Brixham Conservative Club. Tickets £5 in advance (£10 on the night)– the venue needs numbers and monies by December 1 to allow them to plan for catering and staff.

Friday February 17 Quiz Night hosted by Chris Dawes

15. Call for Volunteers for Green & Club Maintenance

As discussed in Section 9, we need (at least) three people to join the team. Please contact Mike Friend, Brian Gray or the Committee if you are interested, or require further information.

16. Club Website

The secretary welcomed suggestions for inclusion on the website, or any changes, to ensure it is a useful tool for keeping the club informed.

17. A few words from the President

Alan noted that Helgard Stone was stepping down from providing the bacon butties on club nights, and thanked her for her work.

He ended by thanking everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

18. Close Meeting

Meeting closed at 11.15

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