



BRIXHAM BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the Club Pre-season Meeting held in the clubhouse on Saturday 25th March 2023 at 10am and chaired by Jenny Moore

There were 39 members present, with 21 apologies.

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Item 1. Jenny welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that it was a privilege to be the club's president and that she knew most of the members, but there were a few faces that she would soon get to know. She continued by saying that she was proud to have been associated with the club since 1984 although being outranked by her other associate Life Member Mike Friend who has been here much longer than her. As well as being a Life member of the club, I have been involved in many offices over the years. I have played both coachingly and competitively over the years and am still interested and involved in our club. I am approachable and willing to help in any way that I can, so please don't be afraid to ask, even if it is only for me to direct you to the right person. Thank you.

Item 2. The Minutes of the meeting held on March 26th 2022 were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Item 3. Men's Captain's remarks. In the absence of David Moseby, Vic Ellery read a short statement on David's behalf.

Please see attachment 1.

Item 4. Ladies Captain's remarks. Thelma Bunney.

Please see attachment 2.

Item 5. Treasurers update. David started by saying that he wished to give a big vote of thanks to all those who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes throughout the winter period. You can see this from the state of the green now and how different it looks from when last season ended. This is all down to the work of Bill Gray and our green team. Also there are many changes that have happened in the clubhouse, some of which you can see and some that you can't.

Such as, new heating, various changes to the toilets and kitchen, plus a new door of course. All these changes have been carried out by Mick Stephens and his band of helpers. We are very grateful to all those who have worked during the winter to bring all these jobs to fruition.

One more thing, you do need to pay your subscriptions, there are still some who haven't paid yet.

So far we have 63 fully paid up members, which for this time of the year is very good. If anyone wishes to pay their subscriptions today I am only too happy to accept them. Anyone wishing to pay by bank transfer, that is also available and I can furnish you with the details. I can also take cash or cheques, but at the moment, not credit cards. Thank you.

Item 6. Fixture Secretary Report. Chris Dawes started by thanking Janet Bolland for all the work she has done on the ladies fixtures as it is quite a difficult job to put all these fixtures together. You will all have received your fixture cards from David Taylor and as you can see we have 21 friendly games this year, plus one for September 2024. That is in addition to all the league matches that we have.

There are two errors on the fixture cards that I would like to point out. The first one happened this morning which unfortunately I couldn't do anything about. It concerns the Avon visit on Monday 17th April, which has now been brought forward to Monday 3rd which means if you wish to bowl on 17th April and it is not raining, you may do so. The second one is that on Saturday 20th May there is a friendly game at home against St Mary's which reads as Friday 2nd. This should be Saturday 20th.

There will also be a desk diary which will have all the fixtures entered to prevent double booking etc.

Thank you.

Item 7. Riviera Triples League. Maggie Goldsmith started by saying that the object of the Riviera league, which consisted of three mixed triples teams was to give new and inexperienced players the chance to play competitive bowls, for all members who were not registered in the "A" team. We do need experienced skips especially at the beginning of the season. We try to rotate the players to give them experience to move forward to the other leagues and friendly games. This year we are in division 2, which is equal to division 1. We are all on the same level, it doesn't mean that we have been demoted, only that the teams are in a draw and allocated into the parallel divisions. We are in division two playing on Thursday mornings and playing against Marlton, Victoria, Babbacombe, Torquay and Brixham St Mary's, both at home and away.

Our first match being away at Babbacombe on Thursday 11th May. We hope to have a Riviera practice before the season starts, so keep your eye on the board and as Thelma said, put your name up if you wish to play in the Riviera League. Thank you.

Item 8. Men's over 55's Triples League. Graeme Davies began saying that we have two teams in the over 55's triples leagues, one in the "V" division and one in the "W" division, both playing on a Wednesday morning at 10am at home and away, consisting of two rinks of three. (6 players per division.) We would like to win it this year, as we have in the past when Roy Moore was Captain. Please put your name on the Over 55's team sheet if you wish to be considered for this league. Thank you.

Graeme's report to the Men's pre-season meeting.

Please see attachment 3.

Item 9. Club tasks and reports.

- a. Pavilion. Mick Stephens, read by the secretary. **Please see attachment 4.**
- b. Green team. Bill Gray. Nothing to report.
- c. Catering. Sally reported to the meeting that she now has a couple of helpers: Val Newman and Pamela Martin. She also inquired if we still wanted to continue with the pasties this year. A show of hands endorsed her request.
- d. Tea Rota. Sally Hoare mentioned that she was in possession of this year's tea rota and suggested that it would probably need two members for each league game, this of course doesn't include the bar staff and the green team. The teas for the friendlies would be set up inside the pavilion, for the players to come into the clubhouse at half time. (tea, coffee and biscuits) The league games, (the ladies A & B and the men's A teams along with the over 55's and Riviera, are all trays on the rink. Now there was a query last year about the tea pots being carried down the steps to the green. If you are not happy to carry these down the steps, hopefully there will be someone available to do it for you. Otherwise tables would have to be set up on the grassed area in front of the pavilion and the players would then have to come up the steps to get their tea and biscuits. Speak to the Captain of the day to discuss your preferences. If the raffle is to be run, you would need to team up with someone who knows how to use the raffle machine, plus someone will need to bring the milk. (taking the money for it from the cash box in the fridge) Also if after you have put your name forward for the rota and you find that you can no longer do it, it is up to you to find a replacement. Hopefully you can start filling in the list this morning, for April & May. Thank you.

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- e. Bar.** Yvonne and Steve Cornish. Yvonne said that there was not a lot to report, other than everything was ready, the bar area and glasses etc. have all been cleaned, ready to be opened for the men's fish and chip supper on Wednesday 12th April. We had a request last year to stock some zero alcohol beer, so we have decided to stock just one for now to see how well it sells. There have been some changes to the way that the money is collected on friendly games & we will have a meeting of the bar helpers on Tuesday 4th April at 2pm to discuss how we proceed. If you are able to come along, please do. We will be sending out an email to all the bar helpers, which will include the fixtures etc for April and May. Thank you.
- f. Club Competitions.** Linda Oakden/Ralph Lynn. Thelma spoke on Linda's behalf, as she has a very bad cough and was unable to come this morning. The only thing that Linda wanted to mention, was a reminder about the Diary. She said, "Please do not pre-book roll-ups in advance or indeed block book rinks other than for Competition games and County games. Only what's on the fixtures are pre-booked, together with friendlies. Roll-ups happen when you turn up and play on an available empty rink" Thank you.

At this juncture, Vic Ellery reminded the meeting that as Ralph Lynn who was appointed as the Men's Competition Secretary was not very well (we all wish him a speedy recovery) and has stepped down from this position. This now means that we need to find someone to take on this roll, as Linda cannot be expected to cover this on her own. The outcome being, that if we cannot fill this position, we would not be able to have any men's internal competitions this year.

We asked last night at the men's meeting and didn't get a response, so I have been asked to bring it to the meeting this morning. So please think about this, as the reality is that we would not be able to organise any men's internal competitions for the coming season, unless this post is filled.

It was mentioned from the floor, that the men's competition secretary does not have to be a man.

This would also affect the all day competitions, such as the Doug Barnard Trophy and the Bodyworks Trophy etc. So it is important that this position is covered.

Ken Butler said that he had passed all the information over to Ralph last year and still has all the information on his computer, so if someone takes this on, he would be prepared to help by passing on any information that is needed.

Item 10. Any Other Business Ken Penhaligon said that he would just like to mention that, my good lady Mo Penhaligon has passed her Level Two Coaching Course. It was six weeks of hard graft, involving 2 hourly sessions on the computer at a time. She did very well and is now available to take any coaching that will be taking place on a Monday morning. This was greeted by a round of applause and congratulations.

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Joe Cussens mentioned that during last year he had heard that there was a marking awareness course that was scheduled to be held in the Life Centre at Plymouth. He applied to join, but found that it was fully subscribed, including Thelma and Linda from our club. He would like to go on a course if one became available this year. We desperately need markers in our club and he had spoken to Linda who told him that there would be some sessions for her and Thelma to pass on what they had been taught on this course.

The ladies had actually arranged one for the following week and he was very welcome to come along on that day and any other men who were interested. Thelma would send another email out to notify the members when the next one will be held.

Jenny Moore remarked that her husband Roy had always said that he would mark for anybody, as it is surprising what you learn from marking a game, especially if you are marking experienced players.

Ken Butler mentioned that the course last year was greatly oversubscribed and Gilly was trying to put on another course in April and TJ and myself were on that list to go, so Joe might be able to join us on that one. Ken said that he would speak to Gilly to see if Joe could join them.

Thelma mentioned that there is a date now for the annual spring clean of the Pavilion on Wednesday 12th April at 9.30am. The ladies were hoping that perhaps the men could come along at the same time, when setting up the green etc. The secretary said that this had been raised at their meeting last evening and Bill Gray had said that this was ok would organise it.

Jenny said that the next item was a reminder that the annual subscriptions were due and David Taylor would be on hand after the meeting to collect them from anyone who wished to pay today.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 10.35am

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