

Minutes of the Pre-Season Meeting held on 15 March

The meeting opened at 10am with 22 members present. Captain Mo took the Chair.

1. Apologies - Apologies were received from - Sue Dawes, Jean Tully, Margaret Holbrow, Lin Oakden, Mo Wilmot, Mo Thomas, Audrey Taylor, Marion Turner, Sandra Sutton, Bebs Harvey, Mo Thomas, Mo Wilmot, Sally Hoare.
2. Captain's Welcome - Captain Mo welcomed everyone to the pre-season meeting and informed the meeting that Fred Hoare was currently in hospital and all wished him a speedy recovery.

Captain Mo informed us that this was the start of her 20th year in bowling so she felt it was appropriate that being Captain in her 20th year was right as it was giving something back to the club.

Captain Mo is keen for both teams to push for promotion this season from their respective divisions. It will be lovely to see the A Team back up in the division they should be in and stability in the team will be important this season. The B Team finished third and showed great team spirit so there will be a real push this season for promotion for them. Captain Mo emphasised that all the games in the league are competitive it is important to remember that we need to enjoy playing our games. Captain Mo said that team selection will be undertaken after the full pre-season meeting as there will be confirmation who is joining the club this season.

There are 36 friendly games so plenty of opportunity to play this season for players of all abilities and experience. Captain Mo mentioned the working party which had worked through the winter season to look at designing a club shirt which if agreed by the club would be for the season commencing in 2020. Captain Mo informed the members that Bowls Devon need six to nine months to agree a design hence that if the club agrees it won't be for this season.

Captain Mo gave us some important dates

- 8 April Ladies Lunch at Berry Head 12:30 for 1pm
- 12 April Spring Clean at the Club 10am (bring your own cleaning materials please)
- 13 April Try It for New Members at 12 noon
- 13 April OPENING DAY at 2pm
- 20 April - potential social evening TBC
- 26 April Ladies A v B at 2pm
- 30 April Ladies v Gents at 2pm
- 22 May Interclub v Paignton Torbay Away at 2pm
- 18 August Charity Day - Cystic Fibrosis is Captain Mo's chosen charity

- 6 September Ladies' Captain's Day

Captain Mo informed the meeting that members will receive their Club Card tomorrow with the season's fixtures on it. Captain Mo thanked Chris Dawes and Barry Goldsmith for the design and production of the cards which look very good. Captain Mo also thanked Janet Bolland for all her hard work on getting dates for the fixtures. The final thanks went to Anne Gray on purchasing the biscuits, toilet rolls and other essential items.

3. Catering Co-ordinator - currently there are no nominations for this important role. The key times for this role are Club Nights, the Liskeard Day and the Rosebowl against St Mary's. Captain Mo requested that we all please consider if this role would be one you could undertake.
4. Tea Rota - Captain Mo has created the Tea Rota and asked for names for this. Captain Mo knew some members were concerned about carrying trays out. There had been discussions about a ramp but this isn't possible however Captain Mo urges anyone who is concerned about carrying the trays out to the rinks that they ask for help to do this as there are usually a number of people here on match days who are not playing.
5. Club Competitions - Jenny Hopkins explained that forms are available for entries and that entries need to be in by 5 May. Jenny emphasised that more entries will be welcome and that the club competitions give invaluable experience to all players no matter how long they've been playing for. Jenny urged that more people enter the Championship.
6. Club Night - Captain Mo and Lin Oakden are happy to continue to run the evening as long as the members are happy with the arrangements. Captain Mo said how much she enjoyed Club Nights and that there was always a very good atmosphere and buzz on a Wednesday evening. Captain Mo recognised that often the experienced players have a number of games in the week but that the experienced players offer much to the Club Night so she would welcome more experienced players being present. The first Club Night will be Wednesday 1 May.
7. Pre-Season Clean - Captain Mo said how well the clean went last year especially the chairs which looked fabulous. Captain Mo urged as many members to come to this as possible and to bring cleaning materials with them.
8. There was no AOB