



Brixham Bowling Club

Minutes of the Men's Pre-season Meeting held in the clubhouse on Friday 24th March 2023 at 7pm and chaired by David Moseby

There were 23 members present, with 7 apologies.

Item 1. David welcomed everyone to the meeting thanking them for their attendance. The Men's Pre-season meeting held last year on March 15th 2022 was accepted as a true record of that meeting. (Proposed by C Dawes, seconded by G Davies)

Item 2. Captain's report.

It is an honour to be Captain of this wonderful club for the third time.

The role of Captain has just a few challenges throughout the season but it is a role I really enjoy. I am delighted that Vic Ellery has been elected as Vice Captain and I am looking forward to working with him and am sure I can knock him into shape for when he takes over as Captain next year. (Subject of course to him winning the vote against all the other men who will throw their hat into the ring!!) It is so important for the Club that the Men's and Ladies Captains teams work together and I am delighted that Thelma and Jean have been elected. We had a very successful meeting the other night; in fact we got thrown out of the Cricket club, as they wanted to close. We really had a good night and made lots of plans for the coming year. I was delighted to buy the drinks for the evening and have made a note to ensure they all repay the compliment.

The secret of a successful club is to continually bring in new members to keep our numbers up and to bring a smile to our Treasurers face!!

Thank you to all who have offered to help on Try it Day, (Saturday April 15th at 10am) but the big message is: Please try and bring somebody along with you as this is the only way this club can survive, so please badger your neighbour, a mate or someone else that you know.

Vic Ellery told the meeting, that since we have had an advert on Fish town's social media platform, he has received at least seven phone calls in the last few days from people showing an interest in joining our club. David thanked Vic and all those who have distributed posters and fliers etc. There are some extra poster's here if anyone wishes to take some to display around the town or your local vicinity. Also, Social Media is the way forward as well, so please spread the news amongst your contacts.

There is so much bowling available again this year, whether you are a social bowler or ultra competitive. Remember it is our hobby, so have a wonderful season and let's all support each other to make the best of it.

Thank you,

Captain Dave.

Item 3. Date for the men's dinner.

David mentioned that in the past we have gone to the cricket club, but sadly Andy Young the Chef is no longer there.

In the meantime they may have had a replacement Chef, but we understand that this one has already left after a few short weeks.

After consulting with Vic and a few other male members, we have decided to have a Fish & Chip supper here in the Pavilion on Wednesday 12th April at 7pm. The bar will be open, so the profits will stay within the club. Please see Vic after the meeting to give your order and pay your money. The cost will be £10 for Fish & Chips.

(We shall be ordering from “David’s” and they will deliver them that evening)

Item 4. Try It Day. This will be on Saturday 15th April starting at 10am, Vic and I will be running this session so please do your best to support it.

Opening Day. This will be on the same day, Saturday 15th April in the afternoon commencing at 2pm. Thelma and Jean will be running the competitions that afternoon, so please try and be here by 1.30pm to allow time for the teams to be picked beforehand. Also throughout the season, it will be helpful if you turned up at least half an hour before the start of any game, to enable last minute adjustments to be made to the teams, especially Friendly games. Chris Dawes asked who would be bowling the First Wood.

David said that the ladies had asked our **First Lady President Jenny Moore** and she had agreed. **So Jenny Moore will bowl the first wood of the 2023 season.**

“A” team and Riviera.

David Moseby told the meeting that there would be two sheets posted on the notice board for the male members to put their names on. One for the “A” team and one for the Riviera Mixed Triples. As you know, last year saw us breaking the Riviera rules every time that these games were played. This was due to the fact that all male members were registered with the MDL as **‘Brixham “A” team’** and as we were in the MDL 1st division this would have prevented them from playing in the Riviera League. Therefore this year the members who wish to play in the Riviera Mixed Triples must be registered as such, so they would then be unable to play for the “A” team. Likewise the members who wished to be considered for the “A” team selection (and as we are still in Division 1) must be registered with the MDL, which will prevent them from playing in the Riviera League.

The “A” team is a bit more complicated this year, as we all have to have an identifying pin number which has to be entered on the match cards for each player every time they play.

Over 55’s.

Graeme Davies told the meeting that we have two teams entered in the Over 55’s league, one in Division “V” and one in Division “W” Last year we finished second in both divisions. Paignton who were in our “W” Division won the League overall, after beating the winner of “V” Division. They are now promoted to the Premier League, along with Babbacombe who came third. We are continuing with both teams again one in each division.

We need to get as many men as we can playing competitive bowls and would like to have one team of 8 registered men in the “W” division where we have a chance of winning, which would be run by me and all the other men registered for the “V” division which would be run by Vic Ellery. This would give every man a chance to play, as we don’t have a men’s “B” team again this year.

Also Chris Dawes has offered to take care of the match cards, filling them out and forwarding to the Over 55's match secretary when required. We would therefore need to know who would like to play in the Over 55’s on a Wednesday morning at 10am both at home and away. The Secretary said that he would produce a sheet to be posted on the notice board for the Over 55’s League tomorrow at the Club pre-season meeting.

Men’s Competition Secretary.

David Moseby reminded the meeting that at our AGM last year, Ralph Lynn had offered to be the Men’s Competition Secretary for this year. Ralph at the moment is not at all well

and has had to decline the position. We wish him well and hope he recovers to be able to come back to play again later in the season.

This now leaves the club without a Men's Competition Secretary.

Would anyone like to take on this position for this year? Bearing in mind that if we do not have a Men's Competition Secretary, there would probably not be any Men's Competitions this year.

Linda Oakden, who is the Competition Secretary for the Ladies does not want to take on the Men's Competitions, so I would urge you to think seriously about this.

We shall mention it again at tomorrow's Club Pre-season meeting.

[Request from the Ladies Pre-season meeting.](#)

The secretary had received a request from the ladies meeting. They have fixed the annual spring clean of the Pavilion for Wednesday 12th April at 10am and are asking if it was possible for the green team to be on site at the same time so that the men's changing room could be cleared ready for cleaning.

Bill Gray indicated that this would be possible, so the secretary said that he would inform the ladies.

Now this is the morning of the same day as the men's supper, plus on the following day (Thursday 13th) the pavilion is booked as a polling station for a parish poll from 4pm until 9pm. So the after the fish & chip supper, the room would have to be cleaned and set up for the poll.

[Item 5. Any other business.](#)

Vic Ellery produced the Coronation Cup that he has purchased and had engraved for presentation at the Coronation Celebration Match on Monday 8th May at 2pm.

David Moseby accepted it on behalf of the club and thanked Vic for his contribution for that day. The Ladies were organising that event, so the cup would be handed over to them.

Graeme Davies said that on his welcome sign on the corner of the fence, the club contact number was that of David Hayden. (Who has since left the club) So he would organise it to be replaced with the secretary's home phone number.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.35pm

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