

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 15 November 2018 at 2pm

In the Chair : Fred Lewis

1. Apologies.

From:- Bryan Parsons; Brian Tabb, Mandy Holland, Clive Harley; Keith Marshall; Bernard Menzies; Peter Ford; Isabel Baldry; Shirley Williams, Leslie Davenport, Lin Hexter, Bob Brown, David Strange, Steve & Debbie Taylor.

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM

...were accepted proposed by Dave Lowden, seconded by Colin Pearce.

3. Matters Arising.

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report.

See Appendix 1.

5. Secretary's Report.

See Appendix 2

6. Treasurer's Report.

Marcia presented the Accounts which were accepted.

7. Captain's Report.

See Appendix 3

8. Fixture Secretary's Report.

See Appendix 4

9. Lady Secretary's Report.

See Appendix 5

10. Green Marshall's Report.

Mark paid tribute to Harold Gamlin for his service on the green team & thanked all the green team members for their work during a year where the weather conditions were testing. He also thanked all club members for respecting the green and would welcome anyone who wished to join the team.

11. Match Secretary's Report.

See Appendix 6

12. Competition Committee Report.

See Appendix 7

13. Coaches Report.

See Appendix 8

14. Election of Officers & Committees.

There were no vacancies in the Management Committee. There was however an unfilled vacancy for Ladies Vice Captain, who also sat on the Ladies Selection Committee (filled by Viv Marsden after the meeting under Section 8.3 of the Constitution). Derek Andrews and Bob Smith filled the vacancies on the Competitions Committee. A vacancy (male) still exists on the Mixed Selection Committee.

The structure is attached at Appendix 9

15. Election of President.

Pat Blake was voted in as President.

16. Election of Examiner.

Bob Brown was voted in as Honorary Examiner

17. Honours Board.

Pat Blake proposed that the old Honours Board should be reconstituted from the photographs and a series of smaller Boards produced to sit above the windows in the club house. It was generally agreed this was a good idea. Bob would investigate.

Pat said she would contribute towards the cost.

John Osborne agreed to place the photographs on the website.

Bob Smith
Secretary,
November 2018

Chairmans Report 2018

Welcome everyone to our AGM for 2018. It's a pleasure to see so many attending and your interest in the club activities is much appreciated by the committee. It has been a very eventful year but I should start with the sad news of the recent deaths of two of our most hardworking and longstanding members, Jim Harvey and Harold Gamlin. The club will miss their contribution to the running of the club very much.

I thank our Secretary, Bob Smith for organising all the improvements to club, ie new paving, new shed, extra lighting and for the ongoing work to the patio and boundary fence . This is all very time consuming and he and his helpers are to be complimented on all their hard work. Several members of the committee are stepping down this year and I appreciate all the hard graft they have put in over many years. Marcia in particular is having to give up the treasurer's job after many years and I thank her for her past support. It is not easy to keep the club running smoothly and I hope you will all support the new committee in the coming year.

The club congratulates Marcia on being awarded the Devon Bowls Merit award for her contribution to bowling in Devon and several of us are going to Exeter to see her being presented with the award.

The committee proposes to award honorary membership to Bernard Menzies and Marcia in acknowledgement of their past services and Bob will propose this later.

Our President Bryan Parsons has done a great job over the last two years and his reign comes to an end at this meeting. The committee have approached Pat Blake who has agreed to take over his mantle subject to approval of the meeting and again Bob will propose this later.

I would like to thank the committee and everyone involved for helping run the various special events over the past year like the Patrons and Section 8 matches and the bbq and Athletics club Gala Day. I thank Roy and Mandy Holland who organised a very successful Christmas meal and are doing so again later this year.

Finally I have decided not to continue as Chairman. Whilst I enjoyed my times as Captain, Secretary and Chairman I found it was getting too much for me and I needed a break. I will of course continue to help the club as much as I can.

Secretary's Report

Marcia Harvey & Bernard Menzies had both been invited to become Honorary Members of the Club for their many years of service. Both had accepted.

Bowls Devon.

Need for the Club to develop a Safeguarding Policy and to have a Safeguarding Welfare Officer.

Section 8 AGM.

Only 5 Clubs out of 12 had entered the County Trophy, so only a single League this season.

Vacancies for deputy Treasurer, Secretary & Chair on Section 8 Committee – volunteers required.

Men's P & D League AGM.

The following Motions would go before the AGM. Following a paper vote, Yealmpton would vote as below:

No.	Motion	For	Against	Abstain
1	24 end league			*
2	Same no. of ends home & away	*		
3	Tailoured Shorts North Down/SFD			*
4	Allow same motion following year	*		
5	Transfer Fees			*
6	2 Divisions in Sat. League		*	
7	Evening League re-organisation	*		

Secondary Vote.

If Motion 1 (to start a 24 end only league) is successful, Yealmpton would opt for:

24 End League	
32 End Leagues	*

Maintenance.

A decking area had been constructed next to the shed. Many thanks to Ken Mundell for designing & building and to all those assisting in work around the green.

A new fence had been put up on the boundary with the cricket ground, paid for by an interest free loan from Bowls Devon.

GDPR.

The new Regulations had been implemented and would have to be completed each year.

Emergency Contact Numbers.

Colin Burgess had proposed that members could provide an emergency number if contact cannot be made with that member. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary.

First Aid Course.

A number of members had attended a First Aid Course provided free by the Red Cross. Further courses could be arranged if required.

Captain's Report

Alas another season has come and gone, a season during which we have experienced both sadness and celebration. The passing of our dear friends Jim Harvey and Harold Gamlin and the deterioration in the health of Bernard Menzies.

The celebration of club competition winners and the joy of winning the occasional friendly match. We played a total of 21 friendlies, we lost 12, won 8 and drew 1.

Although we received a reasonable response for members signing up to play in these matches, I feel there is still room for improvement and I would urge members, both old and new, to participate in these matches. Please note that they are, as stated, "friendlies". A time to play and enjoy without any pressure.

I have several thank you's to mention. Firstly to Mark and members of the green team for their continued hard work in maintaining the green to a very high standard especially this last year were the conditions of extreme heat during the summer made it unusually difficult. Secondly the brown team for the maintenance work that they continually carry out and especially to Ken Mundell for constructing the decked area which we look forward to putting to good use during the forthcoming

seasons. Thirdly my vice captain Jim Spendlove who is always there to assist me whether it be officiating at friendly matches or on Friday evenings at club night.

It was nice to see a good attendance at our club bar b que which was held on 2nd September and I would like to thank Bob Smith, Mel, Jim Spendlove and Fred and Hilda in making it a very successful occasion.

The idea of having a bar, serving both alcoholic and soft drinks has proved to be extremely popular, especially after home friendly matches and other occasions such as our bar b que, and my thanks and appreciation to Don and Rosanne for providing this. Proceeds of which are of great use towards club funds.

Due to the success of our last Christmas dinner, which was held at Boringdon Golf Club, I have again booked this venue for this year. It is to take place on the evening of Thursday 13th December. To make the evening a more sociable event it has been decided that club competition trophies, for winners and runners up, will be presented after the meal.

Finally I would like to thank my wife Mandy and you the members for your continued support.

Fixtures Secretary's Report

Key dates for next season including club competition finals have been agreed.

Friday club night will start at the earlier time of 5.30 on the 16th August.

The club will host

Devon Bowls Presidents Mixed Friendly (6 Rinks) 6th June and Patrons (5 Rinks) 24th June

Ladies P & D Plymstock Bees v Plymstock Birds 25th April

Mixed Friendlies 16 dates agreed so for

South Hams Triples 3 Clubs agreed Kingsbridge Town still to be agreed.

Ladies Secretary AGM REPORT

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN MY REPORT BY THANKING THE LADIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN WHAT HAS BEEN A HARD YEAR. NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY HOT WEATHER BUT THE STRUGGLE TO FIND ENOUGH PEOPLE TO PLAY IN THE P&D LEAGUE. SELECTION TENDED TO BE "IF YOUR NAME IS DOWN YOU'RE PLAYING" HOWEVER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE MATCH WE MANAGED TO PUT OUT A FULL TEAM FOR ALL OUR GAMES , WHICH COMPARED TO OTHER CLUBS WAS EXCEPTIONAL, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

THE LADIES WON 6 P&D GAMES AND LOST 8 AND WE CAME THIRD FROM BOTTOM IN DIVISION 2 AND SO, THE ONLY WAY IS UP, WE HAVE RECENTLY GAINED SOME NEW EXPERIENCED PLAYERS AND SO WE CAN HOPE TO RISE IN THE RANKINGS NEXT SEASON.

SEVERAL OF THE LADIES FROM THE CLUB WERE SELECTED TO PLAY IN REPRESENTIVE MATCHES NOT ONLY FOR THE P&D BUT IN SEVERAL SECTION 8 GAMES. FOUR LADIES FROM THE CLUB WERE SELECTED TO PLAY IN THE JUBILEE TROPHY AGAINST TEAMS FROM OTHER SECTIONS IN DEVON AND WERE PART OF THE SQUAD WHO GOT THROUGH TO THE FINAL AT TORQUAY, LOSING NARROWLY TO SECTION 1.

PAT AND ROSEANNE ACHIEVED SUCCESS IN THE OVER 70'S PAIRS AND AFTER A HARD FOUGHT GAME LOST IN THE QUARTER FINALS TO A TEAM FROM SIDMOUTH AT SIDMOUTH.

P&D LEAGUE NEWS . THE TWO TEAMS FROM SECTION 2 GOING UP TO DIVISION 1 NEXT SEASON ARE PLYMSTOCK BEES AND BUCKFASTLEIGH, BOTH OF WHOM GAINED 18 AND 12 POINTS RESPECTIVELY FROM GAMES CONCEDED BY OTHER CLUBS. THIS IS WITHIN THE RULES BUT WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. BOTH TEAMS WOULD PROBABLY ACHIEVED PROMOTION ANYWAY BUT NOT BY SUCH A LARGE MARGIN. THE TWO TEAMS COMING DOWN ARE ORESTON AND SALTASH. TWO TEAMS HAVE PULLED OUT OF THE LEAGUE NAMELY BERE ALSTON AND LEE MOOR AND TWO CLUBS, SIR FRANCIS DRAKE AND PLYMPTON.HAVE ASKED TO PUT ANOTHER TEAM IN THE LEAGUE AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A SHOW OF HANDS TO DISCOVER YOUR FEELINGS ON THIS ,

THE RULE CONCERNING "ADVERSE WEATHER" WAS DISCUSSED, AT LENGTH, BY THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AND THE DECISION WAS MADE THAT THIS COVERED THE EXCESSIVE HOT WEATHER THAT WE HAD HAD THIS YEAR

AND IT WAS SUGGESTED, THAT SHOULD THE SAME WEATHER PATTERN OCCUR IN THE FUTURE, PLENTY OF BREAKS SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR THE INTAKE OF WATER AND THAT THERE WAS NO REASON WHY THE TEA BREAK SHOULDN'T BE TAKEN AT THE HALF WAY POINT OF ANY MATCH.

THE MAJOR COUNTY COMPETITIONS NEXT YEAR ARE IN A BIT OF DISARRAY, DUE TO THE FACT THAT NOT MANY PEOPLE HAVE ENTERED. THESE COMPETITIONS, IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THESE GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON A PLAY BY BASIS BUT HAS NOT PROVED A POPULAR DECISION AND SO THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE WILL HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND I WILL LET THOSE PEOPLE, WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THIS RULING, KNOW AS SOON AS I DO.

WE HAVE HELD TWO SUCCESSFUL QUIZES THIS YEAR MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WERE INVOLVED IN THE ATHLETICS DAY AND THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED ON THE DAY. THE DAY RAISED AROUND £1,000.

COFFEE AND MINCE PIES 8TH DEC. 10.30AM, DONATIONS INSTEAD OF XMAS CARDS

TREE IN CHURCH 10TH-15TH DECEMBER

P&D AGM SATURDAY 17TH 10.00 AM PLYMSTOCK – ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND IT IS ALWAYS A SHORT MEETING SHOULD BE AWAY BY 11AM .

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

Colin George took over role early August.

Immediately apparent what a difficult job Jim had taken on. For evening and Saturday games there were not enough names entered on the availability sheets to pick a full side. This meant having to ring round asking for players. It was pleasing that I was able to persuade some members to play, and they contributed well. However I was also very disappointed with the lack of enthusiasm from a significant group who refused to involve themselves in these games.

For evening games there were a total of 23 members who played at sometime, and for Saturday 22 members played. That meant that about half of the men membership refused to play. I find it incomprehensible that someone would join a bowls club and then not play for it when asked.

We have enough talent in the club to compete, and have success, in the Saturday league, County Trophy, Top Club, Foxlands and Farleys. I am not saying that we would win them all, but with the contribution of all players we have a chance to do well. To win a trophy enhances the reputation of a club and good players will gravitate to a successful club, thus ensuring its survival.

Because of a lack of commitment we found it difficult to do well. It was only by a narrow margin that we stayed in the second division. If there is more involvement by members next year I will take on the role again, subject to the agreement of the club and my own health.

Competition Committee Report.

1. All the competitions were successfully completed last season, helped by the good summer weather;
2. Four finals days had to be organised, rather than 2, as the same players ended up in more than one final;
3. The Honours Board will be updated following the AGM;
4. There were more entrants this year than in the previous couple of years, but it was hoped even more would enter next season;
5. Colin George had proposed a new competition for next season and this would be considered by the new Competitions Committee.

Coaches Report.

We had 8 new members this year although a few were recruited late in the season and did not receive the full course, so will need more instruction in the new season.

I would like some of the newer members to have more instruction on rules, position of play and etiquette, so maybe we could do that early next season.

I would like to stress to the new members that although we are a competitive club our main aim is to promote friendship in bowls. When you join this club you are entitled to bowl as much or as little as you want to. If you only want to come and have a roll up that is fine just enjoy it, but I would say the best way to improve your game is by playing competitive bowls.

So next season think about entering club comps, friendly games and even league matches. Don't think you're not good enough there is nobody in this club who is not beatable, it's been proved time and again its all on the day.

So however inexperienced you think you are put your name down for some friendly and league games, or let the selectors know that you could be available if needed.

Remember if the team plays short we lose 25% of our score so just by playing you could win the match for us.

Whatever you decide, when you turn up and play bowls, just enjoy it, you are always welcome. Finally I would like to thank Bob for all his help with the coaching this season.

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Management Structure 2018-19 Season

President.....Pat Blake

Management Committee

Chair.....Colin Burgess

Treasurer.....John Osborne

Club Captain.....Roy Holland

Ladies Secretary.....Judy Smith

Match Secretary.....Colin George

Fixture Secretary.....Mike Hexter

Green Marshall.....Mark Pope

Club Coach.....Colin Burgess

Secretary.....Bob Smith

Other Club Officers

Vice Chair.....Mike Kerswill

Club Vice Captain.....Jim Spendlove

Ladies Captain.....Judy Smith

Ladies Vice Captain..... Vacancy

Selection Committees

Men's Selection Committee: (5)

Colin George, Alan Barwell, Bob Smith, Tony Thomas, Mike Kerswill

Ladies Selection Committee: (3)

Judy Smith, Pat Blake, Viv Marsden

Mixed Selection Committee: (5)

Club Captain(Chair), Viv Marsden, Margaret Strange, Jim

Spendlove, Male Vacancy

Competition Committee: (5)

Pat Blake, Judy Smith, Mike Hexter, Derek Andrews, Bob Smith

Other Position

Website Manager..... John Osborne