

## Minutes of Spring Meeting 2017

1. Meeting was opened by Mike Kerswill, our Chairman who warmly welcomed everyone and commented on the fine turnout. He thanked all the volunteers for doing their various jobs and wished us all a successful season. There were no minutes to approve for the last spring meeting as they were not taken and therefore no matters arising. He asked for more members to join the Brown team who were meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April to prepare for the season.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mel Eglinton, Lin and Dave Rowley, Rosemary Taylor, Clive Briggs, Peter Court Hampton, Neil Ashcroft, Keith Marshall, Theresa Brenton and Viv Marsden. A total of 37 people attended.

3. Secretaries Report. Diaries had been collected and were passed out. The Match Secretary and the Secretary had attended the Bowls Devon meeting and minutes will be pinned up when received. The Patrons fixture lists were also distributed and paid for. The Patrons are holding a Social event from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Torquay and notice is displayed. Leslie Dempsey is organising another weekend break at Torquay and again details are on notice board. The cleaning rota is on the notice board and also the website.

4. Treasurers Report. Marcia had little to report other than we had about £900 more in the bank than at the same time last year.

5. Captains Report. Roy had not much to report as yet. Opening day is 15<sup>th</sup> April and names for first friendly matches should be put on lists. Tea rota is on the notice board and soon will be on the website. If you cannot make the dates given you must find replacement. Club nights will start on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

1. Fixture Secretaries Report. No one was there to give report. Please note Ladies P&D match against City Bus is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July not as shown.
7. Ladies Secretaries Report. The Yealmpton school gala day was to be 17<sup>th</sup> June. Several of our ladies attended the P&D AGM where they were presented with a trophy for coming second in Division 2 and were promoted to Division 1. The proposal regarding abandoned games was accepted and rule now now reads “Teams awarded a win for an unplayed match, or unfinished match through default of their opponents, or by a breach of the rules, shall receive SIX POINTS ONLY AND 10 SHOTS, THE DEFAULTING TEAM TO BE DEDUCTED 10 SHOTS.” Judy is to be congratulated for gaining her county badge and this will be awarded on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Tavistock at the Devon Ladies versus Section 7 game. Spectators are very welcome to go along to watch the proceedings. Judy pointed out that the Spring Cleaning Day on 12<sup>th</sup> April was open to all and encouraged the men as well as the ladies to help out. There will be ladies roll-up 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.
8. Mark Pope, our Greenkeeper was happy with the state of the green and thanked all members of the green team for their efforts and especially Derek Andrews for getting the machinery ready for the start of the season.
9. Jim Harvey, our Match Secretary said lists were up in men’s changing room ready for the first matches.
10. Roy Holland thanked Marcia for preparing the internal competition sheets and he asked all members to enter as many competitions as they could. Please remember that if you enter a competition you must be available to play in the final if you get that far.

11. Derek Counter asked the result of the Christmas placenames competition and Judy confirmed that Don and Rosanne had won £10 with the remainder of takings going to club funds.