Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Spring Meeting held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 22 March 2018 at 1400 hours.

Chairman's Introduction

Fred thanked members for attending and also thanked those who had helped at the Club over the last year. He mentioned the website and the changes planned. Fred also mentioned that he had drafted entries for the local Patrish magazines.

1. Apologies.

Keith Marshall, John Hockaday, Don & Roseann Burridge, Peter Medway, Olive Hudson, Anthony Benham, John Osborne, Alan Barwell, Mike Kerswill, & Bob Brown.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 March 2014 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising.

No matters arising..

4. Secretary's Report.

Website – John Osborne had devised a system whereby members could put their names down for games through the website. This would be trialled by the men's selection. An email would be issued to members interested with appropriate instructions.

Section 8 Spring Meeting. Changes to the method of achieving County Badge were being proposed by the County Competition Committee, as were changes to the men's County Trophy competition (all details in the minutes of Competition Committee meeting 6 February, which were on the Bowls Devon website. S106 Bid – the refurbishment of the pathways & the erection of the new shed have been completed and apart from some electrical work the project was now complete.

Some storage units had also been acquired through funds donated by South Hams.

Bob reported that the Athletic Club had unsuccessfully bid for monies to replace the Bowls Club fence and to enhance the car park. It was hoped to resubmit the bid in the next round. The Duck Race was on 15 July this year and the Sports Gala on 9 September. Bob was also asking the Athletic Club to fund a defibrillator for the site.

Patron's Rules had changed to allow mixed rinks at all matches. Anyone interested in playing matches next season should let Bob know.

The cleaning rota has been placed on the Notice Board.

Diaries & Year Books have been received.

The gate code will be changed from 1 May.

If there are any new shirts, sweaters or other equipment required please let Bob know, so an order can made to the suppliers.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Nothing to report

6. Captain's Report.

Roy thanked everyone for supporting him over the last year and hoped that more people would put down their names for the 23 mixed friendly matches.

Because of the success of the Christmas Dinner Roy plans to organise the Christmas Dinner again this year and also a summer BBQ.

The tea rota list was on the notice board.

7. Fixture Secretary's Report.

John was unavailable for the meeting, but the Fixture Lists had been printed and delivered.

8. Lady Secretary's Report.

Judy reported that there were some changes to the Officers at the P & D L AGM.

The ladies were demoted to Division 2 last year and asked for more players to put their names down for selection this year.

There is one change to the printed fixture list - the match against Plymstock on 14 April will now commence at 1030.

After some discussion about raffle formats, it was agreed to continue as before but with some variation to the prizes.

Cleaning day was on 4 April starting at 0930.

Opening Day was on 14 April – food & raffle prizes required.

Ladies roll-up session this year would be on Wed. 18 April at 2pm.

Events for which catering will be required – Patrons match on June, 3 County Matches as on Fixture List and a match between P&D and Cornwall.

9. Green Marshall's Report.

Mark said the green was in good condition following a winter of rain, frost & snow. The green team would be working on the green over the next few weeks to get it ready for Opening Day.

He would welcome new volunteers for the green team.

10. Match Secretary's Report.

The men had had a pretty good year last season and hoped to repeat that this year. Sheets for the first few games had been placed on the notice board.

11. Competition Secretary's Report.

A meeting of the Competitions Committee would be convened soon & sheets for the Club competitions placed on the Notice Board for Opening Day.

12. AOB

Don & Roseann had agreed to run the bar again next year.

Colin said that a new bowls stall had opened in the pannier market.

Bob Smith Secretary 22 March 2018

Note: The match between P&D and Cornwall referred to on the Lady Secretary's Report has since been cancelled.