

## Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Spring Meeting held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 17 March 2022 immediately after the AGM 2021

In the Chair: Fred Lewis

### **1. Apologies.**

From :- Mark Pope, Clive Harley, Roy Holland, Trevor Morris, Derek Andrews, Colin George, Jim Steer, Olive Hudson, Diana Lee, Bob Brown, Peter Court-Hampton, Andy Lugg, Sue Bell, Lin Hexter, Ian Pepper.

### **2. Minutes of 2019 Spring Meeting.**

The minutes of the 2019 Spring Meeting had been circulated. These were accepted unanimously.

### **3. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. President's Report.**

Fred thanked the management team for the smooth running of the Club during the Covid period. They had to deal with many problems and make decisions during a period in which it was not possible to hold meetings. Fred also thanked:

- Peter Ford and Bob for the time invested in improving the website; and
- The Competitions Committee for their work in reviewing the structure of the Club's competitions.

Finally, Fred wished the Club a very successful 2022 season.

### **5. Secretary's Report.**

Bob thanked everyone who had helped to keep the Club going during the past 2 years. He informed Members that the Bowls Devon Diaries will be collected by Colin George at the Section 8 meeting which will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March. He also noted that this was likely to be the last year that Bowls Devon issued diaries.

A new membership list will be issued after 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### **6. Treasurer's Report.**

Mike informed the meeting that on the morning of the meeting £7,798.87 was held in the Club's bank account. This included 6 early payments of 2022 Membership fees. He informed Members that the final loan repayment was made in December 2021 and that the fence belonged to the Club!

## **7. Captain's Report.**

The captain was not present at the meeting due to attending a fellow members' funeral. In his absence Fred informed the meeting that there was nothing to report.

## **8. Fixture Secretary' Report.**

Fred informed Members that all fixtures had been arranged and dates were on the website. He was looking forward to a good season.

## **9. Ladies Team Captain Report.**

Judy thanked the ladies for their support over the last 10 years and presented Annette with the Captain's badge.

Annette informed Members that she and Mandy would be sharing the role this year but that she was the named Ladies Captain. Annette had contacted all ladies and encouraged them to play LPD matches, the first of which is on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

A ladies roll-up has been arranged to the afternoon of 20<sup>th</sup> April.

On behalf of all the ladies Annette thanked Judy for her work over the last 10 years, including the planting of the pots around the edge of the green.

Judy was presented with a plant by Annette, in club colours.

## **10. Green Marshall's Report.**

The winter management programme is ongoing and showing good results. Special thanks went to Derek Andrews for treating the moss.

A workday on the green had been arranged for 9am Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Mark hoped to see many volunteers turn out to assist.

## **11. Men's Team Captain Report.**

On behalf of the Men's Team Captain who was unable to attend the meeting, Bob informed Members that the Men had entered the following leagues, as well as the usual Cups:

- Saturday League      3 rinks      24 ends
- Evening League      3 rinks      21 ends
- Triples League      3 rinks      18 ends

The selection procedure would be the same as last year. An email will be sent to all the male Members.

All matches will be picked at least 1 week prior to the match date. The selection will be displayed on the Club Notice Board and the website on the day of selection.

## **12. Competition Committee Report.**

Annette went through the Report with Members. All motions were passed.

The Husband & Wife competition will be renamed Mixed Pairs. Members will choose their own playing partner from the opposite sex. Husbands and wives will not be precluded from playing together.

The Novice Cup will be renamed the W.Longman Trophy and entries to this Cup will be restricted to those who had not won a singles competition at Yealmpton or any previous Club.

Club Pair & Triples will be played with only one match per day (weather permitting, heat or rain).

A Player of the Year award will be introduced. The award will be made to the Member who has contributed the most to that year's competitions, be it as a player, a marker, part of the greens team etc.

The handicap system will change so that it is fairer to all.

The Club Rules will be updated to reflect the agreed changes.

### **13. Website Report.**

The Spring Meeting 2020 initiated a website review. There were concerns over the management of data and security issues were raised by 2 Members. In November 2021 a questionnaire was issued to 60 Members. Only 8 replies were received. Following various discussions, it was agreed that:

- The website was required, it was used regularly and was generally fit for purpose;
- Extra security around Members information was required;
- The Club Constitution, Rules & Fixture List would be website based and printed only on request;
- A Management Information Blog would be useful and would become the main means of communicating with Members;
- Due to lack of demand there would be no website instruction manual or demonstration.

Peter and Bob had prepared and issued a paper in advance of the meeting setting out how data should be managed and controlled. There were no questions or concerns regarding the paper. It will therefore be added as an Appendix to the Club Rules.

A new Membership area will be set up on the website. Access will be controlled by password.

Bob informed the meeting that the website is totally dependant on Peter and himself.

A third person is required to shadow Bob and Peter. Members were asked to volunteer if they felt able to assist.

### **14. AOB.**

**Catering** – Annette informed the meeting that, in the Club Constitution, catering would be carried out by a committee comprising the Ladies Captain, Ladies Vice Captain, Ladies Secretary and Ladies Past Captain. She read out a Notice of Intention for 2022

“Catering to be managed by a committee of Members to be responsible for catering at appropriate events. They would also produce a tea rota for the season for matches requiring teas to be served.” This was accepted and will be taken to the 2022 AGM for a constitution change.

**Devon Patrons** – Bob has received details of the Patrons matches and he will circulate this to Members.

**Honours Board** – work is underway to bring the Board up to date for the last 3 years, which was proving complicated.

**Roll-Ups** – These will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. All rinks will be reserved on Tuesdays.

**Club Night** – Roy is keen to reintroduce Club Night. This will take place every Friday evening from 6pm.

**Coaching** – Colin will provide coaching for all Members on Tuesday mornings.

**Gate Security** – the code for the gate will be changed on 1<sup>st</sup> April. All Members will be informed of the new number via email.

Bob Smith & Yvonne Willis  
Secretary & Admin Support,  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2022