

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 27 October 2022 at 2pm

In the Chair: Fred Lewis

Prior to the start of the meeting Fred asked members to observe a minutes silence to respect Peter Medway who had passed away recently.

An attendance list was circulated. This will double as the GDPR Statement for the year. By signing the list members agree to their names, email addresses and membership status being added to the membership. Those not in agreement were asked to place a 'x' by their name. Members were also asked to use the attendance list to update their personal information if required.

1. Apologies.

From:- Trevor Morris, Brian Kidd, Barbara Kidd, Alan Lowe, David Pain, Peter Court-Hampton, Mary Yalland, Sue Bell, Mel Eglinton, Derek Andrews, Judy Smith, David Lowden, Ken Mundell, Steve Taylor, Olive Hudson, Diana Lee, Lin Hexter

2. Minutes of 2021 AGM

The minutes of the 2021 AGM had been circulated. These were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

A full review of the new management structure to be undertaken prior to the 2022 AGM.

This was carried out by the Management Committee at the 7 and 26 July 2022 meetings. Feedback from all present was that the new structure was working well. Bob Smith informed the AGM that the Club would go ahead with the new structure.

4. Chairman's Report

Fred said that the year had been generally successful whilst recognising the issues that arose during the year with Mixed Friendly matches. He thanked Mike for looking after the Club funds and wished him well for the future. He also thanked Mark and his team for the upkeep of the green. Colin George was thanked for fulfilling the men's matches. Annette Court-Hampton and Mandy Holland were thanked for their efforts with the ladies matches. Competitions proved challenging but all were completed so that winners cups could be presented at the Finals BBQ day, which was a huge success thanks to Andy Lugg, Annette Court-Hampton and Colin George and his band. Colin Burgess was thanked for coaching the new members. Yvonne Willis was thanked for ensuring Members were kept informed of events and for assisting Bob Smith to update the Constitution. Special thanks went to Bob Smith who is standing down as Secretary after many years. Peter Ford was thanked for the work that he has carried out with the website.

Congratulations went to Pat Blake who has become a life member in recognition of her long service to the Club.

Finally, Fred thanked everyone for the assistance he had received over the last 14 or so years and wished the Club a very successful future.

5. Secretary's Report

A proposal to change the content of the Membership List held on the website to include personal email addresses and membership status and was made by Yvonne Willis and Seconded by Bob Smith. The Membership List will remain password protected. Details of these changes were circulated with the agenda and accepted by those present at the AGM.

The lease with the Athletics Club runs out in 3 years time. Negotiations to renew the lease are being handled by Solicitors.

In recent months there have been problems with youths in the car park. Advice is being sought from the Parish Council and the Police.

Devon Air Ambulance wish to use the athletics field for night landings.

Bob informed the meeting that the Rules were no longer fit for purpose and that he, Colin Burgess and Yvonne Willis had been charged by the Management Committee to undertake a full review before the Spring Meeting.

Bob reminded members that a quiz night had been arranged for Saturday 12th November.

Bob will be standing down as Secretary at the end of this meeting. He recalled some features of his term of office and thanked all who had helped & supported him over that period. He wished Yvonne every success in taking on the mantel of Secretary and hoped that members would support her as well as they had supported him.

6. Treasurer's Report

Mike thanked Bob Brown for his help and assistance as Honorary Examiner. He also thanked Bob Smith for his help in paying funds from the clubhouse into the bank account. Funds available at 30 September 2022 were £9,786.28. Bob Brown has prepared a document highlighting the changes in the year. Mike invited any interested Member to discuss the document with him at the end of the meeting.

7. Club Captain's Report

Andy reiterated Fred's comments regarding the problems in getting sufficient members to play mixed friendly matches. From a pool of 60 members only 12 players were needed. At times this was not possible. Of the 25 matches due to be played, 4 were cancelled

because of bad weather, 2 due to heat, 3 by the opposition, 5 because we were unable to field a team. Of those played, Yealmpton lost 8 but won 3. Andy thanked Brian & Barbara Kidd for the Teas and Raffles and Don & Roseann Burridge for providing and running the bar. He also thanked Yvonne Willis for her help after he assumed the Captain's role part way through the year.

8. Men's Team Captain Report

The Men played in the Saturday, Evening & Triples Leagues and finished the season half way up the league tables. They were able to field full teams in all but 1 of their matches. The system of pre-notification had worked well during the year. As with mixed friendly matches, the number of members willing to play was just 21 out of a pool of 42.

Colin George presented the motions to be put forward at the Men's P&D AGM which will need a 2/3 majority to be accepted. As directed by the Members Colin will vote in favour of all motions. These are attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

Bob Smith commented on the questionnaire sent to the Men Members, which resulted in a 50/50 split regarding the number of matches played. There is a desire by the Men to continue playing in all 3 leagues. A final decision will be deferred until after the P&D AGM when the number of clubs in each division becomes clearer. Yealmpton will therefore enter into the 3 leagues but may withdraw later. Colin reinforced to members that more teams in the division will lead to more games. This season, in a 20-week period, men played 85 matches!

9. Ladies Team Captain Report

The ladies only played in one league. All matches were played with the exception of Yelverton (home & away) when teams could not be raised. Like the Men, the Ladies finished half way up the league table. In 2023, there will be an additional team playing in the league, meaning 2 additional matches.

Annette was pleased to report that entries for the 2023 County Competitions were double that in 2022. She was also pleased to report that, in 2023, Yealmpton was hosting the Benevolent Triples (6 rinks) and the County 4's.

Special recognition of Roseann Burridge, Viv Marsden & Judy Smith's efforts in the Ben Trips in 2022, where they were beaten in the final by a team from Plymstock.

Yealmpton require more lady members and Annette will try to recruit some new members during the winter months.

She thanked Mandy Holland for her support in their shared role this season and on behalf of Mandy and herself thanked Judy Smith for her support during the handover of roles.

Annette spoke of the issues surrounding Clubhouse cleaning, reminding Members of the need to keep the Clubhouse clean from a health & safety point of view. A proposal was circulated with the agenda, suggesting that Members who do not wish to undertake a duty can pay an additional £15 to pay for a stand in cleaner. There was a discussion about whether or not the green team and the Management Committee should be on the cleaning roster due to the amount of work they carry out during the year. The proposal suggested that on application to the Management Committee, dispensation would be considered for the green team and any other member whose health would make it difficult for them to undertake a cleaning duty.

Annette was asked to bring this item back to the Spring Meeting when it would be more relevant.

10. Fixture Secretary's Report

Fred informed the meeting that everything went smoothly so far as the fixture planning for the 2022 season was concerned.

Bob Smith informed the meeting that due to the issues encountered this season, the number of mixed friendly matches would be kept, where possible, to 1 per week. This will equate to 14 overall, including Patrons and Devon Masonics and will involve a home and away match with selected clubs. Matches against Plymstock, Plympton, Totnes and Yelverton are in place for 2023.

11. Green Keeper's Report

Work on the green has continued throughout the year, with the aid of the green team and other enthusiastic volunteers. At times, the work has been hard, due to the hot weather that was enjoyed by all. Mark thanked everyone who has helped this year, noting that there had been a wonderful response. New volunteers are always welcome. Mark and his team are looking forward to another great year of green keeping and of course bowling.

12. Competition Committee Report

Annette thanked her fellow committee members. She noted that all competitions had been played. The mixed pairs was successful and the final 'finals' weekend really good. She thanked Andy Lugg, Colin George & the Catering Committee for making the weekend such a success.

New cups are needed – Mixed Pairs and men's runners-up cups. Anyone wishing to sponsor a cup should contact Annette.

The Competition Committee met at the end of September to review the 2022 competitions. A number of changes are proposed for 2023, and are attached at Appendix B. Details were circulated with the agenda for consideration by the Members.

All changes were accepted except the automatic inclusion of all members in the Mens & Ladies Handicap and Championship Competitions.

Mike Hexter asked what would happen if there were insufficient 'new players' to make the Longman Trophy a viable competition. Annette felt that this wouldn't be an issue and if it did become one the matter would be addressed.

Jan Harrison-Jones asked if the Club Pairs and Triples could be played during the week. Annette said this would be possible, but weekends would also be set aside in the fixtures calendar for these matches.

13.Coach's Report

Colin Burgess said it had been a quiet year for new members but those that had joined have turned out to be good Club members. Next year the coaching policy will be changed in the hope that new members are up to scratch with all aspects of the Club.

Colin asked that any queries regarding the rules and etiquette should be directed to him and/or Bob Smith.

Colin also informed the meeting that there were various items of clothing available in the ladies changing rooms. Anything not wanted at the end of the meeting would be donated to St Lukes.

14.Safeguarding Report

Colin Burgess was pleased to report that there was nothing to report. Under direction of Bowls England an accident book had been placed in the Clubhouse. Accident forms must be completed in the event of an accident occurring at the Club. Details are held on the website.

15.Website Report

Peter Ford informed the meeting that despite some challenges the website had survived the season and met its task. There are a few minor issues which need resolving with the Management Committee. The results will be reported at the Spring Meeting.

Peter welcomed the proposed revisions to the new member coaching period to include a website briefing. All members are encouraged to ask Peter for help if they have issues with the website.

Bob Smith thanked Peter for all his work with the website and noted that one other local Club had copied the Yealmpton set up.

16. Election of Officers & Committees.

Bob Smith explained that the Athletics Club no longer have a President. It was suggested that the Club should consider the requirement of this role, which is sometimes difficult to fill especially as the Constitution states that the President should alternate between male & female. A vote was taken, with the majority supporting the removal of this role from 2023. A list of all posts filled through the usual nomination procedures was circulated with the agenda. The following posts remain unfilled:

- Admin Support Volunteer – Carrie Dixon will act as a Minute Secretary. The other aspects of this role remain vacant.
- Mixed Friendly Committee – one male member. This post was filled at the AGM by Ray Moorhouse.

All posts were filled without the need for Members voting.

17. Election of Examiner.

Bob Brown has agreed to continue as the Examiner of the financial accounts and was voted in as Honorary Examiner.

18. Proposed Changes to the Constitution.

A number of changes have been proposed mainly to reflect the changes to the Management structure. Bob Smith is the proposer and Yvonne Willis the seconder. Details of these changes were circulated with the agenda.

There are also proposed changes regarding the Ladies and Men's Selection Committees, the Competition Committee, the Catering Sub Committee and the Control of Funds. Details of these changes, the proposers and seconders were circulated with the agenda.

All changes were accepted and the motion was passed unanimously.

Prior to the meeting closing, Bob Horne queried the purpose of Club Night, which had been poorly supported in 2022. Andy Lugg informed him that in 2023 there wouldn't be a Club Night. It was trialled for 2022 and proved unsuccessful. Bob also questioned the dress code and was informed that the code applied to all members.

Yvonne Willis
Admin Support,
27th October 2022

11. Motions..... **Proposal 1.** From Plympton B.C. Seconded by Oreston B.C.

Addition to Rule 21.1.1. In the event of the Met Office issuing an extreme weather warning, clubs may postpone and re-arrange to an agreeable date without being penalised

Proposal 2.....Devonport Park B.C. Seconded by Stuart Road B.C.

Amendment to Rule 27.1.3 That Saturday League and Evening League matches be played with three rinks of four players(12 Players) and that by mutual agreement teams can opt to play with 4 rinks of 4 players(16 Players)

Proposal 3.....North Down B.C. Seconded by Yealmpton B.C.

To amend Rule 29.1...(Saturday League) Division 1 will consist of 4 rounds each of six ends played on 4 rinks (24 ends). If participating clubs mutually agree 4 rounds of eight ends can be played on 4 rinks(32 ends). Division 2/3 to consist of 3 rounds each of 8 ends on 3 rinks(24 ends). If participating clubs mutually agree they can adopt Div.1 rules.

Proposal 4.....North Down B.C. Seconded by Yealmpton B.C. If the Proposal 3 is passed to aid some clubs in Div.2 one team only promoted and relegated from Div.1 [this is because some clubs might not be keen on entering Div.1 or might not have enough of a squad to play with 16 players].

Proposal 5.....North Down BC Seconded Sir Francis Drake BC.....To make the Evening League a little more fun "2 points awarded to each winning rink and 6 points to the winning club"

Proposal 6.....North Down BC Seconded Sir Francis Drake addition to Rules 33.1.2 and 33.1.3 Clubs who wish can wear coloured shorts/trousers as long as they are registered and approved by Bowls Devon/ P&D this to include Saturday League

Competitions Committee for AGM October 2022

Changes for 2023 –

- **Ladies 2 wood** competition to be open to all members, male and female and would become just **Club 2 wood competition**.
- **Minimum entries** for all competitions to be **8**
- ALL members to be entered in the draws for the **Men's and Ladies Handicap and Championship** UNLESS they opt out. (this would not include new members).
- **Club Pairs** to be reduced to 3 woods and therefore 18 ends
- **Longman Trophy** to limit entries to those either in their first 4 years of bowling outside (anywhere) nor have won any singles competitions at any outdoor club.
 1. **Herbie Chilcott** –those eligible to enter the Longman would be split across the teams as far as possible.
 2. **Pairs and Triples** finals to be played on Club finals weekends. Earlier rounds to be played over a weekend, which could include the Friday night.
 3. **Handicaps** to continue as last year