

# Yealmpton Bowling Club

## Minutes of the Spring Meeting held at the Clubhouse on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

The meeting was opened by Andy Lugg (Club Captain) who told members that he was deputising for Chairman Roy Holland who had Covid.

### 1. Apologies

From Don & Roseann Burridge, Mary Yalland, Alan Lowe, Adrian Stearnes, Ken Mundell, Diana Lee, Mandy & Roy Holland, Trevor Morris, Dave Lowden, Steve Taylor, Norman Jenkins, Peter Court-Hampton, John Hockaday, Tony Benham, Derek Andrews, Lin Hexter, Leslie Marsden.

### 2. Minutes of 2022 Spring Meeting

These were accepted by the meeting and were proposed by Bob Smith and seconded by Mel Eglington.

### 3. Matters Arising

- A new lease is being negotiated with solicitors and the outlook is positive.
- Extra security has been added to the website by Peter Ford to protect membership details.
- Gate code is in place and the number will remain the same this year.

### 4. Secretary's Report

Yvonne thanked the committee for their support and particularly Bob for his extensive hand over notes. She also thanked the membership for putting their trust in her.

The mince pie morning raised £61.80 which was donated to St Lukes. A letter of thanks has been received.

The honours board has been updated.

A new membership list will be posted on the website after 14<sup>th</sup> May and will include email addresses where the member has agreed to sharing this information.

BD and BE affiliation fees for 2023 are £9 for each playing member and £1 is paid by the Club for each league player. If members were not intending to play this season (but to continue as an associate member) they were asked to inform the Secretary as soon as possible.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

The Clubs bank balance at the end of last year was £9,932.34 and at the end of February was £8,647.08.

While there have been large increases in all costs, the greatest increase this year will be to the electricity costs. The existing supplier has offered a 1 year easy Fix which will cost circa £436pa compared to the current cost of £176pa. Most companies will not quote due to the low usage. Ian Pepper will look into the possibility of a generator but this will have to be in place by the end of April.

Membership fees are to rise to £110. The Management Committee have discussed fees and will propose, at this years AGM, an additional paragraph in the Constitution which will read "A member not able to partake in organised matches/roll-ups due to health reasons, may, on request in writing to the Club Captain and Secretary, benefit from a maximum 50% reduction in their membership fees". Mike added that if any member

is experiencing difficulties with a one-off payment this year, an approach to the Treasurer or Secretary for payment by instalments would be considered with discretion.

#### 6. **Club Captain's Report**

8 Home Mixed Friendly and 6 Away matches are on the website. Spare weeks have been offered to the competition committee for early rounds.

Friday Club Night is to be discontinued due to lack of support last season. It will be replaced by a roll-up on a **Thursday afternoon** from 2pm – 3.30pm. This will be followed by tea/coffee/biscuits and a bar if there are enough volunteers to run it.

Colin Burgess said he would like to run some extra coaching sessions on Friday evenings for the first few weeks of the season starting at 6pm and asked for support from members to come along and play at that time.

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

P & D matches this year will be 3 teams of 4 as in 2022.

Matches can be cancelled if there are severe weather warnings – heat or rain.

Some teams will be playing in black trousers this year (not us).

Players need to complete the match availability form to indicate their willingness to play in men's matches. Once the teams are picked Colin asked that any requests to withdraw be put in writing to himself or a member of the Men's Selection Committee.

#### 8. **Ladies Team Captain Report**

Ladies will be playing in P & D league with 2 rinks of triples.

After requests from some ladies Annette will be arranging some informal sessions through the season with the first afternoon being on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Teams will be selected from sign up sheets in the ladies changing rooms and on the website.

#### 9. **Fixture Secretary's Report**

There will be 35 mens and 18 ladies fixtures this season which are all on the website.

Printed fixture sheets are available from Bob for £1.

Mixed Friendly teams will be selected in the same way as the Mens teams. All members need to indicate which category they fall into and return the completed match availability form to Bob or Yvonne. Subsequent changes by members can be done on the website or through the Selection Committee.

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

Maintenance has continued over the winter. Materials have been purchased and stored ready for the season.

Volunteers were requested for a working party on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9a.m. rain or shine to prepare the green. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

### **11. Coach's Report**

A new coaching system is to begin this season (details in the new rules on the website). This will include a new fee to be charged for 6 weeks of coaching. Support was requested for members to help with new players on Tuesday mornings or Friday evenings.

New coaching will include familiarisation with the website. These sessions will be open to all members and will be held in the Clubhouse.

### **12. Safeguarding Officer's Report**

Colin informed the meeting that he intends to step down next year so a new officer will be needed. By 2025 every club will be required to have a trained Safeguarding Officer. BD are running online 3hr training sessions.

There is an accident book above the first aid box in the Clubhouse and ALL accidents need to be entered in here, self inflicted ones included.

Annette and Ray will be doing a Risk Assessment for the Club in the next few weeks and requested everyone to mention any possible problems they may have noticed.

### **13. Competitions Committee Report**

We intend to run a full complement of competitions this year for both men, ladies and mixed teams. It is important to have at least 8 entries for all singles competitions so we can have 3 rounds, quarter, semi and the final and to have at least 2 rounds for team competitions.

The dates for the Ashcroft final and the Herbie Chilcott final will be 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> July respectively. To encourage newer members we intend to make the Herbie Chilcott teams 3 + 1 member in the first 4 years of bowling. For all team competitions some dates have been set aside to play early rounds to make it easier to get together.

The competitions committee for this year will be Colin George, Andy Lugg, Yvonne Willis, Viv Marsden and myself (Annette).

The cost of each entry will remain at 50p. Viv will be collecting money from the beginning of the playing season.

### **14. Website Manager's Report**

The website is ready for the season and work rosters will be added when completed.

### **15. Estate Manager's Report** – Ian Pepper will complete any electrical work required to comply with our recent electrical inspection report. A day will be required to do some indoor painting in the Clubhouse.

### **16. Rules**

Yvonne had issued a document detailing all the changes to the Rules. The updated document will be put on the website. One of the rule changes is to the dress code which is being relaxed for much of the social play/roll-ups. This will be trailed for one season and revisited at the end of the season.

### **17. Cleaning Roster**

Annette underlined that everyone in the Club needs to take responsibility for keeping the Club clean and tidy. A roster will be made and it will require some members to do more than one duty in the year. Members were reminded that they need to check for their duty and change it if necessary. An offer is available for any member to request a

paid cleaner at a cost to that member of £15 (this will be a private arrangement through Annette).

A new hoover has been purchased.

#### **18. AOB**

Bob Horne asked about the type of shoes that could be worn on the green. Bob Smith will make enquiries with Bowls Devon to determine any changes.

A 'work day' will be arranged before the beginning of the season – Andy will inform members of what will be needed.

Opening of the season – The green will be available from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April with the first roll-up morning on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. The official Opening Sunday will be on **April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm. A Captains v Chairmans match will be held – details will be sent by email.

A new members Open Day is being considered and members were asked if they would be willing to help out – a date in May or June will be considered.

Andy announced that Pat Blake had been offered, and accepted, honorary membership in recognition of her past service to the Club.

With no further business the meeting closed at 3.15pm