

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday 31st October at 2pm

In the Chair: Roy Holland

Prior to the start of the meeting Roy asked Members to observe a minutes silence to respect Bob Brown and Brenda Andrews who had passed away during the year.

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 list and shared/used by Club Officers, Members and where relevant Bowls Devon Section 8.

1. Apologies.

From:- Trevor Morris, Brian Kidd, Barbara Kidd, David Pain, Peter Court-Hampton, Mary Yalland, Mark Pope, Mel Eglinton, Steve Taylor, Mike Hexter, Lin Hexter, Viv Marsden, Yvette Steward, Nigel Pitt, Pippa Pitt, Vicky Ingram, John Hockaday, Pat Blake, Adrian Stearnes, William Sacharov, Stephanie Sacharov, Tony Benham, Mark Pope, Carrie Dixon, Nigel Dixon,

2. Minutes of 2022 AGM

The minutes of the 2022 AGM had been circulated. These were accepted as a true record. Proposer Colin Burgess, Seconder Andy Lugg.

3. Matters Arising

A full review of the Rules to be undertaken prior to the 2023 Spring Meeting.

Bob Smith, Colin Burgess and Yvonne Willis undertook a full review of the Rules. Changes were made and the updated Rules were taken to the 2023 Spring Meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

Roy welcomed everyone to the AGM, noting the disappointing turn out (28 members from a membership of 60+).

Roy thanked the Committee for their continual commitment to the Club and offered special thanks to Yvonne. Special thanks also to Peter Ford for controlling the website.

Roy noted that the season had been challenging for Annette who fulfilled the dual roles of Ladies Team Captain and Chair of the Competitions Committee, the Men's Team Captain, Colin George and the Club Captain, Andy Lugg.

Roy thanked everyone who supported the end of season BBQ and thanked Colin George and his band, Sunset Swing, for entertaining us.

Roy noted the social events that are being organised – a quiz night on 18th November, a Christmas Fayre on 9th December and the post-Christmas meal on 11th January. Full details are on the website.

On a more sombre note, Roy asked members to keep Mark Pope, his wife Lin and Mike Hexter in their thoughts at this difficult time in their lives, also Derek Andrews following the recent loss of his wife Brenda.

5. Secretary's Report

Yvonne thanked the Management Committee for their hard work during the year. She also thanked the Management Committee and the Members for their support.

Yvonne gave an update on the lease negotiations with the Athletics Club, which has been drafted and is being reviewed by Solicitors.

Devon Air Ambulance has been granted permission to use the athletics field for night landings. This is now with the Parish Council for final planning approval.

A few minor changes are required to the Club Rules. These will be updated prior to the 2024 Spring Meeting.

There are various vacancies on the Bowls Devon Section 8 Committee. Yvonne read out the list of vacancies and asked anyone interested to see her after the meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Yvonne read out the following statement on behalf of the Treasurer and Management Committee:

Due to Mike's ongoing health issue, Ian Pepper was co-opted as Treasurer by the Management Committee in July and Peter Ford as accounts examiner following the death of Bob Brown. At the present time the accounts are not available. The Management Committee has agreed a short deferral. A working party has been set up (Ian Pepper, Peter Ford & Yvonne Willis) with a remit to produce the accounts as soon as possible, for presentation at the 2024 Spring Meeting.

Yvonne informed the meeting that there was circa £12k in the bank account.

7. Club Captain's Report

Andy informed the meeting that the reduction to 14 mixed friendly matches appeared to have worked well. No matches had been cancelled because a team couldn't be raised. Bad weather caused 6 matches to be cancelled, of those played we lost 5 and won 3, including a fine win over Devon Patrons.

14 matches will be scheduled for the 2024 season. The team selection process was somewhat easier and it would have been even easier if members had kept their information regarding availability up to date. Changes will be made to make it easier to do this in 2024. Andy thanked all members who had taken part in matches and social events, in particular those who organised and helped with the catering.

Special thanks went to Don & Roseann for providing the bar for many years. Don & Roseann are handing this responsibility to the Club and Ray and Yvonne have offered to take on the job.

Andy asked for members to support the forthcoming social events which are being organised.

8. Men's Team Captain Report

Colin George reported that the men had had a poor season as evidenced by the results going against us. At times it was difficult to field a strong team due to members extended holidays or illness.

Colin reported that the men would withdraw from the Evening League next season but would play in the Triples and Saturday League.

Changes will be made so that the men's playing squad can update their availability more easily on the website.

Colin informed the meeting that this is likely to be his last season as Men's Team Captain. Bob Smith presented the motions to be put forward at the Men's P&D AGM. As directed by the members Colin will vote against motion 1 and in favour of motions 2 and 3. Following a show of hands, Bob was asked to contact PSFD regarding motion 6, the formation of a mixed Triples League. Bob Horne asked that if this could be played as a friendly rather than a league. Members noted that in the past the Club had participated in the South Hams Triples League but withdrew due to lack of support and the travelling distance. The motions are attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

Bob also informed the meeting that the Men's P&D Rules had undergone some tidying up. The members asked Colin to vote in favour of all changes at the Men's P&D AGM.

9. Ladies Team Captain Report

Annette was pleased to report that the ladies had a successful season, finishing 3rd in the second division. Bere Alston have asked to rejoin the league, this will result in an additional 2 matches.

Annette reported that 7 ladies had entered County Competitions - Jan Harrison-Jones reached the Section round of the Unbadged Singles and Yvonne and Viv made it through to Exonia in the Major Pairs.

Annette informed the meeting that it was with great sadness that we learned last week of the sudden death of Tina Phillips, the secretary for County Competitions.

Yealmpton have been asked to host the prestigious Devon vs Section Ladies match in June. Annette noted that it was nice to welcome some new lady members to the club and hoped more will join us next year.

Annette thanked all the ladies who had supported her during the season and hoped that they would continue to do so in 2024.

10. Fixture Secretary's Report

Bob Smith informed the meeting that everything went smoothly so far as the 70 fixtures were concerned.

The number of mixed friendly matches for the 2024 season, 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, Marldon, Totnes and Yelverton are in place for 2024.

P&D matches for 2024 will be arranged later. With the men dropping out of the Evening League there would be approximately 10 less matches.

11. Green Keeper's Report

Work on the green is continuing under the Green Sub-Committee.

Bob thanked all the volunteers who have helped with the green and hopes that they will continue to assist next season.

Bob confirmed that a 12-month contract had been taken out with a green's expert. The contract comes with a cost and the Management Committee will need to determine how the green is maintained at the end of the initial contract.

12. Coach's Report

Colin Burgess said that the New Bowlers Open Day had proved a success with the recruitment of new bowlers and the transfer from Oreston of Graham & Joey Walker. He thanked everyone who helped out on the day.

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

Colin thanked Bob Smith for his help during the season, noting that he had come to rely on him.

13. Safeguarding Report

Colin Burgess was pleased to report that there was nothing to report.

14. Website Report

Peter Ford informed the meeting that despite some challenges the website had survived the season and met its task.

Peter ran 2 introductory website briefings during the season and recommends continuing with this next season.

Peter will start setting up the website in readiness for the 2024 season.

15. Competition Committee Report

Annette noted that 2023 was an interesting season. With the exception of the Longman Trophy, all competitions ran with at least 8 entries. She noted that the change to the Herbie Chilcot selection of teams seemed to have worked well and said that it would be lovely to see more members involved in the club competitions next year. New members would be encouraged to get involved with early rounds being played at more convenient times, i.e. evenings.

The 'week' of finals was successful ending with an enjoyable BBQ and prize giving.

Looking forward to 2024 the Competition Committee have agreed that dates are advertised before competition entries open.

There was no objection to the increase in competition fees to £1.

Finally, Annette thanked the committee members - Colin George, Andy and Yvonne with special thanks to Viv who undertook the difficult task of collecting the entry fees.

16. Election of Officers & Committees.

A list of all posts filled through the usual nomination procedures was circulated with the agenda. When the nomination sheets were closed, the following posts remain unfilled:

- Admin Support Volunteer
- Ladies Selection Committee – one female member. This post was filled prior to the AGM by Mandy Holland.
- Mixed Friendly Committee – one male & one female member. Ray Moorhouse filled the male vacancy prior to the AGM and Jan Harrison-Jones filled the female vacancy at the AGM.
- Competitions Committee – one vacancy. This post was filled prior to the AGM by Anne Purr.

All posts were filled without the need for Members voting.

17. Election of Examiner.

Peter Ford has agreed to continue as the Examiner of the financial accounts for the year ending 30th September 2024. He was voted in as Honorary Examiner. He did however inform the meeting that he only wished to fulfil this role until September 2024 and hoped that someone else would step forward.

18. Proposed Changes to the Constitution.

4 changes had been proposed and these are attached as Appendix B to these minutes. Details of these changes were circulated with the agenda.

On a show of hands, Proposal 1 was rejected. Proposals 2, 3 and 4 were accepted unanimously.

The Constitution will be updated to reflect the approved changes.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 15:10.

Yvonne Willis
Hon. Secretary
31st October 2023

P&DL AUTUMN EXEC MEETING 2023

11. Motions..... Proposal 1. From Plymouth S.F.D. Rule 19.1.3

Replace with.. Clubs wishing to register further players, subsequent to this date and within the current registration year, shall forward the player(s) name to the **HON.FIXTURE and RESULTS SECRETARY**. There will be no charge for their **FIRST YEAR**.

TO BE CONSIDERED AT YBC AGM

Proposal 2.... Rule 19.1.5 from Plymouth S.F.D. Delete as obsolete

Re. players residing inside a twenty mile radius

TO BE CONSIDERED AT YBC AGM

Proposal 3.... Rule 30.1.1 from Plymouth S.F.D. amend rule so that the Buckingham and Littleton Cups be reduced to 3 Rinks but can be played with 4 Rinks x 21 ends by Mutual agreement

TO BE CONSIDERED AT YBC AGM. (NOTE THAT YBC WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER IN 2025 – ENTRY IS BASED ON THE CLUB'S POSITION IN THE EL WHICH WE AREN'T PLAYING IN IN 2024)

Proposal 4...Rule 23.1.1 from Plymouth S.F.D. We would like to propose that the P&D set up a working group to discuss a better way of scoring for both the Saturday League and Evening League. This working group to meet and discuss and report back to the P&D.

PROPOSAL 4 REJECTED AT EXEC MEETING. NO ONE WOULD SECOND

Proposal 5....Rule 19.1.7 from Tavistock S.F.D. delete “containing a minimum of 20 players” and insert “up to 3 players in the B Squad may be starred and will be eligible to play for the A Team. Any of the starred players shall not play more than 4 matches for the A Team once they exceed 4 matches they will automatically become A Team registered and will not be able to play for the B Team for the rest of the season.”

PROPOSAL 5 REJECTED AT EXEC MEETING. PROPOSER DOESN'T PLAY IN SATURDAY LEAGUE

Proposal 6 from Plymouth S.F.D. would like to propose that the Triples League be open to both men and ladies

PROPOSAL 6 REJECTED AT EXEC MEETING. PROPOSER DID NOT EXPECT IT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD. NOTE: ANY CLUB INTERESTED IN THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD CONTACT PSFD

AGM 2023 Alterations to Constitution

Proposed changes to Subscriptions

Paragraph 4.3 states ‘A member not wishing to play for a season because of sickness or other good reason may, at the discretion of the Management Committee, retain membership for that season on payment of an administrative fee set by the Management Committee at the start of each season.

I propose that Paragraph 4.3 be altered to read ‘A member not **able to partake in organised matches/roll-ups** for a season **due to ill health** or other good reason may, **on request to the Club Captain and Secretary, benefit from a 50% reduction in their membership fees.**

Proposer – Yvonne Willis

Secunder – Andy Lugg

Proposed changes to Officers

Paragraph 5.2 states ‘The Volunteers of the Club will be: 5.2.1 Club Vice Captain 5.2.2 Ladies Vice Team Captain; 5.2.3 Estate Manager; 5.2.4 Admin Support; 5.2.5 Website Manager

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Proposer – Yvonne Willis

Secunder – Annette Court-Hampton

Proposed changes to Control of Funds

Paragraph 8.3 states ‘The Treasurer will keep accounts and will be responsible for collection of all monies due to the Club and for payment of all monies due by the Club. Cheques drawn on the Club accounts will be signed by any two authorised Club Officers.

I propose that Paragraph 8.3 be altered to read ‘The Treasurer will keep accounts and will be responsible for collection of all monies due to the Club and for payment of all monies due by the Club. Cheques **and internet payments** drawn on the Club accounts will be signed by any two authorised Club Officers. **There will be a maximum of 4 authorised Club Officers, one of whom will be the Treasurer. All will be full power signatories.**

Proposer – Yvonne Willis

Seconder – Ian Pepper

Proposed changes to Disputes or Complaints

Paragraph 13 states ‘Any member having a complaint against or dispute with the Club or any member will present it in writing to the Management Committee, who will follow procedures laid down in current legislation. All affiliated members will accept and abide by Bowls England Regulation 9.

I propose that the heading for Paragraph 13 be altered to read ‘**Disputes or Complaints (including Disciplinary and Safeguarding Cases)** and the wording be altered to read ‘Any member having a complaint against or dispute with the Club or any member will present it in writing to the **Chairman**, who will follow procedures laid down in current legislation. All affiliated members will accept and abide by Bowls England Regulation 9.

Proposer – Yvonne Willis

Seconder – Annette Court-Hampton