

- g) I'd also like to offer my thanks to Ralph in his first year who stepped into Bob's shoes in taking over maintaining the outer green.
- h) As this is the pre-season meeting, the Secretary took the opportunity in reiterating the dress code as explained in the fixture's booklet.

For Matches & Club Events (i.e., Open Day, Fun Day & Finals Day) for:

Men: Club shirt, plain grey trousers, and approved bowling shoes.

Women: Club shirt, plain grey skirt/tailored bowling slacks and approved bowling shoes.

Plain Grey shorts maybe worn during inclement weather.

Drives: Plain White tops, Plain grey trousers, skirt, or tailored slacks, depending on what you identify as, plus approved bowling shoes.

- i) For those who don't have a Club shirt please speak to our Head of Fashion, Jean Savage after the meeting.
- j) Finally, I'd like to thank all the committee and you the members past and present who continue to support the club and wish you well for the forthcoming season.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** I'm pleased to say that at a time where utilities and the cost of living is on the increase financially we continue to remain in a stable position with good membership and a healthy bank balance. Our fund-raising activities during the closed season were well attended and enjoy by all. It's always good to maintain contact with members during the closed season.

- a) The closed season fund raising activities has so far raised after expenditure £139.85 with one more event still to run..
- b) The Christmas Bingo raised £340.60.
- c) Bonus Ball Lottery, receipts so far were £680.00 with £280.00 paid out to winners. £315.00 has been paid into the bank leaving a balance of £85 for future winners. Additional numbers still available should anyone wish to subscribe @ 0.50p per ball per week.
- d) Our largest expense each year is the maintenance of the green, the cost of fertilizer, grass seed, weed and moss treatment, servicing of our equipment plus petrol and other sundries all rising. We are lucky so far that we haven't had cause to raise subscriptions or rink fees. The grants we received through Covid support plus fund raising have enabled us to maintain the green, update machinery, refurb the kitchen without raising subscriptions or rink fees.
- e) Some of you may be aware of the Bottle Bank located at the Lord Nelson pub which is emptied regularly by Breckland Council and each year around May Breckland Council gives the Bowls Club a refund on glass tonnage of about £120 per year. So, if you were not aware of this facility, please deposit any glass bottles or jars in the bank plus let your neighbours know that they'll be helping to contribute towards the club.
- f) Subscriptions for the coming season remain at £30 per person of which can be paid from this evening but must be paid by their first game.
- g) Rink fees remain @ £2.00 per person, Drives at £1.00 per member, £2 for non-members.

We are a self-sufficient club, solely run by its committee for the members dependent on generating income to keep it up & running at the standard its currently at. This is achieved through subscriptions, rink fees, fund raising and donations.

5. League and Fixture Report:

- a) **Club Captain & Age Concern League: TM** – The club is putting forward two teams to play in the ACL which means everyone should get a few games in. There will be some cup games included in this league. As club captain he welcomed the new members and said the lists were available for members to enter their names on the league sheets. He explained the competition for the Roy MacDonald-Jackson trophy played for the Sunday afternoon drives, where 3 games of 6 ends are played each Sunday and the totals are accumulated over the year where the winner with the best average is announced on the Finals Day
- b) Fixtures Secretary & Ashill Triples: PW – Promoted to the 2nd Division.
- c) Dereham League: TN – with 23 players we came 3rd in the league, just missing out on promotion. The Dereham League Presentation day was held at Bradenham 6 blocks with 6 matches, Bradenham entered two teams in but was greatly successful. Bradenham will be hosting again this year. Hospital was run last season.
- d) Mid Norfolk League: PH – The roving cot game has its own challenges where you bowl anywhere you want on the green, then main stipulation is the cot must be a minimum of 19m and a maximum of 37m. Last year we finished holding everyone up, hopefully this year we can reverse that.

6. Inter Club Competition

- a) Richard Woolf the Inter Club Competition Captain discussed at the last Committee Meeting the competition played last season commonly known as a Round Robin. It was agreed it went well and is to be run again this season. As the majority of matches were played on Sunday and because it was decided that no subscription for the competition were due, income from Drives took a hit.
- b) The winner is determined by the first player to reach 11 points so therefore a number of matches from any one group can be played in any one afternoon.
- c) It was agreed that players and markers in the competition will pay normal Drive fees (£1) if the Competition matches are played on days of Organised Drives i.e., Sundays. None organised drive days, no charge.

7. Report on the Green:

- a) The green looking good, even though moss is growing but it's being dealt with
- b) The green will be ready for the Open Day on Sunday 2nd April.

8. Fund Raising:

- a) The 50/50 card is displayed on the notice board where (50% of the takings goes towards the club). The other 50% is split between two prizes of 35% or 15%. You can enter this by entering your name in a numbered box and placing £1.00 per number in the box provided. The draw for this takes place on the finals weekend in September.
- b) Bonus Ball lottery is as mentioned earlier.
- c) The Honesty Box for any donations or items loaned from the club like books and games etc.
- d) Raffles are held at various functions & competitions throughout the year.
- e) Football cards on home match days for DL, MNL & Ashill Triples

9. Any Other Business

- a) A call was known of an electrician who can certify our electrics as its due for insurance purposes.
- b) From Phil, Tailored Grey shorts are allowed to be worn on MNL marches as are in the other leagues we've subscribed too.
- c) The league lists will be displayed on the notice board outside for additions etc.
- d) Bob Parry donated his Bowls Jacket to the club should anyone require it with a donation to club funds.

- e) At short notice and without warning the Club's President was invited to say a few words. He was very pleased with the way the committee and its members pull together as a club. He spoke that knows of many clubs that pull in all ways which disrupts matters. This club all pulls together which is brilliant.

10. Forthcoming Dates:

- a) Sunday 26th March 2023 - Tidy Up Day – 10.30am Refreshments will be provided.
- b) Wednesday 29th March 2023 - Beetle Drive with Buffet Lunch (Everyone is asked to bring a plate of food) – Rosie & Pauline
- c) Sunday 2nd April 2023 – Green Open Day (**Group photograph**) Club shirts to be worn. Richard's wife Alison to be asked if she would take the photograph TBC

11. The meeting was closed at: 8.07pm

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