

RBS BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Bank of Scotland Men's Bowls Club held by Zoom on Thursday 26th November 2020.

The Meeting was convened at 19.10 with Mr J Moore in the Chair and 17 members present.

- 1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Rufus Ballaster, John Borrow, Stuart Duncan, Steve Twigger, Barry Shaw, Peter Dow, Mike Saunders.
- 2) **MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th November 2019 were approved as being a true and accurate record of that Meeting.

3) **OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

a) **SECRETARY** - David Branch reported on:

Membership – This has decreased this year with 38 active members, down from 40. Typically four or five are unfit to bowl at any time leading to some pressure to complete teams for matches.

There are 16 names on the Social members list but many of them have not been to the Club in a long time.

We are increasingly recruiting from local residents and members' friends and we should all encourage as many contacts as possible to try the game.

Rink Bookings – Different this year due to the Covid procedures. An email was sent to the Secretary requesting a rink and this was recorded on the web site and a rink number allocated. If this procedure is unfortunately needed next year then I would recommend that we install an automated system that allows each member to process their own bookings.

External Competitions – The usual Bowls England competitions have been entered. For the Kent Competitions we have 2 entries in the Unbadged Singles, Singles and Pairs and one each in the Fours and Two Woods.

Maintenance – A working party installed a new shed to the rear of the kitchen and this has worked well and our thanks to all involved. The top section of the roof of the Club room has been repaired...

Adoption of the report was proposed by B Derham, seconded by M O'Leary and carried unanimously.

b) **CAPTAIN** – Stuart Duncan's report, circulated prior to the meeting, was as follows:

The chairman's report has pretty much said all that needs saying to sum the 2020 season up.

Should it be officially required our record this year was...

Played 0

Win 0

Draw 0

Loss 0

I'm sure you will all agree that we were extremely consistent!

That is it for the official stats.

I would just like to place on record my thanks to Kevin for his efforts over the last few years in respect of the captains and vice captains positions. If I'm correct he has actually been one or the other for the last four years. You may have noticed from the "nominations list" for next year that he will be taking a break from the role, I can assure you that he wasn't dropped! I also know how much behind the scenes work he has been doing with various issues and indeed continues to do. Thanks for your efforts Kev, I'll miss you 😊. However, I went straight into the transfer market and conducted some very good business by signing up Dave J as vice-captain for 2021 for the traditional fee of "copious amounts of beer". Thanks Dave for agreeing. I think we can at least be assured of having the strongest p****d captaincy pairing next year!! We can only hope that with the more positive events covid wise of late that we actually have a more traditional bowls season next year.

Lastly, it is now less than a month away so I think I can just about get away with wishing you all the best festive season possible and of course a happy new year for 2021! I look forward to hopefully seeing you all in happier times.

The report was passed as read.

c) **FIXTURES SECRETARY** – Stephen Curry said that no Fixtures were played this year. He has agreement to all but two of the Fixtures for next year.

G Harper said that we should consider not printing the Fixtures booklet next year if there again no Fixtures.

SC said that if fewer members were making selection difficult he could look at opting out of some friendly fixtures. GH said that we could wait and see for another season.

JM thanked Alan Friell for organising the Covid competitions which had gone very well.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST OCTOBER 2020.

The accounts and comments were circulated prior to the meeting.

Mike Thomas reported:

Our income figures

Membership Subs were down £281 to £3300. Social Membership fees were transferred to the Joint Account.

The 200 Club paid in £2086 a reduction of £26.

Most other income figures are in line with expectations.

The Bar has been effectively closed this year. We had to pay for the Licence £295 so only made a loss of approx. £40.

Our Expenditure

Most of the Expenditure on competitions and membership of leagues is reduced. Bowls England refunded our membership fee but Kent CBA held onto their fee as it was required for the running of Kent CBA.

The amount we paid to the Joint Account was £4400 which was an increase of £1400 on last year.

The Men's Account made a profit of £1245.82.

K Turner asked where the profit was calculated and MT said this was the on page 2 with income minus expenditure.

G Harper said well done to JM for obtaining the funds from Natwest for the change of name.

MT thanked Bill Derham for acting as Accounts Examiner.

200 Club – John Moore referred to the 200 Club Account and said that the number of subscriptions is slightly lower but he was still able to transfer £2086 to Club funds and £2105 was paid out in prizes. JM noted that older members are holding a lot of the shares.

The **signed copies** of the accounts are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Adoption of the Men's and 200 Club Accounts was proposed by G Harper, seconded by K Turner and approved unanimously.

5) ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The Committee were recommending that Graham Harper should be re-appointed as the President and this was proposed by the Chairman and carried unanimously by the meeting.

6) ELECTION OF OFFICERS and SELECTOR.

At the direction of the Chairman and with the agreement of the meeting as there was only one nomination for each position for Officers the under-mentioned were duly elected en-bloc:

OFFICERS

Club Chairman – J M Moore

Club Captain – S Duncan

Vice-Captain – D Jones

Secretary – M O'Leary

Treasurer – W Derham

Fixtures Secretary – S Curry

Competition Secretary – A Friell

Team Secretary – G J Harper

General Committee – J Borrow, D Branch, K Turner, M Noble

SELECTION COMMITTEE – M Noble in addition to Captain and Vice-Captain.

The Representatives and Managers that have been appointed by the Committee are:

REPRESENTATIVES & MANAGERS:

Kent County Rep – M O'Leary

Manager - PCL & Friendlies – S Duncan

Private Clubs League Rep – G J Harper

B B & D B A Rep – M D'Apice

N W Kent League Manager & Rep – M Noble

LX League Manager & Rep – D Jones

Child Protection Officer – A Friell.

7) APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTS EXAMINER.

David Wrench was proposed from the Chair and was duly appointed Independent Examiner with the unanimous approval of the meeting.

8) ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION (see Club Rule 4)

Mike Thomas said that he did not see a need to change the subscription this year and recommended it remain at £100.

The unchanged subscription rate was proposed by M Thomas and seconded by K Turner. The meeting approved this unanimously.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

- a) LVP** – JM said that it was proposed to appoint David Branch as a Life Vice-President in recognition of his service to the Club as Secretary for seven years.
- b) Men's Committee** – It was proposed that Mike Thomas be co-opted onto the Men's Committee to assist Bill Derham with the accounts for next year. This was agreed.

A resolution was passed as follows:

‘At a meeting of the Committee on today's date it was agreed that Secretary M O'Leary and Treasurer W Derham be added as signatories to all of the bank accounts.’

The **next meeting** of the Men's Committee was agreed as Friday 22nd January at 12 midday.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 19.45 pm with JM thanking the attendees.