

**MINUTES OF THE RUSHMOOR INDOOR BOWLING CLUB AGM HELD ON
THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2012. IN THE RECREATION CENTRE.**

22 Members attended of which;
10 Members of the Committee.
1 Centre Management.
11 Club members.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS. (Dennis Sherwood).

Dennis thanked all for attending. He further thanked Centre Management for their help and support over the year. He thanked the Committee for their support and help and for putting their names down for another year. Further thanks to the Green Stewards and to Joe Osler for supervising them. These are only a few who help run the club and give up their time, but without the members here and those not, we would not have a club, so thank you all for continued support.

He informed the meeting that the required number of 30 to make a quorum was not reached. He asked if the meeting was in favour of going ahead, stating that arranging another meeting would more than likely meet with the same poor response. All agreed it should continue.

Terry Cuming proposed that because historically attendance was always low, the number for a quorum be reduced to 20. Seconded by Colin Moore, the proposal was agreed by all.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Received from Des Hogsflesh, Carl Taylor, Jeff Smith and Chris and Amanda Wright.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 7TH APRIL 2011.

Agreed as correct. Proposed by Brian Welch. Seconded by Alec Sharman. Duly signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. None.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT. (Colin Alcock). Full report attached.

In brief it contained thanks to all committee members for their help and support and in particular the Secretary and League Secretary.

Income over expenditure of £181.01 whilst setting aside £6000 for future carpet refurbishment. For him, expenditure over income of £5.818.99. A further £1000 added this year making the fund £7.000. Lighting upgrade is currently being reviewed with the Centre and Council.

A small increase so far of 1.5% of turnover is indicated.

Colin proposed the date of the financial year be changed to 30th April for accounts to be properly audited.

Membership numbers are up from 348 last year to 368 this year. Thanks to the efforts of Alec Sharman and Michael Pearse the Club Captain.

Further upgrades to technology will allow on line membership and simplify the League Secretary's job. Further improvements are planned.

Fixed fees discussed last year proved unsuccessful. Being aware of the Centre prices increase this year, he proposed increasing; Membership by £1.00. Locker rental by £1.00. Saturday am League games by 50p. Triples games by 20p to be in line with rinks. End of report.

Terry Cuming voiced his view that he felt it was unfair for those representing the club at home on

Saturday County League games to pay any extra. With parking at £2.00 and game at £3 .00 this was quite enough. Colin Moore made a similar case for the away games.

The Treasurer said it was only a proposal based on an economic view. the meeting could vote to accept or not. The meeting voted **against** the proposed increase 6 to 5.

Regarding the proposed **financial** year date change and **increased rates** as in the report, the meeting voted to accept the rest of the report. Proposed by Brian Welch and seconded by Alec Sharman. Terry Cuming asked that thanks be recorded for all Colin's excellent efforts done with computer work.

6. CENTRE MANAGEMENT REPORT. (Duncan Makay).

Duncan thanked the club for the invite to attend. The meeting was an opportunity to let the club know what the Centre was doing and an opportunity for the club to ask questions.

He said the centre was contracted to D.C. Leisure and Rushmoor Council. They were continually looking for ways to develop the organisation. He felt our Treasurer was doing a fantastic job. The Centre in the past had funded fliers and other activities like coaching.

He recognised the pretentious issue of heating the hall saying that in October it was very hot. He stated the Centre could only cool the hall to the ambient temperature outside, ours is not an air conditioning system. To a question from Colin Moore asking if heating could be turned up, Duncan replied that it could.

Cleaning hours had increased pending review of a cleaning contract in progress and having had no feed back, he assumed all was satisfactory. He admitted that in the past things were bad and recognised the benefit of deep carpet cleaning. This practice will continue every two years or annually.

Terry Cuming told Duncan that on two occasions on Saturday mornings the lights were not on. The duty manager at the time had not got a clue what to do and had to send for help. The centre should be aware that lights were required at 9.30am. Doors had not been opened at times also. Communication was needed to Duty Managers. Comment at the time was that "well you don't start til 10.00am".

Duncan promised to see managers were aware.

7. LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT. (Brian Probyn).

Generally leagues have run smoothly. We have been lucky weather wise with no disruptions due to snow and ice.

There has been a level of confusion to rule 6 which applies to a Rink game which is one player short. Hopefully this has now been clarified.

Scorecards pre-printed with team name, date etc. and issued to various Green Stewards has greatly improved legibility and card errors have reduced. Colin has been asked if we can go to printing all for next season. Yes.

8 out of 14 leagues have now been completed. A provisional summary of winners and runners-up is now pinned up in the bowls hall and a final summary will be posted on the RIBC website.

Regards the website, the meeting should be aware of the significant contribution Colin Alcock has made in making this happen and also the improvements made to bowls software used to process league results and tables. Much more "user friendly". My sincere thanks to Colin.

Next season. All expected entries are now in. We have had 12 teams withdrawn and 8 new teams enter making a net loss of 4 teams compared to last season. A summary of league entries is in the bowls hall and I ask team captains to check that details are correct.

All leagues (with the exception of L07 Wednesday am Rinks) have 6 or more teams and will be able to run next season. The only league that has a change in format is L11 (Thursday evening). This has reverted back to rinks (was Triples). L 07 remains a problem with only 4 entries. All attempts to find 2 more teams so far have failed. Efforts to make this league viable will continue as clearly we do not want to loose a league, but we are running out of time.

I have received considerable help and support from Michael Pearse, Alec Sharman, Ron Flanders and Geoff Ringrose. They have played a significant role in coaching, encouraging new members and forming new teams. My sincere thanks to them all.

Changes made to rink allocation this season appear to have been popular and will continue.

Provisional key dates next season;

Team Fixture Lists to Captains. - mid August.

Start of Season.- Week commencing 17th September 2012.

End of Season. - Week commencing 15th April 2013.

Christmas Break. - Wednesday 19th December 2012 to Tuesday 1st January 2013 inclusive.

Easter Break. - Thursday 28th March to Tuesday 2nd April 2013 inclusive.

End of report.

8. COMPETITION SECRETARY REPORT. (Carl Taylor).

Carl sent his apologies for absence and sent in his report to be read out at the meeting.

Copy attached.

9. CAPTAIN'S REPORT. (Michael Pearse).

The season has, in my opinion, been the most successful and most enjoyable since I joined Rushmoor IBC in 2005.

Rushmoor had great results from the taster sessions that were held at the beginning of the season.

Thank you to Alec Sharman for all his hard work with the Coaching Sessions and other support during the season.

The new bowlers have had a big impact on our weekend roll-ups and Friendlies. We have been able to fulfil all our fixtures including the North Hants Ladies fixture. Thank you for all your support with these fixtures.

A special thank you to Sheila our Vice Captain for all her support especially the teas and biscuits.

Rushmoor won 5 out of 8 of our friendlies.

I would also like to thank Geoff Ringrose and Shirley for all their hard work and support especially for the new bowlers during the Wednesday roll-ups.

We have managed to integrate 20 new bowlers into league teams for next season.

Also, it has been good to provide the venue for the Surrey Coaching Team to carry out Coaching Exams for new Coaches. It can only be good for Rushmoor's image and reputation which is on a high which we must try and maintain.

Thank you to all the committee members for their support.

10. AMENDMENT TO RULES.

The Chairman read out the proposal from Alec Sharman seconded by Dave Newman for a dress change. Proposal read; "That all club members be allowed to wear approved club shirts in roll-ups, leagues and friendly matches. These to be purchased by club members if desired.". He invited Alec to put his views.

Alec said the trend today is to bring colour into the game and get away from what has been the norm for the past 100 years. Such antiquated dress could hardly attract younger players, very much needed, into the game. Only Trisham players on Saturday mornings wear them, why not any other members who would welcome it and identify more with the club. The Ladies already wear coloured cardigans. The shirts are unisex.

Colin Moore gave his view that as he understood it, the EIBA say that all or none are to wear colours in matches, we are run by their rules. The Secretary disputed this for internal and non National games.

Terry Cuming said he appreciated the reasons for the proposal, but pointed out that for the past five

years no stocks of ties and badges had been sold ,the Captain had tried to sell them off at reduced cost. It may be hard to sell shirts at a greater cost. He suggested a minimum order could be placed so as not to leave the Treasurer with a possible large stock. It was suggested that a list could be placed on the board for requirements prior to any order.

Further discussion covered mixed dress on the green, oddness in friendly matches, cost of shirts , reluctance to buy them and general reluctance to change.

Brian Probyn proposed an amendment which was to leave out the reference to "friendly matches" to read "roll-ups and League matches" only.

Further debate continued.

Put to a vote, the amended proposal was **not carried** by 8 votes to 7. The original proposal therefore **failed**.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Appended to these minutes. (Agreed en bloc).
The Chairman thanked all for filling the vacancies.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Treasurer told the meeting that with regard League Rules para 6.2 (one player short on a Rink game) the fractional results were in hand with new additions to computer software. Cards should be marked as **only three players** and the League Secretary will do the numbers. This will be in line with EIBA ruling that fractions will be counted. Proposed by Colin Alcock and seconded by Brian Probyn. Carried by the meeting.

With no further business, the Chairman thanked all for giving up their time. He wished all a good outdoor season or, if not, a very good rest.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Appendix.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

CHAIRMAN.
SECRETARY.
TREASURER
LEAGUE SECRETARY.
MATCH SECRETARY.
COMPETITION SECRETARY.
CAPTAIN.
VICE CAPTAIN.
MENS COUNTY REP.
LADIES COUNTY REP.
PATRONS REP.
SENIOR GREEN STEWARD.
COMMITTEE EMBERS.

DENNIS SHERWOOD.
DAVE NEWMAN.
COLIN ALCOCK
BRIAN PROBYN.
DENNIS SHERWOOD.
CARL TAYLOR.
MICHAEL PEARSE.
SHEILA PEARSE.
ALEC SHARMAN.
PAT WELCH.
DAVE NEWMAN.
JOE OSLER.
BRIAN WELCH.
SHARON BLIGHT.

CENTRE MANAGEMENT.

AS NOMINATED BY CENTRE.

Signed.

Chairman.

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Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Hon. Secretary, other committee members, Mr. Duncan Mackay from the Centre, Ladies & Gentlemen. I would like to start by thanking all the members of the committee for their help & support this year, and in particular the Secretary and the League Secretary, who, I should add, in my opinion does a tremendous, if unappreciated, job.

Firstly, I must apologise for the length of this report, but I have a lot I wish to say.

Last year we finished up with an excess of Income over Expenditure of £181.01 whilst setting aside £6,000 as the beginning of a refurbishment fund for the eventual replacement of the carpet and underlay. For me this meant an excess of Expenditure over income of £5,818.99! This year has been another steady year of growth for the club, with a couple of surprises. For the first time this century, as far as I can determine, the total membership increased and thanks must go to Alec Sharman and Michael Pearce for their coaching and encouragement. I am not, personally, a great believer in advertising, but it seemed to work for us and we shall be placing a further ad. in the local papers again this year.

This year we have 368 members, 248 male, 110 female, 2 junior, and 6 life members, UP from 348 last year. Whilst the increase is encouraging, there is still a long way to go. We still have to put a lot of effort into advertising for new members and try to get out letters/posters to all local clubs, posters in the centre and adverts in the local paper. We also need to publicise our introductory training courses and help for new members to get into the midweek leagues. To this end, I ask all of you to support Alec and Michael in their efforts as much as you can.

We have been able to add to the refurbishment fund this year to the tune of £1,000, making £7,000 in all and it is my intention to continue with this policy for the foreseeable future. It is quite clear that we stand a much better chance of getting funds from the Council if we can show that we are prepared to commit funds to development projects. In addition to the carpet replacement, together with the Centre and the Council, we are currently reviewing the lighting with a view to a possible joint upgrade project. I am grateful to Duncan and Ashley Sharpe for their help and assistance with these major reviews.

Whilst we are only 9 months through the financial year so far, my accounts indicate a small surplus over expenditure of just under 1.5% of turnover. I am aware that the financial year end was only recently moved from the end of March to the end of June, but, in order to provide more time between the year end and the start of the next season for the accounts to be properly audited, I wish to propose that the date is altered again to the 30th April. I do not envisage that this will have any significant affect on our results.

As I mentioned earlier, there have been a couple of surprises this year for me, the increase in members and the significant upgrade to our technology to [a] allow

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members to renew their annual membership online which was supported better than I expected (about 10%), [b] the weekly display of the current league tables and [c] the simplifying of the league secretary's job of entering the league results. Whilst I hope to be able to reduce our costs by the former, the latter two have proved extremely popular. However, I hate to disappoint you all, but we haven't finished our developments yet. We have already completed testing on a facility to enter results online and immediately update the tables, we just have to introduce effective controls and systems to allow specified members to enter them. In addition we have the facility to calculate online and on our database, adjusted scores where only 3 players turn up for a rinks game, Rule 6.2 of our handbook refers and, I hope, will be discussed further this evening. We hope to soon have a system in place for online renewals where one enters a name and membership number and the screen will show the first 3 characters only of your address to prove we have it stored correctly without (topical note) adversely affecting your security and allow you to move straight onto completing your application. Further, we are now looking at putting the handbook online and, for 2014, considering allowing members to choose whether they want a paper document posted, or choose to use the online version in exchange for a reduction in annual membership fees.

You may recall that last year I discussed the idea of a fixed fee for the season to allow us to use the hall at other times than just for our league games and prearranged roll-ups. It proved impossible to come to a satisfactory agreement and with the difficulties that the League Secretary has had this year, which no doubt he will inform you all of shortly, and of cancelled matches due to inclement weather (mercifully few this year) this may be a blessing in disguise.

I am determined to continue with my policy of aiming at a balanced budget and attempting to ensure that the cost of the League rinks is paid for by the Green fees. I will also repeat the refurbishment and advertising objectives referred to previously. As you are probably aware, the adjustment in prices for teams to enter the leagues and the consequent prize money in 2013 are already in place. I now come to my specific proposals for prices for next season. I am aware of the very difficult economic times we currently live in and I am therefore proposing to leave as many prices as possible at their current rates. I also hope that the increases I am proposing will be viewed, as intended, to be at the lower end of the scale. I am aware that the Centre prices will increase this year by inflation and my recommendation is that all prices will remain as at present, with the following exceptions:-

- Annual membership fee to increase by £1. N.B. This is still £3 lower than in 2009/10.
- Annual Locker fee rental to increase by £1.
- The Saturday Morning League fees to increase by 50p per person to £3.50. (£14 a team)
- Triples fees to increase by 20p per person to £2.40, bringing the team cost to the same amount as for rinks, i.e. £7.20.

Good Evening,

Please accept my apologies that I cannot be at this year's Annual General Meeting but I am away on holiday.

This year's increased number of five Competitions have all now been completed and once again I must thank those few members that did at least enter and congratulations to the Finalists and Winners who will once again be listed in the next Club Handbook.

As far as next year's competitions are concerned, once again I published the entry forms in January with a deadline of last week. There has been a slightly improved response and whilst there are still less than 20 members who have entered we can currently play the Men's Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks.

There was just 1 entry for the Men's Senior 2 Wood Triples and none for the Mixed Rinks so neither competition will take place

On the Ladies' competitions we have at least had some entries but not enough, as yet, to run any competitions which need a minimum of four to take part. Despite emailing all the Lady members we still need a few more entries so I am hoping some volunteers might come forward this evening? If you do then please contact me so I can arrange the entries.

All that is needed are 2 Singles, 1 Pair, 1 Triple and 1 Rink. We have not run any Ladies' competitions for several years and being so close to be able to run them this year I hope some entries will now come forward as it will be a shame to disappoint the few that have entered so far.

In the Trisham County league we started badly and despite a late surge we finished in 3rd place and miss out on promotion to the Bramley League. Hopefully next year!

We were well supported by a handful of Men in the County Friendlies and I am grateful for the support of those players.

Thank you.

Carl Taylor
Competition Secretary

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