

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF RUSHMOOR INDOOR
BOWLS CLUB

HELD ON THE 16TH APRIL, 2007

PRESENT: Committee Members: Dennis Sherwood, Barbara Johnson, Terry Cuming, Bill Johnson, Carl Taylor, Colin Moore, Margaret Moore, Anne Hellier, Janet Warman, Pat Welch, Brian Welch, Rita Osler, Joe Osler, Duncan Mackay.

6 Club Members

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Ray Galpin and Margaret Williams.

The Chairman welcomed those present and expressed his disappointment at the lack of support by the Members. He thanked the Committee for their support throughout the year and also thanked Duncan Mackay the Centre Manager for his help and support over the past year.

1. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. which were in the Minute Book kept in the Green stewards Cupboard were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT - See attached. Proposed by Bill Johnson and seconded by Janet Warman that the report be adopted.

3. CENTRE MANAGEMENT'S REPORT.

Duncan Mackay reported that he was pleased to be able to meet the Committee at least three or four times a year and report to them any developments or concerns of the Centre.

There has been some concern with the parking charges recently. The new rates came into force on the 1st April, but the notices on the machines have caused some confusion. It is hoped that this will soon be sorted out. One thing Members need to be assured of is that whatever charge they make during the evening after 5.30 p.m. they will get a full refund. There is some confusion with the Sultz car parking charges, but again the aim is that members using this overflow car park in the evening will get the charge refunded at reception. Currently there is no refund ticket, but this will be remedied shortly.

The Centre are trying to encourage new members, and to this end there is an advertisement in the Centre leaflet available in the reception area. However, the Website seems to be the latest form of advertising and now that the Bowls Club has a Website, there will be a link into the Rushmoor Borough Council Website and Duncan is

discussing this currently with Carl and Andrew Taylor who are responsible for setting up the Club's Website.

The Centre has also made £400 available to the Bowls Club for advertising - in the form of posters, or banners - to be decided by the Committee.

Duncan also mentioned that from 1st July, it will be illegal to smoke in public places, and of course this applies to the Bowls Hall. It is proposed that the smoking room currently used by the bowlers will be redecorated before the start of the next season.

4. LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT - See attached. Proposed by Colin Moore and seconded by Joe Osler that the report be adopted.

5. COMPETITION SECRETARYS' REPORTS - Margaret was unable to be present so her report was read by the Secretary. - See attached.

Carl presented his report - see attached. - Proposed by Colin Moore and seconded by Bill Johnson that the reports by Carl Taylor and Margaret Williams be adopted.

6. CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

Anne Hellier reported that the Club had played 11 Friendly matches, won 5 and lost 4. Two were cancelled and the two games of Ladies against Men resulted in one all.

Anne thanked the Vice Captain, Janet Warman for her support throughout the season.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Since all the Officers of the Committee had been proposed, nominated and seconded it was PROPOSED that they all be voted enbloc. Proposed by Janet Warman, seconded by Pat Welch. The Officers are therefore as follows:-

CHAIRMAN	DENNIS SHERWOOD
SECRETARY	BARBARA JOHNSON
TREASURER	TERRY CUMING
LEAGUE SECRETARY	BILL JOHNSON
MATCH SECRETARY	DENNIS SHERWOOD
COMPETITION SECRETARY (MEN AND LADIES)	CARL TAYLOR
CAPTAIN	ANNE HELLIER

VICE CAPTAIN	JANET WARMAN
COUNTY REP (LADIES)	PAT WELCH
COUNTY REPS (MENS)	COLIN MOORE AND CARL TAYLOR
MENS PATRONS' REP	RAY GALPIN
SENIOR GREEN STEWARD	JOE OSLER
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	BRIAN WELCH MARGARET MOORE RITA OSLER

8. GREEN STEWARDS.

Joe Osler reported that he was having some difficulty in getting Green Stewards, but hoped to have all the leagues covered shortly.

There being no further business, the Chairman again thanked all those who attended and wished them a good outdoor bowling season.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE AGM
16 APRIL 2007

Last year I reported that the Membership for the Club had been 459 plus 6 Life Members.

This season I had anticipated that the loss of Members would continue. I had estimated that we could be looking at a figure of 420 for this season. I am pleased to say that I had underestimated and that the membership was 432. Yes we still lost 25 members, but bearing in mind that over the past three years we had averaged a loss of 50, this is a small bonus.

How we will fare for next season is the big unknown.

The Executive Committee have several ideas to try and increase our membership. These details will be finalised during the next couple of months in time for publicity to be produced during August, in the local press, just prior to our membership renewal time. The Centre Management Will be assisting in the Promotion of the Club and likewise we hope the Council will be able to produce material in their publicity.

The club will continue with Coaching for beginners and also an intermediate course. I would like to thank Duncan for his continued support in providing 2 rinks on the Saturdays that the Courses run, free of charge. I would also like to thank Bill and Jean Whitby for taking the courses. The courses have produced a number of new members to the club and it is well worthwhile continuing.

Whilst, the clubs finances do not close until the end of June and it is difficult to give accurate Figures at this stage. I would anticipate that whilst as at today we are showing a profit of £987. 09p I still have the Centre rink hire to pay for this month as well as EIBA and EWIBA Annual fees to pay. It is therefore more than likely that the account will be showing an overall loss. This was to be expected as the increase in our hourly rink hire charge, to the Centre was again borne by club funds.

I agreed at the last Autumn meeting that Club funds were in excess of what was required. I also stated that I had one or two thoughts and that they would be presented to the Executive Committee for their approval.

You will all have seen the Winter Newsletter that I produced in December. The one year reduction in membership fees of £7 based on our hold to our current membership will reduce the assets by £3000. With the accumulated increase in rink rental along with the other minor suggestions made in the Newsletter I would expect the overall reduction in assets to be in the region to be around £5000.

Whilst stipulated in the letter, future membership fee for the ensuing seasons would be reviewed by myself and presented to the Executive Committee for its discussion and their decision will be notified to the membership prior to the end of next season.

Finally, I put on special offer over the past few months items of our stock, in effort to reduce the holding. I am pleased to say that members took advantage and 103 items were sold by members of the committee.

I have nothing further to add and will be presenting the audited accounts to the Membership at the Autumn Meeting. Thank you.

LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT

For the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On
MONDAY, 16TH APRIL 2007

The 2006/07 Season is nearly over and with the exception of Snow and a Power Failure (both on a Thursday) passed without incident. Games for the two Thursdays affected were re-arranged and subsequently played without a real problem.

Entries for next season have now been received (Not always on time – but eventually). The numbers are down again on last year and because of this the Thursday Morning League is now one division (not 2) but there are 3 New Teams (!!) and all leagues will be able to be played. Please note that the Afternoon games will now start at 2pm (not 2.30pm) so that traffic congestion can be avoided!!

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking my predecessor, Tony Bevis, for doing such a splendid job over the past few years. League Secretary is a very demanding role in the Club and he has done a fine job!!

Bill Johnson

Ladies Competition Report

The year began in November with the Yetton Trophy played against Whiteknights, which we lost, followed in December with the Egham Trophy played against Camberley, which we again lost. We were then invited to play against West Berks in the Yetton Plate and unfortunately, as the game was to be played early in the New Year, we had to concede the game due to lack of players.

From then on the ladies competitions went downhill.

The first round of the Singles were conceded and then in the 2nd round, which was the semi-final, one player refused to play.

The Triples were left without one member of one of the teams and, although she arrived three minutes after the time allowed, the opposition refused to play.

Luckily the Pairs and the Fours were played –

Margaret Moore and Irene Galpin beat Betty Tyas and Jan Pedersen 23 – 20 by getting 3 shots on the last end.

Betty Tyas, June Cotterill, Margaret Court, and Jan Pedersen won 25 – 17 against P Morris, M Rimington, A Hellier and E Lakeman.

I wish you all well in the competitions next year and hope to see you on the green at some time. I have enjoyed being the Ladies Competition Secretary for the past few years.

Good Evening,

With the exception of the Men's Singles, which is to be played tomorrow evening, I am pleased to tell you that all the Men's and Mixed competitions have now been completed with the finals having been played last month. Congratulations once again to everyone who reached the finals and especially to the winners.

As usual the names of all the winners are displayed on the main notice board, but it is worth highlighting the performance of Gary Tyas who reached 5 finals, winning 4, and giving me a headache in organising all the finals! Well done Gary - shame Daniel beat you in that last final....!

Entries for next season are once again down on the number for the current year and despite extending the deadline we have still not had enough entries to run the Ladies' Singles and Fours. The number of entries for all competitions is virtually at the minimum which is a real shame.

I appreciate that Margaret Williams is not well enough to be here to deliver her report but on a personal note I have to say that I am incredibly disappointed that, in a time when we are trying hard to get people to play this sport, that the Ladies' Triples final had to be claimed on a default despite all the players being there - albeit 3 minutes late. Seems a very poor way to "win" a title and I for one am not happy that happened. We also weren't able to play the Ladies' Singles as both semi-finals were forfeited and I don't see the point of me wasting my time organising the matches or money for trophies if the Ladies can't be bothered to play them! As I said that is my personal opinion.

This year I did, as promised, arrange for the semi final rounds to be played over a full game. I think it worked well.

No real success for the Club in the finals of the Hampshire County competitions this season. Daniel Taylor again got through to the last four of the Under 25 competition, having beaten the 23 year old holder of the title in the quarter final but sadly lost to the eventual winner in the semi.

In the Bramley league once again we started well, winning all 5 matches before Christmas and were top of the league. Sadly yet again we came down with the Christmas decorations and eventually finished 3rd after losing the last 4 matches. We continue to rely on a limited number of players but we will continue to battle next season and hopefully improve.

Along with everyone else I wish you all a good outdoor season and hope to see you all again after the summer.

Thank you.

Carl Taylor
Men's and Mixed Competition Secretary