

MINUTES OF THE RUSHMOOR INDOOR BOWLING CLUB AGM HELD ON THURSDAY 4th APRIL 2013. IN THE RECREATION CENTRE.

- 21 Members attended of which ;
- 8 Members of the Committee.
- 1 Centre Management.
- 12 Club members.

Before the meeting started the Chairman informed the floor that the required number present was insufficient to form a quorum as required in the Rules. He asked if the meeting was happy for the meeting to continue as such. The meeting agreed it should.

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.. (Dennis Sherwood.)

First of all I would like to thank you all for attending this evening.

My thanks to the Committee for all your help and support.

The Green Stewards for all that you do to help keep this club running each week. At this point I would like to thank Joe Osler for his work as Senior Green Steward over the last three years. Joe is giving up the post as from tonight. My thanks go to Bob Turner for taking this post on.

I have only mentioned a few of the people who give up their time, but time will not let me continue, but you the members, those of you that are here, and those that are not, we would not have a Club without you. May I say thank you for your continued support.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Received from Sheila and Michael Pearse, Brian Probyn, Sharon and Andrew Blight, Rona Jennings, Phil Hicks and Chris Morris.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM held on 5th April 2012.

Agreed as correct. Proposed by Terry Cuming, seconded by David Jennings. Duly signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. No matters arising.

5. TREASURERS REPORT. (Colin Alcock.) Appended.

The vote to change the phone was proposed by Terry Cuming and seconded by Brian Welch.

Agreed by all. The meeting agreed unanimously to support the price increases in the report.

6. CENTRE MANAGEMENT REPORT. (Carol Dudley.)

Carol introduced herself as Operations Manager due to Management changes over the year.

Involved over the year with the new post and with the Club, Carol felt that she had broken the backbone of what was needed doing.

Jackie Carey now does the Club bookings.

Working in partnership with the club, new lights were installed during August 2012. This is a marked improvement.

Bowls Hall walkways were re-sealed during August 2012 ready for the start of the new season. The Centre were aware of the disruption of rink 6 being out of action but at the time not possible to do anything about it. Adjustments made. Increased vacuuming of the bowls green will continue. Farnborough Leisure will continue to support the funding with regards to centre advertising. This covers Centre Sports and Leisure Programme and Roller Banner Advertising.

Future planning 2013/2014 includes;

New bowls green carpet and underlay. Confirmed.

Repaint of male and female locker rooms. Please clear lockers of loose items. Confirmed

Additional painting of bowls hall behind spectators seating. Confirmed.

The management is looking to increased CCTV within the centre. A capital request has been placed. This could cover the bowlers lounge entrance to the hall. Awaiting outcome.

The Centre is keen to help club growth and provide free of charge facilities for the

“BOWLATHON” ON 17th April 2013 and Level 1 coaching February to March.

Terry Cuming asked Carol if broken tiles in the mens locker room could be replaced when painting was carried out. To be considered.

Colinn Moore commented on the state of some ceiling tiles in need of decoration. Thought to be a different proposition.

Alec Sharman thanked the Centre for their support to coaches.

7. LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT. (Brian Probyn.)

In his absence the Secretary read out a written report. (Appended.)

Terry Cuming asked why when leagues have finished early this season, why start in mid September.

The Treasurer suggested it was because of varying numbers in league teams and trying to fit them midway in the season. Secretary to raise this with Brian.

8. COMPETITION SECRETARY REPORT. (Appended.)

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

Again read out by the Secretary,

A very busy season. We managed to play all our Friendlies and Roll-ups. Out of our friendlies, our best win was against Farnborough Civil Service., but we struggled against Farnborough Gate. I must think of a cunning plan for next season against them !

A special thank you to Sheila (Vice Captain) who has done all the teas and biscuits and helped with team selection.

We even put on roll-ups on Wednesday mornings which have proved popular and hopefully we can continue next season.

Thank you to everyone who have put their names down and played in our friendlies and roll-ups.

A special mention to our Ladies who have entered and played in the Hampshire competitions.

Hopefully we can develop a group of ladies and enter the Trophy games as we used to.

Thank you to the Committee who have supported myself and Sheila over the season.

10. AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

Three amendments to rules were proposed and discussed.

1. Proposed by Dennis Sherwood, seconded by Committee. Dated 16.3.2013.

“ That for loyal service and commitment to both Club and Committee over 24 years, Mr. Brian Welch and Mrs. Pat Welch be awarded Life Membership”. **Proposal carried unanimously.**

2. Proposed by A Sharman, seconded by D. Newman.

“That Club members be allowed to wear RIBC club shirts in roll-ups and domestic leagues. Also, approved Club and manufactured bowls shirts to be worn in roll-ups and domestic league games”.

Alec Sharman explained the reasoning behind the proposal being the need to get away from the boring old fashioned dress code of grey and white and put a bit of colour in our sport. It was the way the modern game was going. Younger people might then be attracted. Other clubs are already adopting the practice. As for manufactured shirts which have a splash of colour but predominately white, they also are worn. The manufacturers do not make them for no reason. Comments from the floor were mixed.

Some were fully in favour saying we should try all means to attract new members and move with the times.

Some were in favour of only RIBC shirts, not manufactured and club ones.

Others were for both.

The view of a “mish mash” of colour on the green was aired.

The Treasurer suggested the words “predominately white” be applied for the wearing of manufactured and other club shirts. This was generally agreed.

A vote for the proposal as written was taken resulting in;

For 13. Against 3. Proposal carried.

3. Proposed by Committee.

Quorum.. Need for change was explained by the Chairman.

Full changes to wording shown in Rule 7.7.2. in handbook to be amended to read “Six members plus the Chairman or Acting Chairman, who shall have the casting vote, shall constitute a quorum.” have been displayed on the notice as required by rule.

They are appended.

No questions were raised from the meeting.

The proposal for change was carried unanimously.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Chairman read out the sheet of nominations. These were elected en-bloc.

CHAIRMAN.

DENNIS SHERWOOD.

SECRETARY.

DAVE NEWMAN.

TREASURER.

COLIN ALCOCK.

LEAGUE SECRETARY.

BRIAN PROBYN.

MATCH SECRETARY.

DENNIS SHERWOOD.

COMPETITION SECRETARY.

CARL TAYLOR.

CAPTAIN.

MICHAEL PEARSE.

VICE CAPTAIN.

SHEILA PEARSE.

MENS COUNTY REP.

DAVE NEWMAN.

LADIES COUNTY REP.

DIANE MALPASS.

PATRONS REP.

DAVE NEWMAN.

SENIOR GREEN STEWARD.

BOB TURNER.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

PAT WELCH.

BRIAN WELCH.

ALEC SHARMAN.

The Chairman thanked those for putting their names down for office.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Keith Dunstone asked why we do not have more friendlies. The Fixture Secretary explained that he has tried in the past but clubs won't come because of lack of facilities mainly. We cannot supply meals, expected after travelling some distance. In the past we did not get enough names and had to cancel. We got a bad name. Add to that, people do not want to travel.

Some on the floor felt we should try local clubs again.

The Secretary agreed to do so.

With no other business the Chairman thanked all for giving up the evening. He wished all good health and good bowling outdoors and let us hope for better weather.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed.

AGM Treasurers report 4th April 2013

Mr. Chairman, Hon. Secretary, other committee members, Carol Dudley, 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.

Last year we finished up with an excess of Income over Expenditure of £345.05 whilst increasing our refurbishment fund by £1,200 for the eventual replacement of the carpet and underlay. We contributed £2,725 towards the lighting upgrade, which I hope you will agree has made a massive improvement to our bowling this year and our thanks must go to Ashley Sharpe and Duncan MacKay for their involvement in this project. Following this, I have been able to set aside a further sum to our refurbishment fund of £1,500 this year. We thus have close to the £6,000 set aside for the Carpet replacement as and when that should happen. This year has been another year of stable financial results in a turbulent environment and I must emphasise the debt we owe to Terry Cuming for the sound basis he set in train many years ago which I have endeavoured to continue.

Unfortunately, the blip of an increase of membership last year was not continued this year and we, like many other sports clubs of all types, found it difficult to keep our numbers up. We again advertised in the local press last year and will continue to do so next year, along with other innovative measures that your committee dream up. This year we have 338 members, 234 male, 97 female, 1 junior, and 4 active life members, down from 366 last year. We attracted 48 new members this year, but need at least 60 every year just to stand still. If everyone can help to get the message out to people that we are here (a friend of mine plays squash here and was unaware that we even existed, asking me, "but where do you play indoors?") it might help. we have increased our coaching squad again, this time from 5 to 7 (congratulations to the two ladies who have joined the team) so there is plenty of opportunity for people to come and learn the game and we are very grateful to the Centre for supporting our open and coaching days.

As I mentioned earlier, we have been able to add to the refurbishment fund this year 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. I do not wish to make the Centre's report for them, but in addition to the carpet, I believe they will be discussing decorating and cleaning plans for the close season.

I now turn to the matter of the BT line. This will cost us approximately £330 for the full year, or £1 for every member, which includes about £45 of actual calls. I have been persuaded to look at the possibility of switching over to a SIM card only mobile phone which would cover all our calls at a total cost of £10 per month, This would mean a saving to the club of about £130 in the first year after the purchase of a suitable simple mobile phone and about £200 per year thereafter. There is a slight risk of the phone being removed by unscrupulous people (not members I am sure) but I am reasonably happy that we can take steps to avoid that. I recommend that we proceed with that changeover. We will need to

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complete it during May so as to have the new number on our handbook and other documents for next year.

Whilst we still have a little way to go to the end of the financial year, my accounts indicate an excess of expenditure over Income of around £300 or less than 1% of turnover, which, in view of the above, I find reasonable. The proposal that I announced last year, to provide more time between the year end and the start of the next season for the accounts to be properly audited, by reverting the year end back to the 30th of April will be completed this year.

As no doubt many of you are aware, we continue to upgrade our Database and website, and the League Secretary (report) will no doubt inform you later of my requirement to renumber the leagues. There are number of technical issues that were raised last season, due to the change of number, and we will now be going to a system that allows for, even if not used, a fixed 3 numbers per day. The effect of this is to alter the Wednesday evening league to L09 and all subsequent leagues in the season to have their number increased by two from this year. Our website has continued to evolve and in addition to the ability to find all our competition winners and runners up since 1996, (if anyone has records of any earlier ones that they can let me have, I will merrily load them onto the database) we have also added the ability to download new and existing team applications and to view all the teams entered for next season. We now also have the online ability to enter members requests for league teams to play in and Captains requests for players to play in their teams. I think that the facility to calculate and print/display online the adjusted scores where a team has played a player short has worked effectively, just remember it isn't necessary for you to calculate the adjusted score, the system will do it all for you. Most of the information in our handbook is now online, but we have decided that for the time being we will continue to issue a copy to every member or couple when they renew.

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 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 am fairly certain that the Centre prices will increase by a measure of inflation again this year and, in particular, the cost of rinks will exceed the income we receive. However, I am extremely reluctant to increase the individual amount from £1.80 to £1.90 this year, but you should anticipate a proposal to increase them to £2 in 2014 a very real likelihood. My recommendations, then, are that all prices will remain as at present, with the following exceptions:-

- Annual membership fee to increase by £1 to £23. N.B. This is still £2 lower than 4 years ago in 2009/10.
- All competition fees to increase by 50p, the first increase for 4 years.
- Triples fees to increase by 10p per person to £2.50.

There, that wasn't too painful, was it? Many thanks.

RUSHMOOR INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

A.G.M. 4th April 2013

LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT

My apologies for not being with you this evening

1. Current Season 2012/2013

1.1 Rink Cancellations

Generally the leagues have run smoothly during the season, but we have suffered some disruption due to adverse weather conditions, power failure, and a burst water main locally, resulting in the cancellation of the following sessions:-

3 Tuesday evening sessions on 22nd January

4 Friday Morning sessions on 15th February

3 Thursday Afternoon sessions on 7th March

1.2 Rink 6

At the start of the season, the poor condition of Rink 6 resulted in the re-allocation of matches onto other available rinks .

It is anticipated that this problem will be resolved if the carpet is renewed this summer.

1.3 League Rule 6 (Handbook Page13)

This rule relates to RINKS matches where one or both teams have 3 players only.

There continues to be a level of confusion and in some instances blatant disregard to the requirements of the rule. To try and clarify

(i)- If you have started the match with 3 players at the normal start time, and the missing player turns up, he/she may not join the match.

(ii) -If you decide to delay the start of the match by a maximum of 15 minutes, then you may have practice ends whilst waiting.

The missing player may join the team at any time during this 15 minute delay period, and the match will then start at that point.

If the missing player does not arrive within the 15 minute delay period, the match must proceed with a team or teams 1 player short.

(iii) Just a reminder, it is no longer necessary to do the calculation of the reduction of shots manually - This is done automatically when the results are entered onto the database.

1.4 League Winners

7 out of the 13 leagues have now been completed . The remainder will run on for another 2 to 3 weeks. A provisional summary of league winners and runners-up is displayed in the bowls hall, and a final summary will be posted on the RIBC website when the matches are concluded.

2. Next Season 2013/2014

2.1 Team Entries

With the exception of 2 team captains all the expected entries for next seasons' leagues have now been received.

We have had 6 teams withdraw and 6 new teams enter.

Details of the league entries are posted on the notice board and a similar notice has been posted on the RIBC web site.

Please check that your teams have been entered as requested and that details are correct.

All leagues have sufficient teams and will run next season.

2.2 League Numbering

It has been agreed with the Treasurer that a change in League numbering for some leagues will occur for next season. This will facilitate easier entry of league details onto the web site and also to simplify accountancy problems. Details of changes are as follows:-

L01 to L06 - No change

L07 changed to L09

L08 changed to L10

L09 changed to L11

L10 changed to L12

L11 changed to L13

L12 changed to L14

L13 changed to L15

2.3 Provisional Key Dates

Rink Bookings to Leisure Centre - Mid June 2013

Inputs for the Handbook to the Treasurer - End June 2013

Green Steward Sheets to Senior G.S. - mid Aug. 2013

Team Fixture Lists to Captains - mid Aug.2013

Printed Score Cards to designated Green Stewards - End Aug.2013

Start of Season - Thurs. 19th Sept.2013

End of Season - Thurs. 17th April 2014

Christmas Break - Thurs. 19th Dec. to Wed. 1st Jan. 2014 Inclusive

Easter Break - Not required (all matches will be completed before Easter).

Brian Probyn

League Secretary

2nd April 2012

Good Evening,

This year's Competitions have almost been concluded with the exception of the final of the Men's Pairs and thank you to those members that did enter and congratulations to the Finalists and Winners who will once again be listed in the next Club Handbook next season.

Once again I published the entry forms in mid January with a deadline of last week and pleasingly we have seen a small increase in all entries and with just one more entry needed in the Ladies' Singles we will be able to run 9 different competitions next season albeit not with a huge number of people.

I also plan to run two half day open mixed triples competitions next season – we put a form up asking for interest and these seem popular so more details will follow in September.

On the County competition side unfortunately Rushmoor did not fare too well in them with no-one progressing past the quarter finals. Similarly we didn't do well in the Men's Trisham league but there is always hope next year!

Thank you.

Carl Taylor
Competition Secretary

4-4-2013