

MINUTES OF THE FARNBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB A.G.M. HELD ON THURSDAY
25th MARCH 2010 IN THE RECREATION CENTRE.

17 Members attended of which ;
8 Members of the Committee,
2 Members of Centre Management,
7 Club Members.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS. (Dennis Sherwood).

I was hoping that Terry Cuming could have been here this evening after his long illness but unfortunately he could not make it . We wish him well for the future and thank him for his devoted work given to the Bowling Club.

My thanks to Centre Management for all their support and advice over the year.

Thanks to the Committee for the support given to me over the year and welcome Colin Alcock and Dave Newman to the Committee later. Thank you all for entering your names to the Committee

Another band of people who do Stirling work, the Green Stewards for without them we would have no Leagues.

I have only mentioned a few of the people who give up their time to help run the Club, but without you the Members , those that are here and those that are not, we would not have a Club so my thanks to you all for your continued support. Thank you.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS A.G.M. HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2009.

As is usual practice these have been on display in the Bowls Hall for the past month. There were no matters arising and were agreed by the meeting as correct. Acceptance proposed by Joe Osler and seconded by Geoff Ringrose.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Colin Alcock).

Colin thanked all the Committee members, in particular Barbara Johnson (previous Secretary), Brian Probyn and Terry Cuming for their help and support in "reading him in" as it were. His full report is appended and covered in brief;

1. A healthy finance position enough to slightly reduce income in the form of reductions of both Membership and locker fees.
2. Loss of snow cancelled matches of over £650. Review of cancellation procedures with Centre Management and Council.
3. Cost difference between Rinks and Triples Increase therefore of Triples to £2.00. The rest of the green fees to remain the same.
4. Club membership now totals 365. The need for advertising.
5. Locker cost and non return of swipe cards and keys. Possible penalty for this.
6. Overall reduction of income of these measures to be circa £800.

The meeting accepted these proposals. There were no questions.

CENTRE MANAGEMENT REPORT. (Duncan Mackay).

Duncan thanked the Committee for asking him to this his 8th A.G.M. He wished Terry a speedy

recovery and praised Barbara Johnson for being a superb member with whom the Centre had a good relationship. He wished her well. He then introduced Claire Lynch as Centre Manager who attends our Committee meetings. He asked for any questions.

Joe Osler asked why the Green Steward's table had been taken from the hall recently with no explanation. Duncan apologised for this saying that a large number of Birthday events had been held and it was necessary to take them from all over the Centre.

Colin Moore enquired about 1. Lighting in the hall, there seemed to be an inherent problem.

2. Heating regulation very poor.

3. Table tennis equipment blocking access to the hall.

Duncan replied that the electrician had been informed of this and that Lux levels should be met. With regards heating, new equipment costing £3000 had been installed but the engineer had noticed a control valve was sticking. A replacement had been ordered and when fitted should resolve the problem. As for Table Tennis equipment blocking entry to the hall, staff had been told about this and it should not happen again.

Brian Welch raised the question of why new chairs were taking so long to happen. Claire Lynch answered that the budget for new ones had now been agreed with the Centre Committee and an order is to be placed at the end of March. These will be claret coloured.

Brian also asked about Hall and carpet cleaning, the standard was rather poor. Claire promised to look into this though the cleaner had instructions as to what his duties were.

LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT. (Brian Probyn).

Brian thanked Claire Lynch for her excellent help over the season. Appended is full report covering: Recent Season.

1. Poor filling in of score cards and results. They still continue after many pleas.
2. Cancellations due to snow. Award of 1 shot to affected teams. Leagues have generally run smoothly.

Next Season 2010/2011.

1. Team withdrawals 18. New teams 4. Therefore a total reduction of 14 teams. All Leagues have 6 or more teams and will be able to run. One League (03) has only 5 teams. Team Captains of that league have agreed to the introduction of a dummy team to avoid losing the league.
2. Brian indicated he would continue until this time next year and may be looking for someone to replace him at that time. Anyone interested let him know.

The Chairman thanked him for his efforts.

Colin Moore commented on reluctance of team members to assume Captaincy when the current Captain stands down. Teams could continue as taking it over is not such a difficult thing. Not doing so could deprive others from playing. He also thought that teams with 8 or more players might get together to form a team using the extra players. Brian Welch replied that even having 8 players it was often difficult to field a team.

The report was proposed by Brian Welch and seconded by Des Hogsflesh.

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT. (Carl Taylor).

In Carl's absence due to illness, Colin Moore read out the report forwarded to him. This report is appended. It covered in brief;

1. History of decline in entries over his past 10 years of office.
2. Despite pleas for numbers and reminders, numbers are at an all time low of only 7 with a 3 day deadline to go.
3. Due to such a poor response he felt it a waste of time to continue without support and regrets

he will stand down if no improvement happens in the next 3 days which he felt highly unlikely. It was decided by the Chairman to leave matters in abeyance until after Sunday for Carl to make a decision. Dennis thanked him for doing an excellent job and best wishes healthwise.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT. (Michael Pearse).

No report. (Playing).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Before this item began, Dennis expressed disappointment that Terry Cuming could not be present as he had hoped to make a presentation to him on behalf of the Club for all his past excellent work over 20 years as Club Treasurer. Instead he called upon Terry's wife Judy to accept on his behalf an engraved Crystal Decanter/Glass and Tray set. Judy accepted with thanks saying Terry would be honoured and happy. Judy was presented too with a large bouquet of flowers for which she thanked all. The Chairman also thanked Colin Moore for all his work in getting the present and arranging engraving.

Officers were elected as below, accepted en bloc. Proposed by Colin Moore and seconded by Rosemary Turner.

CHAIRMAN	DENNIS SHERWOOD
SECRETARY	DAVE NEWMAN
TREASURER	COLIN ALCOCK
LEAGUE SECRETARY	BRIAN PROBYN
COMPETITION SECRETARY	
CAPTAIN	
VICE CAPTAIN	MICHAEL PEARSE
MEN'S COUNTY REP.	COLIN MOORE
LADIE'S COUNTY REP.	PAT WELCH
MEN'S PATRONS REP.	RAY GALPIN
SENIOR GREEN STEWARD	JOE OSLER
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	RITA OSLER
	BRIAN WELCH

Dennis thanked all for their willingness to serve on the Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Judy Cuming said she had recently been to Devon and called in on Barbara Johnson in Dorset on the way. Barbara has a nice bungalow, very happy and wishes all well.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm wishing all members a good outdoor season or rest as may be.

Signed.

Assistant Treasurers report 25/03/10

~~Firstly, let me thank Terry Cuming for his kind words, It is very early days yet, so I hope I won't act in such a way as to make him regret those sentiments.~~
~~Secondly~~ I would like to thank all the committee, particularly, Barbara Johnson, Brian Probyn, and, ~~indeed~~, Terry ~~himself~~, for all their help and support in "reading me in" as it were. CUMING

The accounts of the club have been left in a very healthy position by Terry and we all appreciate the tremendous work he has done over the last twenty odd years in getting us to this point. In the last completed financial year to 30th June 2009, we had an excess of income over expenditure of more than £700 and I do not expect this year to be vastly different. We have sufficient working capital for our current envisaged needs as well as a contingency fund for any known unknowns (as someone else once famously said!). I, therefore, see my objective this year to slightly reduce the Income to compensate for these profits.

Terry has made a point over the last few years of trying to get the cost of the rinks paid for by Green fees, which I completely agree with, and with just 3 exceptions, one of them abnormal, this appears to have been achieved. The abnormal exception was the snow cancelled matches in January, which caused us to make a loss of over £650. We are reviewing our cancellation procedures for the future, and with the help of the Council and Centre hope to avoid or at least mitigate this sort of thing happening again.

The other two exceptions are the Wednesday evening & Thursday morning triples. I believe the differential between the cost of rinks and triples is wrong as one puts up about 33% more woods in a Triples than a rink, and yet the charge is only 11% greater. Bearing in mind that the cost to us is the same for rinks or Triples, I do not think this is correct. Apart from that I think we should keep the cost of all other green fees as they are. One other point of note is that we have to give the Centre a month's notice to cancel a rink booking and not incur the cost and we should bear this in mind when [a] booking and [b] cancelling rinks.

We have 365 members, 248 male, 108 female, 3 junior, our 5 life members and 1 social member, down from 413 last year. I think we must put even more emphasis on 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. I, along with the Chairman and others, note unhappily that Friendly matches are rapidly disappearing.

The cost of the Lockers is an ongoing concern as is the non-return of keys and swipe cards for Lockers no longer wanted and paid for. We will be carrying out an Audit during the summer and early Autumn to ensure that only those lockers paid for are being used next season, as well as ensuring that we know all the lockers available for hire.

Based on the above, my recommendations for next season are as follows:-

- 1) That the price for triples be increased next year from £1.80 to £2 per head.
- 2) That the membership fee be reduced from £25 to £20 per year.

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- 3) That the Locker fee be reduced from £6 to £5 per year
- 4) I have also considered introducing an unauthorised use of Lockers Fee of £10 but recognise the difficulties associated with administering such a penalty.

I believe these recommendations will make us extremely competitive with other clubs in the area and, perhaps, help to swell our numbers. On current figures, these changes would result in a net reduction in income of circa £1640 per annum or a reduction in capital assets of circa £800, which is broadly in line with my stated objective above.

RUSHMOOR INDOOR BOWLING CLUB
A.G.M. 25th March 2010

League Secretary's Report

1. Present Season 2009/2010

Score Cards

I had a bit of a moan about score-card errors at last years meeting. Regrettably the faults continue , for example -

Missing cards (sometimes both cards in same match)

Last end scores missing

Team Nos. & or Team names missing

Scores illegible - and so on.

Attempts were made early on in the season to highlight and report on these faults. This was time consuming and resulted in little or no improvement. I have therefore adopted the approach that where there is doubt, I will make a judgement call and unless I hear to the contrary I will assume that the correct scores have been entered. I can always change the entered results at a later date should a team captain challenge it.

Leagues

Generally leagues have run smoothly during the season apart from the disruption caused by snow in early January which resulted in nearly 2 weeks of cancellations.

A draw of 1 shot to each team was awarded in those matches cancelled. This method of scoring was considered by one member as unfair, and he proposed that a score of 0-0 would be a fairer result.??

It was pointed out that the computer programme will not accept a score of 0-0 and that anyway, the present system was not unfair as it has little or no effect on the end result.

2. Next Season 2010/2011

About 96% of the expected entries for next season's leagues have now been received.

We have had 18 team withdraw and 4 new teams entered making a net reduction of 14 teams compared to the current season.

All leagues (with the exception of L03 Mon.Eve.) have 6 or more teams and will be able to run this season.

L03 is a worry since it only has 5 teams at present. Clearly we do not wish to cancel a league and my proposal is that we introduce a "dummy" team into the league which will allow it to run. I have discussed this with all the team captains in this league and there was unanimous agreement that this option was preferable to cancellation.

I will be posting the team entries on the notice board in the bowls hall on Sunday 28th March.

Would all Team Captains please check that their teams have been entered and are correct.

Finally, if I am elected , I will obviously continue in my present role until this time next year. However, it is likely that I may be looking for someone to take over my role at that time. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let me know.

Thank you and Happy Bowling to you all.

**Brian Probyn
League Secretary
25th March 2010**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Probyn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Good Evening,

Apologies that I cannot be here in person this evening but I am grateful to Colin for reading out my report.

This report is my tenth as Competition Secretary, a post I took up in 2000-2001.

In that first year when I looked after just the Men's and Mixed competitions I received entries from 48 members with 33 Singles, 25 Pairs, 17 Triples, 9 Rinks and 13 Senior 2 Wood Triples. In addition there was a further 25 Mixed Pairs and 12 Mixed Rinks. The competitions were well supported and competitive.

Since then the numbers have declined each and every year and despite an extended period to enter of almost 10 weeks, and numerous posters, pleas and reminders the current level of entries for next year is once again at an all time low.

With just 3 days to go until the deadline, and the entry forms having been out since mid January, I have received just 7 entries from other members excluding myself – and it should be remembered that this also now includes all the Ladies' competitions which I took over a few years back.

From these 7 members we have just the following number of entries:

Men	6 Singles	Mixed	3 Pairs	Ladies	0 Singles
	4 Pairs		2 Rinks		1 Pair
	3 Triples				0 Triples
	2 Rinks				0 Rinks

So as can be seen there are only sufficient numbers to run the Men's Singles and Pairs with the latter on the absolute minimum level.

With such a pathetic number of entries I personally do not see the point in continuing anymore. The commitment I give to the Club attending Committee meetings, running the competitions themselves, arranging the paperwork, draws etc. is something I am not prepared to continue when members do not support me.

The deadline for all the Competitions is Sunday. Unless there is some miraculous surge of entries, which I have to say is highly unlikely, and as there is insufficient interest from the membership then with much regret I will be standing down as Competition Secretary as there is simply nothing for me to do.

A very disappointing end to my 10 years in the role.

Carl Taylor