

Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Annual General Meeting
Held 25th January 2017
at Methodist Church Hall, Much Wenlock
MINUTES

Present: K Banks, M Bardsley, B Davies, J Glancy, P Gylward, A Harris, W Jarvis, R Kinson, Mrs M Langford, Mrs B Moore, Mrs E Mumford, G Mumford, R Mumford, B Rudge, A Swales, M Theobalds, D Turner, C Wildblood, Mrs R Wildblood, K Willis

1. Apologies: E Bree, S Charteris, D Davies, Mrs V Hodgetts, A Howells, P Laming, N Mitchell, I Moore, R Perry, J Pope, S Preece

2. In the absence of the Chairman Peter Gylward, M Theobalds took the chair and opened the meeting

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th January 2016

- a. Proposed by A Swales, seconded by R Mumford and approved as a true record.
- b. No urgent matters arising not already covered by the agenda

4. President's & Vice President's report:

- In the absence of D Davies and Mrs V Hodgetts, D Turner (Secretary) read their report, summarised as follows:
 - First AGM missed since 1979
 - Thanks to outgoing officers
 - 2016 a year of progress under new officers, with new ideas.
 - Anticipating progress with car park access and welcome reduction in proposed green fee
 - Welcome contribution by Gaskell Management Committee towards fertiliser, green seed etc.
 - Successful grant application for equipment to encourage younger players
 - Hope for more members and maintain friendly club atmosphere.

5. Chairman's report:

- P Gylward joined the meeting and asked for a minute's silence in tribute to stalwart member Keith Gardner who died in 2016.
 - He endorsed the President's remarks and went on to say
 - Club competitions, organised by R Mumford, need more support
 - All members are expected to help with everyday tasks such as sweeping and washing up – don't leave it to the same few
 - Good to see familiar faces at the meeting and one or two new ones

6. Treasurer's report:

- The Statement of Account for the period ended 19th January 2017 were distributed.
- M Theobalds reported that the financial year had been extended to 19th January in order that the green fee and the electrician's bill could be included.
- Whilst there was a surplus at the year end, there were significant expenditure items looming and constant vigilance as to the Club's financial position was required.

7. Secretary's report:

- D Turner paid tribute to his predecessor, R Kinson, who had helped ensure a smooth transition.
- He reported that there had been a number of exchanges of correspondence with the Gaskell Management Committee during the year and some progress had been made
- Most members had now offered up their email addresses so that club communication was more convenient and timely.
- The Club's website now carries most of the information about its activities:
www.muchwenlockbowling.club
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8. Election of Committee:

- It was noted that E Bree and V Skidmore had resigned and that K Gardner had passed away.
- It was proposed and **decided** that the remaining Committee members should elect *en bloc* together with A Harris. The Committee for 2017 now to consist of:
B Davies, D Davies, P Gylward, A Harris, Mrs V Hodgetts, W Jarvis, R Kinson, Mrs E Mumford, R Mumford, Mrs B Moore, R Perry, A Swales, M Theobalds, D Turner

9. Election of officers:

- The following were elected unopposed:
Chairman - P Gylward
Vice-Chairman – A Swales
Treasurer - M Theobalds
Secretary - D Turner

10. League reports:

- Monday – Mrs E Mumford thanked players for their support – there had been plenty of team members except during holiday periods. The new team strip is very smart. We maintained our place in Division 5 – Keith Gardner would be proud of us.
- Friday – A Swales reported that we had battled relegation successfully in Division 3. The improved quality of the green meant that some of the home advantage was now lost! The team had played 24, won 12 and lost 12. 132 games had been won, 156 lost. Particular mention should be made of K Banks, R Mumford and S Preece.
- Highley – R Mumford said the team had battled hard for 1st place. The League AGM was the following Tuesday, Cleobury Mortimer is being dropped. He gave his thanks to all involved.
- Senior Citizens – In the absence of D Davies, D Turner (Secretary) read his report. Having dropped down to Division 2, K Banks deserved special mention, as did A Harris in his first year. V Skidmore would be a sad loss to the team. 2016 saw all teams play for a cup to commemorate Much Wenlock's late Johnny Langford.

11. Election of Team Captains:

- Monday - Mrs E Mumford (seeking deputy)
- Friday – A Swales (Deputy, Mrs R Wildblood)
- Highley – Mr V Hodgetts and R Mumford
- Senior Citizens – D Davies

12. Competitions report:

- R Mumford reported that all the Club competitions had been played with great spirit. Ideas to pep things up should be conveyed to the Committee.

13. Subscription levels:

- B Davies proposed that subscriptions for adults should remain at £20 per season. He proposed that there should be a new subscription category for those from the age of 12 to 18 set at £5 per season. Those under the age of 12 should be free. All players in league matches to be subject to £2 surcharge. After some discussion **it was decided** the proposal be agreed by the meeting.

14. Fundraising:

- A number of suggestions were advanced by members, as follows
 - K Banks – Race night (apparently two are scheduled to take place in Wenlock shortly).
 - K Willis – Quiz night
 - Mrs R Wildblood – Quiz (sell question sheets)
 - K Banks – Magic evening
 - M Theobalds – Apply for grant
 - Mrs M Langford – Appeal for grant from NISA store
 - W Jarvis – Increase match fee to £2.50
 - Mrs R Wildblood – Sponsorship of a border around the green
 - G Mumford – Quiz night could include advertising boards for Club membership
- **It was decided** that all suggestions to be considered by the Committee

15. Any other business:

- In response to a question from K Banks about school car park access, the Chairman said it is likely to be resolved in 2017.
- B Rudge said use of the school car park for the Olympian Games might provide some leverage in negotiations.
- In response to a member's question it was announced that bowling would commence in Much Wenlock on the first Friday in April.
- K Willis indicated that bowlers are welcome at Craven Arms from 18th March.

Meeting closed at 7:55pm