

A.W.R.E. BOWLING CLUB

AFFILIATED TO B.E.A and R.C.B.B.A



Chairman
John Maycock

President
John Welch

Secretary
Ian Watts

MINUTES OF A.W.R.E. BOWLING CLUB Annual General Meeting

HELD 23rd October 2017 IN THE RUGBY CLUB

PRESENT:

Dave Bowman, Elaine Bowman, John Maycock, Graham Tompkins, Diane Tompkins, Ian Watts, Sue Brown, Colin Brown, John Welch, Dennis Thomas, Fred Gill, John Mitchell.

APOLOGIES:

Ian Lightbody, Brenda

1. MINUTES:

Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.
proposed: Fred Gill, Seconded Elaine Bowman.

2. MATTERS ARISING :

None

3. FIXTURE SECRETARY / CAPTAINS REPORT:

Dave Bowman began reminding us that this was his 6th year as Captain, although the club now has the lowest number of members, he felt it was by far the most "club like" atmosphere that there has been.

We joined the Whitchurch league with a triples side in their 4th division and as winners are promoted to the 3rd Division. Many thanks & well done to all that contributed.

This year I had no difficulty getting a team, the email system worked well. For next year I am planning to see if I can run it on a rota, similar to the Stan Hardman was run.

When the renewal form is sent out there will be a section to tick if you wish to play also an indication to your unavailable dates. This year we only able to put out 1 team in the Stan Hardman, again we did well and reached the quarter final play-off losing only to the eventual winners.

At the start of the season John Maycock entered a team into the Laurie Cushion tournament at Loddon vale, it was play on Saturday nights and we went through to the final plate losing to Basingstoke Town. anyone interested let John know.
Captains Day :At the last moment I decided to have Captains Day, and there was a good turn-out of 18 players All players enjoyed the event.
Finals Day: Again a last minute event, we had 16 players over 2 days in September. I think everyone agreed the format worked well.
I propose that next year once a month, probably a pre-determined Saturday afternoon the initial round of tournaments will take place, All those previously indicating they wished to take part in the events “doubles, singles, etc. will play on that afternoon and progress to the next stage were finalist’s are decide. The advantage of this will be no phoning around to arrange matches & umpires.

Other competitions:

Noted Basingstoke Town is Men only but Whitchurch are mixed possibility of our club members entering either Basingstoke or Whitchurch run competitions.

A new Website has been created, www.awrebowls.co.uk should be easier to administer please contact Dave if you wish to contribute to it.

Dave has asked for volunteers on a rota basis to supply the food for next season For home matches with the Whitchurch league, contact Dave or Elaine if can help. A suggestion to have the club re-entered in the local Magazine (Tadley Roundabout) may help recruitment.

4. TRESURERS REPORT:

The annual statement has now been audited and accounts for 2017 passed to the Recsoc. administration as required.

The overall account was some £232.05 as a negative deficit this year as predicted, the club still has a respectful balance of £3,488.97 in hand.

Membership fees will be discussed at the next Committee meeting, but will not be increased.

5. SECRETARY REPORT

Our Insurance with Bowls England is due for renewal 1st April 2018

We are currently Affiliated to the RCBBA & BE. which cost the club £9 per member.

The club is not actually participating in the Berkshire league probably historic or grounds location. As we do compete in the Basingstoke “BDBA” and Bowls Hampshire, “Whitchurch league” I believe they are more appropriate.

As Secretary I will make inquiries as to fees and formality. The only benefit of Bowls England is a reduced Insurance premium. Cost of affiliation to RCBBA is £4 & to BE is £5 per member The cost to these associations is three quarters of the clubs membership contributions.

AWRE are currently associated with the Basingstoke & Dean Bowls & Bowls Hampshire Associations through the Whitchurch league & Stan Hardman league participation, details of whether that constitutes Affiliation as require for Bowls England is unclear at this time.

6. GREEN RANGER REPORT:

The Maintenance staff are looking to replace the mower, the present mower has suffered damage from worm casts. Help is required to prepare the club site for winter on Friday 3rd Nov.2017.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As no Members currently were nominated, volunteers are requested to offer assistance to the Committee.

John Welch has now completed his tour of duty as club President, and we all thank him for his great contribution over the last couple of years. As no candidates were offered up, John was Re-elected "press-ganged".

proposed By : Elaine Bowman
Seconded By : Graham Tompkins

8. A.O.B:

For the next Season the Committee will look to hold it's meetings as normal on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Rec-Soc. bar area, as so few members attending it will improve the opportunity for the Rugby club lettings. The AGM will still be held in the Rugby club as in the passed.

9. DATE OF NEXT AGM

The next meeting will be held on the Monday the 22nd October 2018
The meeting will take place in the Rugby club starting at 7.00.p.m.

Ian Watts. Secretary
25/10/2017