



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2016 at 1900 hrs

in the CLUBHOUSE, CORAMS LANE, WELLINGTON

AGENDA

1 minutes Silence as we remember members who have died during the past year
Glenda Kelly, Sylvia Brett, Bryan Chaplin, Robina Gamlin, and Ralph Fry.

- 1 Chairperson will declare the meeting open
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 President's address
- 4 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
(including Secretary and Treasurer's reports)
- 5 Matters arising from the last minutes.
- 6 Chairman's Comments
- 7 Secretary's report.
- 8 Treasurer's report that will be followed by a presentation by our
accountant Mr Robin Dickenson.

15 minutes Break - Brian to ask Full members to collect ballot forms and vote for the nominations for the nomination for officers where more than one person has applied. A cross to indicate a vote. Men collect green forms ladies collect pink forms. After voting please put all tickets in the marked boxes.

Proposals: (see attached sheet)

Election of Officers and Post Holders for the year

Introduce new President Roland Bath

Election of Trustees

Election of Auditor

Chairperson will close the meeting

When the meeting has been closed there will be a break of 15 minutes and then any member will have the opportunity to address the assembly on any subject relating to the club affairs. No minutes will be taken and no subject will be put to a vote. If any issues are raised which require attention they will be referred to either the Executive Committee or the General Committee.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 1900Hrs IN THE CLUBHOUSE, CORAMS LANE, WELLINGTON

Before the meeting opened all members present observed one minute silence in memory of Edna Buckingham, Betty Hill, Russ Harper, Wendy Cording, John Donovan, Peter Ilsley and Mike Thorne who had all passed away since the last meeting.
The Chairman also asked everyone to remember Don Wilson and Brian Philips who are both seriously ill.

1 Opening Address - The chairman, Alan Bell, declared the meeting open and welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence - Jan and Julian Hoskins, Monica and Simon Spalding, Thelma and Dai Helps, Derek and Jenny Vile, Bob Cowling and Norman Shuttler.

3 President's Address - Bob Codd was in attendance but declined to speak.

4 The Chairman asked if the minutes of the last AGM could be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

A member asked "What was the outcome of the proposals number 4 and 5 as this was not indicated on the minutes." The Secretary informed the meeting that he did not know the answer to this as he had not provided the minutes but he would raise the matter with Roger Peddle when he returned from holiday and adjust the minutes accordingly. A vote was taken and apart from this omission the meeting approved the minutes.

5 Matters arising - The Acting Secretary referred to the motion passed last year "that the club should amend the Constitution without recourse to either the AGM or an Extraordinary Meeting".

He explained that Bowls England published a new Model Constitution earlier this year which contained detailed descriptions of the legal aspects of club affairs, protection measures for the finances, sets out clearly the duties and responsibilities of committee members, the rights and privileges of all member categories, and the basic rules that should be expected of all members. In order to rewrite the Constitution it had been necessary to marry our old Constitution with the Bowls England Model and it had become a very different document which should be examined and discussed by members and final approval and adoption should be taken at an Extraordinary General Meeting. The new document is in draft form and is being examined for errors. When this has been done it will be forwarded to Bowls England for approval and if it is found to be sound copies will be distributed to members and an EGM will be called with a view to adoption.

6 Acting Secretary's Report - The Secretary referred to the comment in his report that "some members had not worn the club shirts at all league and friendly matches as directed by the motion passed last year". He admitted that he had got this completely wrong as this motion had been defeated and another motion had been passed which stipulated that the new shirts should be worn starting in 2016. He apologised for the error.

New Club Shirts - The Acting Secretary asked members to remain in their seats when the meeting is formally closed as he wants to take the opportunity to discuss Club shirts. This matter is very important if we are to obtain the club shirts prior to start of the next outdoor season.

Captains and other Reports - Paul Kelly, Men's Captain, had requested the opportunity to give a verbal report of the previous seasons activities and to thank all the players for their support and efforts. This is not allowed at the AGM but it had been suggested that he could give a written report as part of the Secretary's report. He had readily agreed to this and the offer was extended to the other Captains, the Think Tank, and the Social Secretary who all submitted reports. The Acting Secretary hoped that this addition had been appreciated by members.

The Acting Secretary then offered to answer any questions relating to his written report which is contained in the minutes. There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer referred the meeting to the résumé in the report and informed the meeting that the Accountant was present and would give a full appraisal of the year's accounts and answer any questions.

The accountant, Robin Dickinson, made the following comments:

The financial position of the club had greatly improved due mainly to the influx of new members.

The club had repaid the loans that had been due, purchased a new Glass Washer, paid for the equipment to comply with Fire Regulations and still managed to turn in an overall profit of £2,626.00. This compared to a loss last year of over £300.

The profit margin from the bar had reduced slightly but the overall profit has increased substantially which is due to the increase in members and in the number of matches played at home.

On completion of his report the Accountant asked if members had any questions. There were no questions from the floor.

The Acting Secretary announced that there was going to be a 20 minute break and asked all Full members to come up to the desk and get polling slips for the posts for which there would be elections later in the proceedings. A box was made available for the voting slips to be returned. At the end of the break the box was collected by John Cherry and Jay Merrell who then counted the votes in private and gave the results to the Acting Secretary. The meeting was then resumed.

Proposals

1 From the Ladies Committee *All full members who play in the League and Friendly matches in the outdoor season will be included in the tea rota from 2016.* Brian Wombwell said that if members, male and female, do their fair share of the work and if everyone cooperated it would only be necessary for each person to do one duty. Last season we had played over 20 Friendly games at home and it was not fair to ask the same people to do the work week after week. Mike Groves made the point that it would not be practicable to select Teams around the tea rota and it was agreed that the League teams would sort out their own teas.

A vote was taken and it was agreed that all members who play in Friendly matches should be included in the tea rota for Friendly matches.

2 From Brian Wombwell - *The new post created last year should be changed to Development Officer with responsibilities for recruitment and retention of existing members. The post should be added to the list of members on the General Committee.* The members were informed that this issue had been discussed by the General Committee and recommend that the post should report to the General committee and not be a member of the committee. There was much debate by members and it was decided that the recommendation by the General Committee should be treated as an amendment. A vote was taken and the amendment defeated. A vote was taken on the original motion and was carried.

3 This motion was withdrawn.

4 From Jay Merrell - *the fixture Secretary's role should combine Men's, Ladies and Mixed matches.* Jay made the point that it made sense for one person to organise all matches as this would eliminate duplication of matches. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

5 From Brian Wombwell - *In order that the Assistant Secretary can be aware of what is happening in the club the post should allow ex officio attendance at all Executive and General Committee Meetings but is not allowed to vote.* A vote was taken and the motion passed.

6 From Bob Clarke - *In order to encourage more people to use the indoor rink in summer the indoor rink fee of £16 should cover the whole year not just the indoor season.* The fee will be due on the 1st of September each year and to remain the same regardless of the date of joining. After some discussion a vote was taken and the motion was passed.

7 From Jay Merrell - *We should create a post of membership Secretary who will maintain a list of members and collect membership fees.* The Treasurer said that he was quite happy with the present arrangements and could see no reason for change. A vote was taken and the motion defeated.

Elected Officers and Post Holders for 2016

President Sylvia Lane was installed as Club President
Vice President Male Roland Bath elected as Vice President
Vice President Female VACANT

Trustees Francis Hughes
Richard Fox
Win Courtney
Alan Leonard will retire in April and Bill
Heard will take his place.

Executive Committee

Chairperson Geoff Stamp
Secretary Brian Wombwell
Treasurer Lew Stanton
Ladies Administrator Gill Groves

General Committee

Men's Captain Paul Kelly
Ladies Captain Anne Cowling
Mixed Games Captain John Lister
Fixture Secretary Jay Merrell
Bar Steward Roland Bath assisted by Mike Twyford
Competitions Secretary Bob Clarke
Development Officer Richard Manning

Post Holders who report to the General Committee and can attend General Committee meetings but cannot vote except on issues concerning their portfolio.

Green Representative Bill Heard will continue this role until April 2016
and then Paul Kelly will take over.
Building Representative Ernie Windsor
Catering Officer This position is VACANT
Social Team Representative Issues reports only to the General Committee

Other Posts Held by Members

Men's Vice Captain Mike Groves
Selection Committee Men's Courtney Bowden
Ladies Vice Captain Gill Groves
Selection Committee Ladies Win Courtney
Mixed Games Vice Captain Laurie Greaves
Selection Committee Mixed Thelma Helps
Bar Committee Mike Twyford and John Mullen
Assistant Treasurer Julia Stanton
Assistant Secretary VACANT
Men's Welfare Officer John Cherry
Ladies Welfare Officer Anne Cowling
Publicity Officer Martin Speakman
Child Protection Officer Martin Speakman
County Representative Mike Groves

The Chairman Closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

Club Shirts

When the meeting had been closed Brian Wombwell asked members to stay in their seats while a discussion took place regarding Club Shirts.

Brian thanked Anne Cowling who had taken over the project of club shirts and showed members a drawing of the proposed design.

The design includes the club badge and a pocket.

There are two slight differences between the men's and ladies shirts

a) The ladies garment has a halter type collar whilst the men's has a buttoned collar.

b) The men's pocket is on the left breast whilst the women's pocket is at the waist

The basic colour of the shirt is white with a maroon collar, maroon trim to the sleeve and maroon side panels.

The cost of the shirt will be £16 each.

Brian told the members that if the design was approved by members he would apply to Bowls England to get the design registered with Bowls England and if accepted we could go ahead and order the shirts which should be available by March next year ready for the new outdoor season. In reply to a question Brian said that we had not been able to get sponsorship for the shirts.

If we get a positive response from Bowls England we will contact all playing members with arrangements for ordering shirts. In order to minimise stocks and over ordering we will be asking for cash with orders.

The design and proposals were agreed by the meeting and Anne and Brian will proceed accordingly.

Secretary Report AGM 2016

This has been a very busy and successful year for the club and it is difficult to know where to start so I have listed the main events in chronological order.

In this report I will be mentioning the names of many club members and I apologise now if I have missed anyone who feels they should have been mentioned.

In October we received news that the Taunton Deane Borough Council had approved a grant application for £16,780 to carry out works to make our club disabled friendly.

Our Christmas Draw organised by Mike Connor and team was well supported and well attended and raised about £900.00.

In December we were over the moon to learn that our Application to Viridor Credits for £49,272.00 had been finally approved.

Since then Richard Manning has been able to get further grants which has seen a total investment of over £85,000.00 in our club.

It was agreed that all monies raised by the Social Team should be put in a separate fund that would be used to buy equipment for the kitchen.

In January the saga of the club shirts began.

December - Much to our relief the final go ahead was given by Viridor Credits to proceed with the work to the indoor green.

February - It was decided at the February meeting that the new Club Constitution based on the Bowls England Model, but incorporating the principles of the old club Constitution where possible, should be adopted in accordance with a motion agreed at the 2014 AGM. It was discussed and approved by the Executive Committee and the General Committee and then sent to Bowls England for their comments. The document was revised at each stage before being finally adopted in February.

The club shirts were ordered in February with a promise of a 6 week delivery.

The General Committee decided in principle to support the Smoke Free Sports Club Project and Richard Manning volunteered to go on the course and report back.

April

The work on the indoor rink and internal lighting was started and enough work was completed to allow the Opening of the Green to take place on the 16th April. The opening was ably performed by our President Sylvia Lane to a great deal of excitement and expectation from our members.

Fran Hughes and Bob Codd suggested we apply for a grant from the NOMADS to buy a portable ramp that would allow wheelchair access to the green. An application was sent and we subsequently received a cheque for £250 and an anonymous donation of £200. A ramp was purchased which is now in the shed.

Following Richard's attendance at the Smoke Free Sports Project a decision was made to ban smoking from all areas within the club boundary except a small Smoking Zone that would be created near the garage and shed.

Work was started on the new roof.

The Disabled facilities and new gated entrance were completed.

A new safe was installed behind the bar area.

May

The roof was completed and the scaffolding removed.

The electrical work to the Indoor Rink was completed including some additional work that Richard somehow negotiated without cost to the club.

The Open Day was also a success and we gained 13 new members.

A base was laid and the new shed was erected.

Richard was again successful in getting a grant, this time from the Town Council, which was put towards the cost of a new cooker and extractor hood.

June

The General Committee agreed that the trees on the border with the Rugby Club should be removed and approval was given for the purchase of a new fence.

The club shirts arrived in June and after distributing them to members it became apparent that the sizes were all larger than they should be. Many shirts had to be exchanged for a smaller size which took a considerable amount of time. I was able to persuade the manufacturer to supply us with a number of shirts free of charge and we were able to keep the larger sizes for stock.

We acquired equipment for short mat bowls.

July

Following representations from some members a fund was established which would allow members to donate to the cost of the Fence. This has been substantially increased by the efforts of Richard Manning and Mike Connor who have successfully persuaded local business to contribute.

Much to my relief the balance of the shirts arrived.

August

An event was arranged to thank the various organisations and contractors for the funding they had given towards the building works recently completed at the club. This was very successful and all the guests who attended were very impressed.

The Think Tank was resurrected.

September

I have done a quick count up and have calculated that this summer we participated in 63 league matches, 64 friendlies, hosted 3 Touring teams and 2 County matches. All went smoothly thanks to Jay Merrell for sorting out the fixture lists

League Promotions - Three of our Men's A teams have achieved promotion this season. The performance of all our B teams has also improved significantly.

Club of the year - To cap it all we have been voted Bowls England Club of the Year for the Western Region and are now being considered along with four other regional finalists for overall club of the year.

Current Membership

Men Full members	81	Lady Full members	31	Total Full members	112
Male Junior members	2	Lady Junior members	2	Total Juniors	4
Men Social members	21	Lady Social members	48	Total Social members	<u>69</u>

Total overall 185

Now to finish my report I want to pay tribute to some special people who have given outstanding service to this club this year.

This club is owned and run by the members and nothing happens at this club unless it is done by a volunteer member.

In 2014 the total full membership was 81 that is barely able to sustain the club financially. This showed in the year end figures when the club had an operating loss of £331.00. Although he had several members assisting him Richard Manning was the driving force behind the recruitment campaign that has led directly to the increase in members and placed the club in a much improved financial position. We have not just benefitted from the increase in subscriptions we have also seen the bar takings go up by over 60%.

We have all seen the benefits of the new building improvements carried out at the club over the past year and again Richard, although has had help from other members, he has been the main driving force in obtaining the grant funding. Altogether we have seen upwards of £85,000 pounds invested in the club and this requiring a contribution of only £3,300.00 of club funds. Richard has also been involved in the Club of the Year award and is now working on other funding projects

Richard I know that you have spent many hours researching and working on these projects. You are a tremendous asset to this club and we thank you for your commitment.

Next I come to a member who works full time and still commits a great deal of his time which benefits the club. Jay Merrell has increased dramatically the number of friendly matches we play each season. Researching and liaising with other clubs is a long and arduous process. Jays success benefits all our members especially new members who have experience competitive by taking part on the Friendly matches. Jay you have played a significant part in the resurgence of this club.

Now Paul Kelly our Club Captain. He also commits a considerable of time to the club. He chooses the teams that represent us in the leagues and his skill at doing this is reflected in the success we have had this season. Paul also attends league meetings on behalf of the club and all this on top of his duties looking after the green.

Our other Captains Gill Groves (Ladies), John Lister (Mixed friendlies) and people who have accepted responsibility and stood in for the captains when they are not available have all done us proud.

John Cherry organises all the activities on the indoor rink including Booking of the rink and the competitions. It sounds simple but it is far from that especially at the start of the Indoor Season. John is also Welfare Officer and also serves on the Think Tank.

Ernie Windsor - Now here is a man who does most of the building maintenance and has done so for a long time. He clips the hedges, paints fences, repairs the gutters and downpipes and 101 other jobs around our premises. ROD Troake has also carried out a great deal of work around the club the biggest jobs being all the racking in the new shed and the plinth for the new safe. Most of the time their work goes unnoticed but it is essential maintenance and would cost us a lot of money if we had to employ a contractor to do it.

Brenda Manning, Theresa Hawkins and the Social Team have treated us this past year with some great nights out in the club. The Socials and Bring and Share evenings have been a tremendous success. These events allow members to meet and mix socially, bar takings are increased, and all profits are ploughed back into the club for purchasing kitchen equipment and improving the catering facilities. This is a win, win, win operation.

Julia Stanton, and Diane Troake have shared the major part of the organising of food for the other events held at the club e.g. Open and Closing of the green, hosting touring sides, County League matches. They

have had help from other members and together they have had heaps of praise from members and visitors for the quality of meals produced.

We cannot and must not forget our Press Officer Martin Speakman. He has contributed hugely to the morale of the club members and helped to raise the profile of the club throughout the whole area. Every week he gets photos and articles in the local papers sometimes taking up over half a page. Well done Martin keep up the good work.

Finally, we should thank all the members who have supported and helped on working parties, preparing meals, tea duties, recruiting etc. etc. All of your efforts over the past year have contributed to making Wellington Bowling Club a great members club. Also all of the members who pitch in and help on an occasional basis when work needs doing.

Before I finish: I have been asked to remind members that the Dress Code for all home and away league and friendly matches requires a club shirt. Members not wearing a club shirt will not be chosen to represent the club. Anyone who wants a shirt can obtain one by contacting me. All sizes are in stock and the price is still £16.00. When we re order it will be a small order and the price will definitely increase.

Brian Wombwell

Mens Captain Report 2016

Congratulations All Men's League Players and those behind the scenes that have supported us, you have all contributed to the most successful League results in the Clubs History.

Triple Promotions are a rare occurrence, and having spoken to those who know the clubs playing history probably the first time triple promotions have occurred in a single season.

We have achieved the following:

Promotion to Premier League Two for the A team is a first in the Clubs History.

Promotion for the Over 60 Devon League A team triples in the first season.

Promotion for Wellington A team triples in the WSL 2 to WSL1 last achieved in 2011.

The B teams while not gaining promotions, pressed hard in the Over 60 League just missing out on the second promotion place, finished mid table in their respective Thursday and Saturday leagues.

An improvement on last season and we have introduced many new bowlers in to league matches.

Match shot score differences improving significantly, in those matches lost, match experience will convert those close losses to match wins.

Why so successful?

Players have committed to playing regularly, post selection changes have been minimal, the sides selected have been those playing on a Saturday. Settled rinks allow players to play as a unit, you have through winning, established that will to win and I have seen some tremendous turn arounds in rinks and matches throughout the season, where the will and skill has delivered. As we closed in on promotion places, we have managed that pressure well, when a teammate is having an off day his colleagues have stepped up and bowled the shots that have led to winning scores. You have been competitive, but respectful of those we played, upholding the good reputation of the club you play for.

A positive team spirit has grown, the club has had a buzz on match days, settled rinks will leave some players on the fringes of team selection, and that is a difficult situation for them to be in personally. Selection on a Monday has taken some time, with intense discussions and some hard decisions made. That is a positive position for the club, true selection debate, rather than "who can we find to play" that has occurred in past recent seasons. To those players who have suffered from selection choices, your attitude has been tremendous, it is you who have been moved and rotated, dropped and reinstated, played when asked, that have supported this seasons team success.

We have used 38 players to fulfil the Saturday games during the season, so we do need you bowlers that are not playing regularly identified as available for league selection. Many of you are playing regularly in the mixed games and that is a very good format to improve your match knowledge and individual skills. The selectors are aware of those who are showing promise and improving and I look forward to improving our league teams.

I and all of the men playing have to thank the team of Ladies providing the post match catering, first class every week, opposition do notice, opposition enjoy visiting us, very positive feedback from visiting Captains, your effort Ladies has been really appreciated, and as the home side we have benefited most as we eat home regularly. The post match atmosphere has been very buoyant, the enjoyable refreshments have added significantly to the post match buzz this is a big part of the enjoyment of playing, we have had some very noisy teas where the opposition has also enjoyed the post match dialogue.

The match day off green support provided to me has been excellent, putting out match equipment, laying tables, clearing tables, washing up, sorting out the draw ticket, seeing what is required and doing it.

A big thank you to Laurie, Roland, Mike and Richard who have Captained league teams during League games, carried out post match duties completing and mailing scorecards, phoning in results and provided match updates to me, to allow prompt reporting of match results. Your accuracy has been 100% and learning from last years experience I have avoided playing ineligible players and any points deductions.

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Next Season

To improve players skills and gain match experience this requires competitive league matches we need more league games, at the mid year meeting it was suggested from the floor we enter more league teams. Having gauged the playing strength this season with particularly Thursday night player availability well over subscribed as Club Captain I gained approval from the General Committee to proceed with seeking entering additional league teams and I can confirm we have received WSL approval to enter a third team next season. Having taken this bold step it will require commitment to put out 27 players on Thursday Match nights.

Premier League Two will be a challenge, and an opportunity for all A team players to play at a level of skill and intensity that will challenge you as an individual. We have laid a strong foundation of playing as a unit this season. The challenge for the B and C teams is to replicate that will to win, regular availability will allow selectors to find the combinations of players that achieve winning rinks, consistency allows you to build an understanding with your team colleagues, that will often overcome a rink playing as individual.

Ladies Captain Report to the AGM 2016

The ladies season was mainly played in good weather, which was an added bonus. Due to illness and holidays we had to rely on new ladies to help us out in the ladies league. It took some persuasion due to lack of confidence, but they faired very well and there are some very promising ladies who should do well in the future. They will be encouraged to keep putting their names forward.

We had four ladies friendlies this year and hope to have more next season. These are a perfect platform for new ladies to experience the fun of an all ladies game.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Fear Cup and Southey Trophy, due to lack of numbers, but hope to participate again in these knock-out competitions next year.

Gill Groves

Mixed Captain Report to the AGM 2016

What a great year this has been for Wellington Bowls Club.

I have enjoyed the year and would like to thank the support of my fellow selectors but most of all the support of the members who have played in the friendly matches. If all the new members had not come into the teams it would have been difficult, on occasions, to raise a team. I am pleased to report that all we had to cancel throughout the season was one rink.

With regard to results we managed approximately a 50% win rate. This is excellent considering that for some of our players it was their very first match. I am sure that the experience gained by the new members was invaluable. Next season I am sure that we will improve as the club grows stronger.

All our new members, ladies and men, have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the friendly games and this has stimulated in them the desire to improve their skills.

This year we have played some teams for the very first time and I think they are all keen to play us again next season. Many have also commented that they appreciate the friendly and sporting attitude of our members.

John Lister

TREASURER'S REPORT 2016

We started the new financial year with new members on both the executive and general committee. The last twelve months have been very busy and challenging at times, but we have finished in a healthy position, with many improvements to the club. Thanks must go to Richard Manning for bringing in the grant money and the new members to enjoy the club and playing bowls.

Our new cleaner was installed in the new year, many thanks to Diane for all her hard work. The indoor green provides a large portion of our income, and now with the new lights, roof and more teams playing, it will continue to grow. Last year the income was just short of £10.000 Thanks to John Cherry for all his ongoing work on the indoor green, and organisation.

The social side of the club continues to grow and we now have the luxury of new slow cookers, a range oven and a freezer, all having been paid for by the profits from the social events plus a donation from the town council. The microwave was part funded by Paul Kelly in memory of his wife, Glenda, who helped so much with the men's league teas. We received our first payment from the solar panels, £270.00, for just having them on our roof! Our electric bills are also reduced in daylight hours.

A new safe was purchased and installed, many thanks to Rod Troake for his excellent building work. It increases our safety and is much easier to use, the hole in the floor was becoming very difficult to access for our ageing people!!!!

The bar has exceeded all records this year, and many thanks go to Roland and his team for keeping it well stocked and for the people drinking!

The new shed duly arrived and was installed quickly; it houses all the new equipment and new freezer, with room to spare. These were both paid for by generous donations from outside businesses.

The outdoor fixtures have been plentiful, thanks to Jay and successful, thanks to all the members for putting their names down to play. The outdoor green has had its usual maintenance costs, thanks to all the team for working so hard on it. Without a good green, we wouldn't have a good club. We are now building a reputation for hosting county games, and we hope this will continue to grow; it brings in a good income and a lot of work!

Many thanks to all the unsung members of the club, too many to mention, without them, we wouldn't have a successful club. Most people will now be aware; we entered the Bowls England, club of the year competition, and were successful in winning the west area. We now go forward for the final between three other clubs. This involved much work and I think the team of Richard Manning, Jay Merrell and Julia Stanton got to draft version 12 before it was ready to send.

We still need to continue to take the club forward, recruit new members and have a sound leadership. I will not be standing for re-election at the AGM, but will still remain actively involved and guide the new treasurer when needed. We would also like to play a little!

The accounts for this year will be accompanying this, and our accountant Robin Dickenson will be present at the AGM to answer any questions.

L Stanton
Treasurer

Notice of Motions for the AGM on Monday 24th October 2016

1) Proposed by the Executive Committee and endorsed by the General Committee.

- a) The full membership subscription should be increased by £5.00 to £85.00 but this cost to include all club competition fees. The increase will be applicable from May 1st 2017.*
- b) The Indoor membership should be raised by £4.00 to £20.00 to reflect that the subscription is now for 12 months. The increase will be applicable with effect from 1st October 2017.*

2) Proposed by the Executive Committee

The Constitution should be amended to allow the Assistant Secretary to attend the Executive and General Committee meetings but not allowed to vote unless deputising. The reason for attendance is that the Assistant Secretary needs to be fully aware of what is happening at the club so that they can participate in the meetings if they are called upon to deputise. If deputising they are allowed one vote but not a casting vote.

3) Proposed by Richard Manning and endorsed by the General Committee and Executive Committee.

A post of Membership Secretary should be created. This position should have a place on the General Committee. If approved the Constitution to be amended accordingly. Duties - to help recruit new members, and to assist and liaise with the coaches.

4) Proposed by Richard Manning

- a)** The post of Building Representative should be upgraded to Building Officer with added responsibility. This post would organise internal building repairs and regular maintenance to equipment and building fabric. For example boiler maintenance, stretching the carpet on the inside green, annual PAT testing, fire extinguishers, electrical wiring, joinery etc. When elected this officer is to select a small team of members with appropriate experience to form a small committee which reports to the Executive Committee and General Committee via the Building Officer. The committee to oversee the design and implementation of all future new works to the building and grounds.

- b)** If it is agreed that this post be accepted then the Building Officer to be appointed to the General Committee.

5) Proposed by Bob Clarke and Bill Heard

We do not need an Executive Committee.

List of nominations for Officers and Committee Members.

Executive Committee (Officers)

Chair Geoff Stamp and Gill Groves (*Election Necessary*)

Secretary Brian Wombwell

Treasurer John Hunt

Ladies Administrator Vacant

Assistant Secretary Bernard Barnes

Assistant Treasurer Vacant

General Committee (Officers)

Development Officer Richard Manning

Mens Captain Paul Kelly

Ladies Captain Gill Groves

Mixed Games Captain Ian Thomson

Bar Steward John Lister

Fixture Secretary Jay Merrell

Competitions Secretary Bob Clarke

Indoor Secretary John Cherry

Posts that report to the General Committee

Green Representative Paul Kelly

Building Maintenance Representative Ernie Windsor

Catering Officer Diane Troake

Social Team The social Team do not attend meetings but send written update reports as and when necessary.

Mens Welfare Officer John Cherry

Ladies Welfare Officer (Vacant)

Publicity Officer Martin Speakman

Child Protection Officer Martin Speakman

Other Posts held by members

Men's Vice Captain Mike Groves

Men's Selection Committee Courtney Bowden (One Vacancy)

Ladies Vice Captain Wynn Courtney

Ladies Selection Committee Thelma Helps

Mixed Games Vice Captain Dai Helps and John Lister (Election required)

Mixed Selection Committee Vacant two members required.

Outside Competitions Committee Brian Wombwell (Vacant lady member)

Bar Committee Eddie Dillely and Richard Whiting (Vacant one member)

County Representative Mike Groves