

MINUTES OF THE RUSHMOOR INDOOR BOWLING CLUB A.G.M. HELD ON
THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2011 IN THE RECREATION CENTRE.

27 Members attended of which ;
12 Members of the Committee.
1 Member of Centre Management.
14 Club Members.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS. (Dennis Sherwood).

Dennis thanked all for attending. He said it was nice to see Terry Cuming with us this evening as last year Terry was not well enough to attend and wanted personally to thank him for all the work he has done and time given to Rushmoor Bowling Club over the years. Thank you Terry.
My thanks go to the Centre Management for all their help and advice plus support over the years. Another band of people to thank were the Green Stewards without whom we would not have any leagues.

Dennis concluded his report saying that though only a few were mentioned who gave up their time to help run the club, without the members present this evening and those who are not, we would not have a Club. Thank you all for continued support.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS A.G.M. HELD ON THURSDAY 25th MARCH 2010.

Displayed on the notice board in the Hall as required by the Constitution, these were accepted as correct. Proposed by A. Sharman and seconded by M. Pearse.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. None.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT. (Colin Alcock).

Full report is appended. The main points covered are;

Thanks to all Committee members for their support. Excess of income over expenditure of more than £300. Efforts to reduce this make current predictions around £200. We have sufficient working capital for our current envisaged needs as well as a satisfactory contingency fund, however, in order to replace the carpet we are going to have to make a significant contribution which will dent the reserves. Added to this is increase of costs of around 5% for the way we pay for our bowls. It is hoped a balanced budget can be returned but even this will mean an increase in fees.

Colin's intention is to continue his policy of League rinks being paid for by green fees. Rises are needed here to pay rises in rink fees from the Centre.

A significant difference from the past is to introduce a system whereby members can come along and practice within normal League times and introduce this in the Annual Subscription. No need to contact the Centre but member identification cards must be carried.

League winners awards are to be raised. Cost of entering a team for the 2012/13 season to become universal rather than differ as now.

Membership this year is down from 365 to 348. A lot of advertising to be done. A poster to this effect has been produced. This was shown and a request for distribution made. Colin noted that

Friendly matches were disappearing.

The cost of lockers was causing concern as was the non return of keys and swipe cards.

Recommendations for next season were;

1. Increase Membership Fee from £20 to £21 and a supplementary fee of £5 to that to cover practice sessions. This is in effect a £1 rise over two years. Total £26.
2. The price of lockers revert to £6 per annum as in 2009/10.
3. Triples and rinks increase by 20p per head.
4. That League winners prizes for 2011/12 be increased from £42 to £50 per team.
5. That all other fees remain the same.

Colin felt these to be competitive with other clubs in the area.

Acceptance of the recommendations were proposed by Brian Welch and seconded by Terry Cuming. Carried unanimously.

6. CENTRE MANAGEMENT REPORT. (Duncan Mackay.).

Duncan opened his report saying it was nice to see Terry Cuming again. In the past they had a very good partnership with the club and Terry had certainly kept him on his toes.

Over the past months he had been in meetings with the Treasurer (Colin) and made proposals covering fees and empty spaces. He hoped these would improve matters for both Centre and Club. He suggested any trial period if necessary could be tweaked and that to see how it goes. On operational issues the club has been very helpful.

To his request for any questions, Terry Cuming raised the issue of cleaning, still not satisfactory as they do not have enough time, the big vacuum is not being used and they ought to do their job properly. Duncan replied it was a contractual issue and will be looked into.

Mrs. Everard asked why heating in the hall was not consistent. Duncan replied that we should be able to regulate the temperatures. Being no air conditioning it was not possible to cool the hall. He will have a word with the Engineer.

Mrs. Everard further enquired why when the snow was about, the car park was not cleared or gritted. It was especially dangerous to the more elderly. Duncan replied that it was a Rushmoor car park, not the Centre's. Mrs. Everard said that as it was part of the Centre then it had a duty of care to its users and she did not think the matter was being taken seriously enough.

Duncan reiterated it was Rushmoor responsibility for snow clearance and ice. The Centre's was for one metre around the building. Mrs Everard disagreed with this stating she will take it up with Rushmoor.

Bill McAffery expressed concern about machine noise in the hall, it was very disturbing. Duncan will get the engineer to look at this.

7. LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT. (Brian Probyn).

Full report is appended. Main points covered are;

Generally Leagues have run smoothly apart from the time disrupted by severe weather.

A procedure for future disruptions due to severe weather has been produced. Posted on the notice board in January there has been no comments. It is assumed that all are happy with it. A copy given to Management. To be included in next year handbook.

There has been a massive improvement in the way of less scorecard errors. Thanks to all.

All expected League entries are in for next season. Three withdrawn and two entered making a nett loss of one team. All Leagues will run next season. There are two League changes. L11 and L13 previously Open 4s will be Open 3s.

Rinks allocated will be varied as requested by team captains and members.

This will aid reducing carpet wear too.

First league match L01 is on Monday 19th September 2011.

Last league match L01 is on Monday 23rd April 2012.

Rink booking to the Centre by end June 2011.

Brian expressed willingness to continue for another year, however, should anyone wish to take the post on, or help, please contact him.

The Chairman complimented Brian for doing a very good job.

8. COMPETITION SECRETARY REPORT. (Carl Taylor.)

This year's 4 Competitions have almost been concluded with the exception of the Men's Singles. Thank you to those few members that did at least enter and congratulations to the Finalists and Winners who will once again be listed in the next Club Handbook.

Once again I published the entry forms in mid January with a deadline of last week - a period of over 2 months. Sadly, whilst slightly up on last season, there are still very few entries but we can at least play the Men's Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks albeit mostly with just 4 entries which is hardly a Competition.

I need just one entry more please for the Mixed Pairs to make enough for a Competition.

There was just 1 entry for both the Men's Senior 2 Wood Triples and Mixed Rinks and not one single entry for the Ladies' competition.

End of report.

9. CAPTAIN REPORT. (Michael Pearse).

Michael thanked wife Sheila for supporting him as Vice Captain.

There had been a struggle with Friendlies at times but managed in the end. Thank you to all who had put their names down to play them. Being played in greys, not whites, had helped especially the newer players to the game not having yet got at the required clothing.

The games were played by 46 players, 16 of which played 1 game only making a core of 30 players. Michael hoped for improvement next season.

Geoff Ringrose commented that having a coffee break in the game against Farnborough Gate went down very well and asked if this could continue. Michael replied it was intended to at all games next season.

Ina Hall asked if Sunday games could start ½ hour earlier due to personal travel arrangements.

The Committee to action this request.

Michael finished his report saying that Rollups will now replace the Captain Vs Vice Captain and Ladies Vs Gents matches next season.

10. AMENDMENT TO RULES. Proposed G.Ringrose. Seconded W.Graves.

1. The Chairman read out the proposal as put in the agenda. He stated that this had been discussed at a Committee meeting and the view was that it not be recommended.

The proposal was " When a Triples game is played with both teams one player short, the game shall proceed with each player using 3 woods only. There shall be no penalties applied other than the loss of 3 woods by both teams. When just 1 team is 1 player short, the missing player is deemed to be the number2." (Order of play then followed).

Geoff Ringrose was given the opportunity to put his reasons, being, time, travel and cost wasted only to not get a game. He outlined how the game could be played with only two players. There was nothing against this being applied locally as confirmed by the E.I.B.A.

A lengthy discussion followed. Points raised included;

Members responsibility to turn up for games and arrange a substitutes if not able.

Geoff said emergencies do arise at short notice.

Playing 6 woods against 9 with possible confusion of order of play.

This was not a Triples game at all and could not be classed as a Triples game.

Members would and have rejected the idea.

Some teams would withdraw from the League.

Members turning up to play could still play each other on a non league basis as the rink had already been booked with the Centre.

The Secretary stated that although he could see the reasoning behind the proposal, there did seem a lot of views on the matter against it.

Colin Alcock asked if in such circumstances the game could not be rescheduled. Brian Probyn replied that such alterations were not possible due to existing computer software.

Geoff asked if the 10 minute late start could be extended to 30 minutes. This was rejected as being already sufficient for a 2 hour match.

The Chairman asked for a vote on the proposal. Result. Unanimous AGAINST.

2. LEAGUE RULE 6 Proposed C.Moore. Seconded. C.Taylor.

As previously the Chairman read out the proposal. The Secretary at this point said that as written on the Agenda, the first line should be omitted because further information obtained made this invalid. He felt that the rest was broadly in line with a version offered by Colin Moore to replace Rule 6 also put on the board. Colin disagreed.

Colin read out his version.

“ In a Fours game when a team is one player short, the game shall proceed but,

(1) In the defaulting team, the number of bowls shall be made up by the Lead and Second player, playing three bowls each, and

(2) One fourth of the total shots by each team comprising three players shall be deducted from their score at the conclusion of the game. Fractions shall be taken into account.”

Brian Probyn enquired about fractions as it was not possible to do on his computer programme. This to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Terry Cuming said he knew why the current version of Rule 6 was in the handbook. It was because some years back some very good players had abused the system by regularly turning up one player short to gain advantage. To stop this the rule was changed so this team lost two woods. Terry felt that now times have changed, we revert to the original rule as in line with current E.I.B.A. rules as in the proposal.

Colin Alcock suggested that should this occur on a regular basis, then a warning first be given after which a penalty of loss of points and shots. This could be included in the handbook. Alec Sharman pointed that each player would now be required to carry three woods.

The vote on the proposal was Unanimously CARRIED.

The suggestion by Colin Alcock that penalties be applied and notice of such be included in the handbook was agreed. Proposed by Colin Moore and Seconded by Pat Welch.

Result. Unanimously CARRIED.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Appended to these minutes. (Agreed en bloc.).

Prior to the Chairman closing the meeting Joe Osler reported that rink game sheets were missing from the Green Steward's folder. He believed them to being used for scrap paper. Terry Cuming reported the County League sheets had vanished likewise. The Secretary will place a supply of

scrap paper near the letter rack for this purpose.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman thanked all for attending and wished all a happy outdoor season.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Appendix.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

CHAIRMAN.
SECRETARY.
TREASURER.
LEAGUE SECRETARY.
MATCH SECRETARY.
COMPETITION SECRETARY.
CAPTAIN.
VICE CAPTAIN.
MEN'S COUNTY REP.
LADIES COUNTY REP.
MEN'S PATRONS REP.
SENIOR GREEN STEWARD.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

DENNIS SHERWOOD.
DAVE NEWMAN.
COLIN ALCOCK.
BRIAN PROBYN.
DENNIS SHERWOOD.
CARL TAYLOR.
MICHAEL PEARSE.
SHEILA PEARSE.
None.
PAT WELCH.
DAVE NEWMAN.
JOE OSLER.
BRIAN WELCH
ALEC SHARMAN.

CENTRE MANAGEMENT.

AS NOMINATED BY CENTRE.

Signed.

Treasurers report 07/04/11

Firstly, I would like to thank all the committee & members, particularly, Brian Probyn, Dave Newman and Terry Cuming for all their help and support during the year.

Last year we finished up with an excess of income over expenditure of more than £300 and despite my attempts to significantly reduce that, current predictions suggest only a partial success with an excess of the order of £200 currently projected. We have sufficient working capital for our current envisaged needs as well as a satisfactory contingency fund. However, in order to renew the carpet, we are going to have to make a significant contribution which will severely dent those reserves. Added to this is an overall increase in costs of at least 5% plus a change in the way we pay for our bowls. Consequently, I can only hope to return a balanced budget, but even this will mean we are going to have to increase our fees in some areas.

It is my intention to continue with the policy of attempting to ensure that the cost of the League rinks is paid for by the Green fees. Unfortunately, the Triples are still making a substantial loss and with the introduction of a further Triples league, this can only get worse. In addition, the costs for our normal rinks has now risen to such an extent that they too are now making a loss and the price of those will also have to rise.

Where we are hoping to make a significant difference to the past is to introduce a system whereby all club members will be able to come along and practice, within set time scales (our normal league times), but incorporate the cost in the annual subscriptions. That is, you will not have to pay or contact the Centre to come and hire a rink to practice. The only proviso is that there is a rink available at the time. However, you must at all times carry your membership card, and for the usual deposit, can borrow a jack from reception. Failure to be able to produce your membership card may involve you in the normal centre hiring costs, as well as making the borrowing of a jack much harder.

It is my intention to increase the value of the award for the winners of each League next season as I believe this has been static for some time. In addition the cost of entering a team NEXT season, that is 2012/13 will become universal, rather than the different rates we have for some leagues.

This year we have 348 members, 236 male, 104 female, 3 junior, and 5 life members, down from 365 last year. Whilst the reduction is less this year than in the past, it is still downward. We still have to put a lot of effort into 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. To this end, I asked one of our new members who has some ability in this area, to come up with a poster we could display and if anyone would like one for their club or has any suggestions as to where I could put it (clean only please), please let me know. If you want to see it, I have an example here available after the meeting. I, along with the Chairman and others, note unhappily that Friendly matches are rapidly disappearing.

Treasurers report 07/04/11

The cost of the Lockers is still causing me concern as is the non-return of keys and swipe cards for Lockers no longer wanted and paid for. Can I please ask all members to kindly inform us and return keys and swipe cards if they no longer want/need a locker. Can I also encourage all members to apply for a locker, as the more that use them, the greater the overall contribution to the cost.

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

- 1) That the Annual membership fee be increased from £20 per annum to £21 per annum and that a supplementary fee of £5 be added to that to cover the aforementioned practice sessions making a total fee of £26 per annum. N.B. this is an effective increase of £1 only in the last two years.
- 2) That the price of lockers revert to £6 per annum as it was in 2009/10
- 3) That the price of triples be increased from £6 per team (£2 per head) to £6.60 (£2.20).
- 4) That the price of rinks be increased from £6.40 per team (£1.60 per head) to £7.20 (£1.80).
- 5) That the League winners prizes for 2011/12 be increased from £42 to £50 per team.
- 6) That the cost of a team entry for the 2012/13 season (N.B. Not the one just coming) be standardised at £10 per team.
- 7) That the cost of the Tuesday National Evening League, Wednesday Rollups, Saturday League matches, Friendlies and Competition match and entry fees remain the same.

I believe these recommendations will not only keep us extremely competitive with other clubs in the area, but also make practising a much cheaper and easier exercise. My forecast for next year based on these figures should show an increase in income of circa £3,460 per annum but no significant change to our capital assets, which is broadly in line with my stated objective above.

RUSHMOOR INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

A.G.M. 7th April 2011

League Secretary's Report

1. Present Season 2010/2011

Leagues

Generally leagues have run smoothly during the season apart from the disruption in early December caused by severe weather conditions which resulted in a number of matches being cancelled.

Regarding future possible disruptions of this nature, a procedure has been produced, and agreed by committee, which I believe clearly outlines the actions to be taken by all members of the club.

This procedure was posted on the notice board in January and since that time nobody has commented on it (either good or bad), so I can only assume that everyone is happy with it !!!.

A copy has also been supplied to Centre Management

This procedure will be included in next seasons handbook.

Score Cards

Early on in the season, score card errors were numerous and at an unacceptable level.

However, I am very happy to report a massive improvement since Christmas and my thanks to everyone for a very positive response to my 'moans'. It has made a significant reduction to my time spent on data entry.

4. Next Season 2011/2012

1. League Team Entries

All the expected entries for next season have now been received .

We have had only 3 teams withdraw this season (compared to 18 teams last year) and 2 new teams have entered making a net loss of only 1 team.

A good result I would say!.

Therefore, as things stand, all leagues will run next season .

I have posted the team entries on the notice board (adjacent to rink 1) and would be grateful if Team Captains and members would check that their teams have been entered as they requested and that details are correct.

2. League Changes

The only changes in format will be:

L11 -Thursday evening which will now be Open 3's (was Open 4's)

Reason for change - 2 teams had insufficient members to play 4's and all team captains agreed to play 3's rather than have no league at all.

L13 - Friday afternoon which will also be Open 3's (was open 4's)

Reason for change - All team captains were unanimous in their preference to play 3's after consulting with all their team members

3.Rink Allocations

Allocation of rinks in each league will be more varied for the coming season. (as shown in example).

The reasons for this are two-fold :

(i) Captains and team members have requested a change to the rinks they have played on for past years, and

(ii) The change will also provide for a more uniform wear to the carpet and help to prolong carpet life until it is renewed (which will hopefully be sooner rather than later!.)

4.Provisional Key Dates

First League match - L01 Monday 19th Sept. 2011

Last League match - L01 Monday 23 April 2012

Team Fixture Lists to Captains - Around mid August 2011

Green Steward Sheets to Senior Green Steward - By end August 2011

Rink Bookings to Leisure Centre by end of June 2011

4 Re-election

Finally, if I am re-elected , I will obviously continue in my present role until this time next year. However, if anyone is desperate to get involved and take on the role, - or even assist - then please step forward and make yourself known.

Or if you know of anyone who may be interested, please let me know.

Thank you all and Happy Bowling

Brian Probyn

League Secretary 7th April 2011