



Plymouth Life Centre
Indoor Bowls Club
Mayflower Drive
Plymouth
PL2 3DG

	<p>NEXT MEETING: Special General Meeting</p> <p>VENUE: Bowls Hall</p> <p>DATE: 26.07.23</p> <p>Meeting starting at 7pm</p>
	<p>Present: Keith Young, Sandie Roberts, Carrie Partridge, David Bray, Graham Brock, Gilly Ainslie, David Willis, Gillian Grantham,</p>
1	<p>President's opening comments</p> <p>Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that in the absence of a chairperson, both he and the secretary would be running the meeting.</p> <p>He gave a few examples of what is in the Bowls Development Plan this year and the committee will be working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide an updated website that shouts "PLCIBC is the place to be" - attract new members to the club - ensure league matches run well and results are updated and posted quickly - negotiate a service level agreement with PAL - ensure succession planning - provide a survey, nearer to the AGM, for members to complete hold they wish to and handed over to Carrie, the treasurer.
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Terry Garner, Mike Sampson, Aileen Hodsoll, Chris Elliott, Pat May, Stuart Evans, Ann Edgecombe,</p>
3	<p>Signed, audited accounts</p> <p>The treasurer explained that the accounts had been audited following the appointment of the auditor at the AGM. The end of year account had been signed by the auditor and had not changed since the AGM. The folder of accounts had been fully scrutinised and the auditors initials have been recorded as required.</p> <p>The treasurer also explained that the committee had agreed that it was necessary to re-introduce the £1 per person fee for playing in any of the leagues.</p> <p>The signed accounts were accepted.</p>
4	<p>Constitution update:</p> <p>In summary the additions related to: The current practice for ladies holding their own AGM and voting in their own Officers and Selectors; The rules for - the summer triples, the summer pairs and the 18 end game.</p> <p>These were voted on as a group of additions as requested by members. The majority vote carried the amendments.</p> <p>Members were informed that the amendments will be added to the constitution and then it will be posted on the website and a hard copy placed in the Bowls Hall.</p> <p>David Willis was thanked for the hard work, not only had he lead the sub-committee carrying out the feasibility study but he spent a lot of time putting together the rules with support from other members as well.</p>

- 5 Elections of Officers to vacant positions
- Chair person - no nominations
 - Vice club captain and fixtures secretary -
 - N: Graham Brock
 - P: Keith Young
 - S: John Knox
 - V: Majority for, no against or abstentions
 - Competition secretary - no nominations
 - Communication, Advertising and Fundraising
 - N: Lissa Grindrod
 - P: Keith Young
 - S: Carrie Partridge
 - V: majority for, 0 against, 1 abstention
- Members were asked to come forward and speak to a committee member should they want to find out any more about the vacant roles.

- 6 Motion
- to change the format for The Evening League to an 18 end game
- Keith gave the rationale behind the decision to carry out a feasibility study as follows:
- The committee considered
- the comments made at the AGM, the problems experienced with voting and the very close result of the ballot
 - how there was a lack of clarity about the motion, or it's potential impact on playing to the 18 end rules both now and in the future
 - that the Evening League should be played as a single league with one set of rules (in any sport, say football for example, each division plays to the same set of rules)
 - that one of highest priorities, as a club, has to be to increase membership. If we are successful, how might having more teams wanting to play in the evening league impact on a change of rules.
- The committee decided to carry out a feasibility study to establish whether it was possible, or not, to play an 18 end game in the Evening League, both now and in the future. It set up a sub-committee with a clear written brief and included establishing the pros and cons of making a change to the rules for the evening league. The sub-committee included a variety of people with a variety of views. Committee members and other members advice was sort to ensure that the feasibility study was carried out accurately and fairly. It was lead by David Willis, who is keen for the 18 end game to be introduced. However, his role was to establish whether it was possible or not and not to push his views onto other members the group.
- The Management Committee agreed to hold this SGM to present the motion to change the Evening league from the current rules to the 18 end rules, starting at 6pm and finishing at 9pm. Please note that there will not be a choice for 3Ups as the rules clearly state that 3ups happens.

- 6 Following this detailed rationale, Keith established the procedure for presenting and commenting on the motion. He also established the procedure and time restrictions placed on members contributions to the discussion.
- David Willis: explained the motion and how the feasibility study was carried out and by whom. Key points made were as follows:
- Start at 6 o clock, 3 hour game,
 - £4.75 for a three hour game,
 - every team will play each other three times, as happens with the current two hour game
 - 6 rinks will always be in use
 - 3 teams resting each night. always have a game a week.
 - every team will play on different rinks.
- Derek Bartrop: Raised a concern about the six o clock start and that a team can be docked points if they start late. It was explained that this rule has not changed and that it has always been the case.
- Michael Trott: Raised a concern about the availability of rinks when a game has to be rescheduled. It was felt that there should be fewer cancellations and games can be rearranged.
- A strong point was made about some teams cancelling matches because they don't have their strongest players available. This should not happen. The committee will discuss this and introduce a penalty system if necessary.
- It was clarified that normally teams will be playing two a games a week. Although there will be a rest week where you may only be playing once.
- Stewart Saint: Asked what will happen if the motion is not passed what. It was explained that the evening league will go back to the original format and there would be no change.
- Peter Sleet: Raised a concern about the cool air problem and how playing for three hours will be unbearable in the heat. David explained that the cool air system has been installed and commissioned, but when the piping was checked and it was found to have pin holes in it. This would mean the cool air will simply go out through the holes, so the pipes have to repaired / replaced. This has meant we still have no cool air as yet. It was confirmed that we have been reassured that the work continues and we are phase 2 of three phases for completion.
- It was pointed out that the evening league is played through the winter months so the cool air system will hopefully not be required.
- Brian Adams: Pointed out that most of the games won't stretch till 9 o clock anyway and that we already play around 16 ends. With three's up it might be till 8:30 but not necessarily 9pm.
- At this point Keith closed the discussion and asked everyone to complete their ballot form. The tellers collected the ballot papers and carried out the count. Once this had been done a second count was carried out using two new tellers.
- Tellers
First count: Val Lander and David Bray
Second checking count: Lissa Grindrod and John Knox
- Result: For - 45, Against - 21, Abstain - 3 , Spoilt - 0.
The motion was carried and the 18 end rules will be applied to The Evening League.

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7	President's closing comments Keith explained that he felt the meeting had been productive and, once again, thanked everyone for coming. He reminded members that all praise, concerns, complaints or suggestions should be emailed to the secretary, or written on the forms in bowls hall and placed in her pigeon hole. He wished everyone a safe journey journey home and closed the meeting.
	Meeting closed: 7:50

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