MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF RUSHMOOR INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

HELD ON 14TH APRIL, 2008

PRESENT: Committee Members - Dennis Sherwood, Terry Cuming, Barbara Johnson, Carl Taylor, Colin Moore, Anne Hellier, Janet Warman, Pat Welch, Brian Welch, Joe Osler, Rita Osler; Centre Management - Duncan Mackay and Claire Lynch.
24 Club Members

Apologies: Ray Galpin, Bill Johnson.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes - The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 16th April,2007, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Treasurer's Report.

Terry said that since the attendance at the AGM was usually poor, he had produced the Newsletter recently so that all members of the Club would be aware of the changes proposed for the 2008/9 season. See attached report and Newsletter.

3. Centre Management's Report

Duncan said that the Centre has contracted to run the facility until 2019. Rushmoor Leisure facilities have certainly been felt financial pressures, particularly since the bad summer meant that the Lido and Golf Club struggled. The Centre, however had just met their financial contract. There has been an investment of £100,000 on energy saving controls this year, in an effort to control the soaring energy costs.

The Bowls Club is a key part of the Centre, and to this end they have appointed a Booking and Programme Co-ordinator - Claire Lynch. Claire has attended some of the Committee Meetings on behalf of the Centre, and was introduced to Members attending this evening.

Carol Dudley has been appointed as Sports Development Officer and it is hoped she will try to get involvement in sports in the community.

The Centre has recently been doing some improvements to the Centre in an attempt to smarten its appearance to the public. Doors have been replaced , and there has been a continual programme to keep it as up date as possible.

Colin Moore raised the problems the Bowling Hall has experienced with the lighting this season. There have been at least three or four lights out of use for weeks. Duncan pointed out that the problem has been with the starting motors and not just the tubes, and these have been on order. He agreed that it was not acceptable, and that the pre-season re-fit

was not carried out satisfactorily. There is also the problem that scaffolding has to be erected to install new lights and it can prove to be difficult to find a suitable time to do this during the season.

It was pointed out that there has been an issue with the doors not being unlocked at the correct times.

Duncan also drew members' attention to the fact that there is quite frequently a smell of cigarettes in the toilet area next to the bowls hall, and if members were aware of anyone smoking it was their duty to report this as it is illegal and could cause the Centre a lot of trouble.

A question was asked about the bell but it was pointed out that this was nothing to do with the Centre and Terry was responsible for changing the timing of the bell.

4. League Secretary's Report. - See attached. From Bill Johnson.

5. Competition Secretary's Report - See attached from Carl Taylor.

6. Captain's Report - See attached from Anne Hellier.

7. Patron's Report - See attached from Ray Galpin.

8. Election of Officers.

The Chairman said that nominations for all posts had been proposed and seconded and would therefore be voted in en block There was a vacancy for one further Committee Member, but this was left unfilled. The Officers elected are:-

CHAIRMAN	DENNIS SHERWOOD
SECRETARY	BARBARA JOHNSON
TREASURER	TERRY CUMING
LEAGUE SECRETARY	BRIAN PROBYN
MATCH SECRETARY	DENNIS SHERWOOD
COMPETITION SECRETARY (MEN AND LADIES)	CARL TAYLOR
CAPTAIN	ANNE HELLIER
VICE CAPTAIN	MICHAEL PEARSE

COUNTY REP (LADIES)	PAT WELCH
COUNTY REPS (MEN)	COLIN MOORE RAY GALPIN
MENS' PATRONS' REP	RAY GALPIN
SENIOR GREEN STEWARD	JOE OSLER
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	RITA OSLER BRIAN WELCH

9. Green Stewards.

Joe Osler reported that he still needed a Green Steward for Tuesday evening since Clive Stock had resigned.

10. Selection Committee.

Colin Moore said that he had been doing the job of Selecting teams for County Leagues and games and the job had become more difficult, particularly during the last season. He felt that some changes were needed. It was possible for the Committee to co-opt members on to the Committee for a selection sub-committee and he would be grateful for volunteers to help in this process for next season. Anyone interested should contact him.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

RUSHMOOR IBC - TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2008

Last year I reported that the membership was 432. This year we have dropped yet again to 417. 125 Ladies, 283 Men, 2 Juniors and 6 Life Members.

The coaching courses that we run has produced quite a number of new members, though the overall trend is still not enough to cover the losses that we are experiencing.

The Club in liaison with the Centre Management will be producing banners and notices around the Centre and in the Brochures that a published. The cost for this is kindly being met by the Centre & the Leisure Dept of the Council. We will also continue to publish details of our basic and intermediate coaching courses in the local press.

On the finance side. This season a one year reduction in membership fees was given to all members.

Due to the fact that very few members bother to turn up for the AGM, I produced all the changes in fees for next season in my February Newsletter. That way at least 90 odd % if not every member should have had one. I produced 450 more tha enough for everyone and they all went.

The reduction in fees were designed to reduce the amount of cash that we had to a more reasonable sum. Last year we ended up£21,700 the amount as at today is Lloyds Bank £8,235.18 Bradford & Bingley Bank £7,013.12 and cash £690.60 a total of £15,938.80.

I anticipate that between now and the 30 June we will expend around £1500, which would leave us with about £14,250.00.

The increases announced for next year will still not cover the clubs outgoings and I would expect a further loss next year. However I also said in the letter that the club must balance its Income against Expenditure by the 209 – 2010 season so more increases are like across the board for two years time.

As I have covered everything in the Newsletter I have nothing further to add.

Rushmoor Indoor Bowling Club

Captain's Report for season 2007-2008

The friendly matches have, on the whole, been well supported and we only had to cancel one which was the away match at Havant. Some games had to be played on a reduced number of rinks but others were played on an increased number.

There were 14 scheduled fixtures of which as I mentioned previously 1 was cancelled, 5 were won and 3 were lost. The Gentlemen beat the Ladies 2-1, the Captain's team beat the Vice-Captain's and the N.H. Ladies beat our Ladies.

All the members who put their names down and played in the friendlies will, I am sure, agree that we have a lot of fun and I hope that more of you will participate next season. If your outdoor club does not play a friendly against us at the moment and would like to, please ask your fixtures secretary to contact ours to try and arrange a date as the number of games are falling year on year.

Finally my grateful thanks to Janet Warman who has so ably supported me and substituted for me in her role as Vice-Captain. Janet is unable to continue as Vice-Captain next year so I am appealing for somebody who can put up with me to volunteer to take on the job of Vice-Captain.

Thank you all for your support, have a successful summer and I will see you next season.

Anne Hellier

LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE AGM ON 14TH APRIL,2008.

The 2007/8Season is nearly over and has passed without incident. All games have been played without a problem.

Entries for next season have now been received. The numbers are similar to last year and it appears that the Monday Evening league will have just sufficient teams to run, but there are some new teams and all other leagues will be able to be played.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking my successor, Brian Probyn, for taking over my job as League Secretary, which I am unable to carry on with because of health problems.

Bill Johnson.

PATRONS' REP'S REPORT FOR THE AGM ON 14TH APRIL, 2008.

I am sorry that I will not be at the AGM as I will be away on holiday, so I am sending a short report of the indoor season .

Firstly I must thank all the Bowlers from the Club who supported the fixtures, the response was first class. We only had one fixture cancelled and that was by our opponents Another time we were asked to provide three bowlers against Longmeadow and the fourth bowler would be a Patrons Executive. Club members turned up, but the Executive didn't.

If elected I am prepared to do the job again next year.

Ray Galpin

Good Evening,

This season has been more difficult than it should have been but we have at least finally completed all the competition finals and once again congratulations to everyone who reached the finals and especially to the winners. As usual the names of all the winners are displayed on the main notice board.

The main issue again this season has been trying to organise the finals with a few members in 2, 3 and 4 finals and with holidays etc it has meant that the dates have had to be spread out over quite a few weekdays which has been a problem.

That sadly is the good news! Entries for next season are once again down on the number for the current year and despite extending the deadline we have not had enough entries to run 7 of the 11 competitions. With a membership in excess of 450 members I find it hard to understand why only 19 people bothered to enter. I really don't see the point in continuing as the competition secretary with virtually nothing to organise. Unless we get a sudden surge of entries tonight then there will only be competitions in the Men's Singles and Pairs, Ladies' Pairs and the Mixed Pairs with probably only 2 rounds in most before the final.

With such a poor level of entries I have recommended to the Executive Committee that I will not bother to get trophies for the finalists for next season's competitions.

This also means that Rushmoor will not be able to participate in the Hampshire County competitions at the beginning of 2009 in the Triples, Fours or Senior 2 Wood Triples. That is the first time in my bowling that we haven't been able to support the County and I fear this will only get worse.

No real success for the Club in the finals of the Hampshire County competitions this season. Several players and teams got to the quarter finals but sadly no further progress.

In the Bramley league once again we started well, winning 4 of our 5 matches before Christmas and were 2nd in the league. Sadly once again we came down with the Christmas decorations and eventually finished last after only winning on 2 rinks out of 20 in the second half. Colin works very hard to organise and select our teams but we continue to rely on a limited number of players and that has finally

shown in our relegation to the Trisham league. A similar lack of success was seen in the National competitions.

The biggest shame is that we do actually have a few very keen players but their numbers have dwindled. The biggest success we had this season was Daniel Taylor winning the EBYDS Hampshire Under 14 competition and then only missed out on qualifying from the Regional final at Wey Valley on shot difference. Sadly his enthusiasm doesn't rub on other members and he shares his father's frustration with this club and the lack of support we get from the membership.

Carl Taylor
Men's and Mixed Competition Secretary