

MINUTES OF THE COMPANY AGM HELD ON MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2018
AT 2.00 PM IN THE CLUB PAVILION

Those present: Mr R Miller, Chairman
Mrs P Parker, Company Secretary
Directors: Mr A Frost, Mr M Goodson,
Mr B Roberts, Mrs C Rowell, Mr S Sweetman
41 members (names are recorded on file)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman offered a warm welcome to everyone.

On a sad note he reported that four long-standing members had died during the year, George Peskett, Jim Herring, Hazel Woodrow and Brian Parker, also one former member, Dorothy Coles. The meeting stood for a minute's silence in remembrance.

19 apologies were received (names recorded on file).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman read a précis of the minutes. Acceptance was proposed by Mr Donnison and seconded by Brian Bilham and approved by all present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Miller thanked his fellow directors for their continued help and support and stressed the importance of club members putting forward ideas that would benefit the club.

He said that 2017 had been a successful year with a number of league wins against our strongest competitors. He was also pleased to note that new names are appearing on the honours boards for internal competitions.

Once again he stressed the need to maintain our membership and asked all members to encourage family and friends to attend social bowling events and to consider joining.

The board was pleased to announce four new Honorary Life Members, all of whom have given great service to the club: Barbara Belcher, Viv Salkeld, Brian Griffin and Gordon Terry.

Mr Miller thanked Mrs Peskett, Mrs Foster, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Leeks for all their hard work in maintaining the flower beds and planters for many years. They have now decided to stand down and take a well-earned rest. Mr Lewis has kindly agreed to take responsibility for the large flower bed near the entrance, but more volunteers are needed for planting and maintaining the planters, and for regular watering duties.

After much research and discussion the club has finally purchased a defibrillator. We are very grateful to Mr Roberts and his family for organising and presenting two sessions on

CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and the use of the defibrillator, which were attended by a total of 57 members.

Finally he announced that two members, Mrs Corp and Mrs Rowell, are currently pursuing a coaching course and he wished them success.

There were two follow-up questions relating to the defibrillator, from Mr Probert and Mrs Wilson, asking the board to consider the provision of further training sessions for newcomers and annual updating. This was agreed in principle.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

(Note: the full commentary is on file.)

Mr Goodson explained the accounts using the summary which was sent out with the notice of the meeting. He reminded members of the financial status of the Club and reiterated that all members are shareholders in Banstead Neville Bowls Club Limited, having one share each and that our individual liability as shareholders is thus limited to £1. He also pointed out that we are a registered sports charity so that we can reclaim income tax on any donations from taxpayers.

He explained how the accounts are prepared by him and reviewed by an independent examiner before they are passed on to a practising accountant to be presented in the format required by law and filed at Companies House.

Referring back to the summary, the Club made an overall profit of £2677 in 2017 compared to a profit of £2812 in 2016. This was after making a provision for irrigation of £1500.

With reference to the Balance Sheet, the most important element is the cash flow. In the year funds increased by £5355 after putting a further £2000 into our building fund. Mr Goodson is continuing to monitor interest rates to see if we can improve on the rates we currently achieve.

The Board has reviewed the activities for 2018 and has decided not to increase fees.

Finally Mr Goodson thanked all those who helped him on the financial side during the year.

Mrs Stamp asked why the Social Membership fee was so much lower than the Full Membership. Mrs Parker pointed out that this was raised at a previous meeting and a full comparison and analysis of costs was published in February 2015. It was agreed that the topic would be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr Rooney and seconded by Mr Dunne. The meeting accepted the accounts unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

(Note: the full reports are on file.)

The Green

Mr Miller reported that adverse weather and problems with the sprinkler system during last summer caused localised dry patches on the green. A sub-committee was formed to look closely at how the green should be maintained. Improvements have been made to the sprinkler system and further investigations have been taking place to come up with a scheme whereby a professional firm can be employed to work alongside our green keeper.

Property

Mr Roberts listed the works undertaken during 2017, including internal redecoration of the pavilion and purchase of new benches. He announced that 5 new benches had just been delivered and asked for volunteers to help with assembly. He thanked Mr Newton for redecorating the interior of the pavilion and said he will be needing volunteers for external redecoration and a range of other tasks; he will be posting notices in the pavilion and on the website asking for offers of assistance.

Mr Roberts expressed concern about lack of directional signage to the bowls club. He will be consulting the local authority about this, also about the need for improvements to the path leading to our gate.

Mr Donnison raised some concern about trip hazards around the green. Mr Roberts said warning signs will be posted advising people to take care, but corrective work was not necessary at this time.

Social and Fund Raising

Mr Sweetman announced that the only change to the membership of the Social Committee had been that Gordon Terry stepped down and he thanked him for the many years of service he had given.

He thanked all the committee members for the many hours of effort they put in and reported that a surplus of almost £6500 had been achieved. He listed the various events and activities which had taken place throughout the year.

He announced that the 'street party' style event this year will be Wimbledon themed and said that he would welcome suggestions and new ideas from members.

Finally he reminded everyone about the Coffee Morning which will be taking place on Saturday 21st April.

Bowling Activities

Mr Frost reported that the Open Invitation had been a great success and he hoped to have even more teams entering this year.

Planning for Finals Weekend was much assisted by the inclusion of all four sessions, with a number of people being involved in more than one session. The only negative was the time

taken to complete the Pairs matches and the board has agreed that in future these matches will be played over 18 ends.

The Mixed Triples competition was very competitive for the first time in many years, and four teams tied on points won.

Housekeeping

Mrs Rowell said that everything was running smoothly. Mr Miller asked her to explain what was involved and she replied that the housekeeping team monitor the supplies for the kitchen, including milk, tea, coffee, etc and cleaning materials and also for the WCs. They recently carried out a deep clean of the kitchen.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

There were no elections.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Parker announced that Reigate & Banstead District Sports Council had arranged a First Aid Course for people involved in sport. The tutors are from St John Ambulance and the date is Tuesday 24th April. Application forms are available in the pavilion and the fee will be paid by the club.

Mr Roberts said he is trying to increase the advertising for the club in the local area and a number of members agreed to use local contacts.

Mr Holmes asked about changing the protective mats to a design which has wooden strips at the sides and can be lifted on and off the green easily. It was agreed that action would be taken to trial this.

Mrs Foster suggested that a notice should be posted asking for volunteers for gardening and watering.

Mrs Grover reminded members about the collection bottle for the Air Ambulance.

The meeting closed at 3.07 pm.