

**Banstead Neville Bowling Club (Men's Section)**  
**Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting held at the Pavilion, Avenue Road**

**BANSTEAD**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Present	Rod Probert in the chair and 23 members attending	
Item 1	The President read out the notice convening the 15 <sup>th</sup> General Meeting.	
Item 2	<p><b>PRESIDENTS REMARKS</b></p> <p>Rod informed the meeting that he had enjoyed holding office for the last four years and that it had been a privilege and pleasure to serve BNBC.</p> <p>On a sadder note, since the Spring Meeting two deaths were reported. Gordon Parker, a very long standing member who had received the Surrey County Leopard Award for outstanding services to the club as a club treasurer and also a coach. Many of the members in the club today will have had the benefit of Gordon's coaching. More recently the death of Dennis Poore who will always be remembered for his ambling up and down the green in between resting on the benches at each end. A minutes silence to pay last respects to Gordon and Dennis was held, both will be sadly missed. Rod thanked Roy Knowles, Chris Walsh, Alan Frost, and Brian Bilham for successfully running the organised roll-ups.</p>	
Item 3	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from six members.</p>	
Item 4	<p><b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015, were not read out as they had been displayed on the notice board and had also been sent to members with email addresses. The minutes were accepted as a true record of what was discussed, proposed by Malcolm Dunne and seconded by Mike Wade.</p>	
Item 5	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The 1 year trial of wearing 'greys' for internal men's events and men's competition has ended, the matter has been discussed at board level and it has been decided to continue with the more informal code. As a reminder the code is as follows: - White shirts/white knitwear and grey trousers White/grey tailored shorts may be worn. Not Club coloured shirts.</p> <p>For Roll ups, weekly events and social/fun drives smart casual clothes can be worn including tailored shorts and cut-off trousers. Ladies collarless blouses can be worn. Men's tops must include a collar.</p> <p>At no time will T shirts, denim jeans and track suits be worn.</p> <p>A request was made over the need to wear ties for when playing in a final. To be discussed at next board meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was informed of the need to remain in match attire until the end of tea so as to be courteous to the opponents.</p>	REM
Item 6a	<p><b>THE GREEN</b></p> <p>2016 has seen further improvements in the playing condition of the green. This has been not only the result of the hard work and dedication shown by our green keeper but because of the purchase of longer tines and the last winter's maintenance on the aerator machine. This has allowed the green to be scarified and tined on a more regular and effective basis during the playing season and has virtually prevented any flooding of the green and also created a better root system to the grass.</p> <p>Quotations are being obtained for materials to allow for autumn and winter maintenance works.</p> <p>Unfortunately there have been several incidences during the season of bowlers not noting damage to the green whilst bowling and not using the protective mats to prevent further damage. Bowlers who are seen to cause damage will be required to use mats if they are unable to improve their delivery. Bowlers and event organisers need to be more vigilant in this matter and to take any necessary action. I know it is a pain to put out protective mats but it is the only way to prevent damage to the club's largest asset.</p> <p>To highlight this problem a photograph has been put on the club's website</p> <p>Following a recent approach from a club member requesting that the green is closed on one Monday morning a month during the bowling season to allow Terry our green keeper to have more time to undertake necessary maintenance on the green. The two</p>	

	<p>hours per day available for maintenance at present is not sufficient. The work involved would be spiking, rolling and cutting. To assist in this work five or six volunteers have indicated they would be prepared to help and Terry's initial reaction has been positive. The matter has been discussed at board level and this regime of work is scheduled to begin during the autumn. The closure of the green on one Monday per month will be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>Wear on the green adjacent to the doors of the pavilion to be minimised by use of temporary barriers.</p> <p>Investigations to be made with regard to the availability of larger protective mats.</p>	<p>REM</p> <p>REM</p>
Item 6b	<p><b>THE PAVILLION</b></p> <p><b><u>Pavilion</u></b> Generally the Pavilion is in a good state of repair. However, tasks planned for between now and the start of the 2017 season are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clean carpet.</li> <li>2. Mastic to window &amp; door frames.</li> <li>3. Easing/adjusting of the locking mechanism of the main entrance door.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Sheds</u></b> The sheds are in need of attention with the following tasks to be undertaken as soon as is possible:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minor timber repairs/replacement.</li> <li>2. Re-treating.</li> </ol> <p>A notice, requesting volunteers for undertaking these works has been posted in the Pavilion and the work will commence on Saturday 22nd October, weather permitting.</p> <p><b><u>External Areas.</u></b> One bench is to be repaired and this will be undertaken at the same time as the works to the shed.</p> <p>Furniture will be moved into the large shed for storage over the winter months. Some potential trip hazards do exist but it is considered sufficient to sign these. The "No Smoking" signs are to be renewed. Cutting back of the "undergrowth", behind the pavilion, is planned and will be completed prior to the commencement of next season.</p>	<p>BR</p> <p>BR</p> <p>BR</p>
Item 7	<p><b>PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS</b> There had been no problems to report during the year.</p>	
Item 8	<p><b>CAPTAINS REPORT</b> Alan felt it had been a relatively successful season which was helped by members providing their availability sheets in good time for the various matches. Alan decided at the start of the season to try and encourage some of our newest members to play in matches, this successfully happened and hopefully will be beneficial to the club in the future. SEL - Banstead Neville finished in 10<sup>th</sup> position, winning 8 from 20 matches. NDTL - Banstead Neville finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> position, winning 7 and drawing 1 from 12 matches. TON'S - Banstead Neville finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> position, winning 10 games from 11 matches. Alan wished John Holmes as captain every success in 2017. It was felt that email notification for players selected for matches was a success but this should be extended to include notification for those members who had indicated availability but not selected.</p>	<p>JH</p>
Item 9	<p><b>MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT</b> The 2017 fixtures are laid out in draft and most matches have been agreed with the Clubs that we play. The calendar is much the same as for this year with only minor changes. I expect the Fixture List Booklet to be ready to go to the Printers as soon as the Tons League dates have been confirmed, usually late January, and then the booklet ready for distribution in March. There was one new fixture this year, with Lower Kingswood, we will play at their ground in 2017. The fixture against Fairlight, Hastings to be undertaken as an informal match and not shown in the fixture list.</p>	

Item 10	<p><b>COMPETITON SECRETARY'S REPORT</b></p> <p>The weather had quite an effect on the Club Competitions. Continuous rain in June caused moving the round completion dates back by a week for most competitions. As if that was not enough, the Saturday of Finals Weekend was played in constant rain from mid-morning onwards. Credit to those involved, bowlers and markers, for completing the games in appalling conditions. About 20 games were decided by awarding a walkover. Over half of these were due to not being able to discuss a date, let alone reach agreement. It is important that before bowlers enter a competition they carefully consider the effects of family commitments, particularly holidays. With only 3 weeks to complete a round it is important that as soon as opponents are known then early contact is made to agree a date to play. This applies to both the challenger and the person being challenged. I continue to believe there are too many competitions. A lot of bowlers want to enter as many competitions as possible and if they are successful then there is often a scheduling problem leading up to quarter finals.</p> <p>Now more comments on Finals Weekend. I emphasise it is a 2 day event so finalists need to try and be available to play on both days. If this presents a problem then I will do my best to deal with the problem if notified and with the cooperation of a bowler's opponent. A few bowlers were involved in more than 1 final and I hope I consulted those involved in sufficient detail to give them the best chance of doing well overall while not putting their opponent at too much of a disadvantage. In future there will be no Sunday roll-up on Finals weekend to allow more flexibility in planning the programme.</p> <p>About £520 was spent on trophies and engraving in 2015 and this is a lot of money particularly when the additional cost of updating the honours boards is included. Therefore for 2016 the following has been agreed :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Worn cups and plates will be replaced as necessary</li> <li>b. Winners' trophies will continue to be engraved until space runs out when the situation will be considered again</li> <li>c. Finalists' trophies will not be engraved</li> </ul> <p>Note that there are no changes planned to providing individual trophies and gilt tags.</p> <p>A suggestion to reduce the pair's finals to 18 ends has been discussed by committee and submitted to the board for consideration. It was agreed that pair's finals should remain at 21 ends.</p> <p>Roy thanked Alan for his organisation of the various competitions and a successful finals weekend.</p>	
Item 11	<p><b>MIXED TRIPLES LEAGUE</b></p> <p>For the 3rd season running it was only possible to create 6 teams from the initial entry of 39 bowlers and that is disappointing as it is a fun event and it gives the chance for bowlers of different standards to get acquainted. 2 ladies and 1 man declared themselves unavailable for the tournament without playing a game and it was necessary to encourage extra bowlers to take part in order to try and get complete teams to contest all the games. Unfortunately this still caused 1 team to play without a full team on 1 occasion. The weather caused the second round to be rescheduled and when that round was eventually played, the weather caused it to be curtailed. My understanding is that Stuart Sweetman and Brian Bilham do not want to be team captains in future. Alan F and Roy K have indicated they would be willing to take on the roles.</p> <p>Finally a big 'thank you' to the captains for their work in getting teams organised for each of the rounds.</p>	
Item 12	<p><b>MEN'S SECRETARY</b></p> <p>I have for the last year and a half indicated my wish to step down as Men's Secretary. The matter has been discussed at committee and after providing Brian with a list of the expected duties he has decided to take on the role. I would like to thank him for this decision and to wish him well for the future. Brian and Ron to have handover meeting.</p>	BR/REM
	<p><b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b></p> <p>The Committee voted to recommend to make Brian Roberts President and Alan</p>	

	<p>Blanshard Vice-President.  There being only one nomination for all the other post no election is necessary.  The following posts are filled as listed for 2017 – Captain - John Holmes,  Vice- Captain – John asked that this matter is delayed until the Spring meeting.  Match Secretary – Derek Monkhouse, Finance Officer – Mick Goodson, Committee  Members – Alan Frost and Roy Knowles. Men’s Secretary – Brian Roberts.  Before handing over to Brian I would like to thank all the officers who have helped  me during the last year and to wish them every success for the next year.  Rod handed his Presidents badge to Brian.  Brian offered a general vote of thanks to Rod for his contribution to the club during  his four years in office.</p>	
	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Surrey Competitions. Mick has entry forms for anyone who wishes to enter.  Forms to be returned to Mick no later than end of 7<sup>th</sup> November for submission  by 14<sup>th</sup> November. Entry fee is ££3.50 per person per event.</li> <li>b. Coaching during winter. A member has asked whether coaching on various  aspects of the game of bowls (Reading a head, measuring, and rules), can be  arranged during the winter. Email to be sent to all to members proposing  coaching sessions during the winter months asking for commitment to attend</li> <li>c. A suggestion was been made regarding whether changing the time of the  spring and autumn meetings would encourage more members to attend. It was  agreed the Spring meeting would remain 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April at 7.30pm and  Autumn meeting would remain on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in October at 2.30pm.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p> <p>REM</p> <p>ALL/BR</p>