

Banstead Neville Bowling Club Limited

**Minutes of the 17th General Meeting,
held at 2.00 p.m., on Thursday 19th October 2017,
in the Club House**

Those present:-

Brian Roberts (BR)

Alan Blanshard (AB)

John Holmes (JH)

Ric Anthony (RA)

Mick Goodson (MG)

Alan Frost (AF)

R Knowles

Audience - please see attached List of Attendees

		Action By
1	BR gave Notice of convening meeting.	
2	BR apologised for the late distribution of the Notice of this meeting and an agenda.	
3	BR reminded all present that the date and time of the General Meetings are stated in the Fixtures book.	
4	Apologies for absence were received from DM and eight members.	
5	The minutes of the Spring 2017 meeting were accepted.	
6	A report, on the green, was presented by Ron Miller (RM) - please see attached.	
7	A report, on the property, was presented by BR - please see attached.	
8	The Captains Report was presented by JH - please see attached.	
9	On a show of hand it was agreed that Sutton Common should be approached in an effort to arrange friendly's.	DM
10	Following RA tabling the Agenda for the next NDTL AGM - please see copy attached - it was agreed, by a show of hands that we would:- Oppose item 10a. Oppose the proposed change at 10c.	
11	The Match Secretary's report, prepared by DM, was presented by BR - please see attached..	
12	The Competitions Secretary's report was presented by AF - please see attached.	
13	A report on the Mixed Triples League was presented by AF - please see attached.	

14	An IT report was presented by RK - please see attached.	
15	The possibility of a "Chat Room" on our web site is to be investigated.	RK
16	There being no objections Mick Good son was re-elected as Finance Officer, Derek Monkhouse as Match Secretary, Roy Knowles & Alan Frost as committee members and myself as Secretary.	
17	Ric Antony was proposed and seconded for the position of Men's Captain and there being no objections was duly appointed.	
18	Kevin Wheeler was proposed and seconded for the position of Men's Vice Captain and there being no objections was duly appointed.	
19	BR stood down as President and Alan Blanchard, currently Vice President, being un-opposed, move up to President.	
	AOB	
20	BR explained that the decision to purchase a defibrillator was made, by the Board, following a talk on the merits of owning one, given by Miss J Roberts trained in the use of a defib. and a qualified life guard.	
21	BR declared "AN INTEREST" in as much as Jamie was his daughter.	
22	Details of the Surrey competitions open to the club and members will be provided to members via paper notices.	MG/BR
23	Consideration is to be given to purchasing new shirts made of the material used by lady members, retaining the existing colour scheme.	MG
24	Enquiries are to be made of Surrey bowls as to permissions to change the style of the men's shirts.	BR
25	Following notification from Surrey Bowls a note regarding food allergies has been added to the match confirmation letters sent out by DM and SS has added similar to his Social Events letter.	
26	Clarification of Surrey's advice is to be sort as some members felt adopting them could leave the Club open to liabilities it would not otherwise have.	BR
27	There will not be an "official" photographer at future functions. However, Brian Bilham (BB) said he is willing to take photographs specifically requested by individuals.	All
28	In light of the potential length pairs finals can take the Board are to be asked to consider three alternatives/alterations:- a. Only 18 ends. b. Stay with 21 ends but have only 3 bowls per player. c. Commence at 1pm.	BR
29	By a show of hands "only 18 ends" was favoured.	
30	The Surrey rules are to be checked prior to any change being made.	BR

31	The Board are to be asked to consider, in addition to the ideas recorded at the last board meeting, the following, to encourage new membership:- a. General "letter box" drop. b. Targeted "letter box" drop - i.e. retirement developments. c. Scout groups & similar.	BR
32	It was suggested that schools should be added to the list.	BR
33	The requirement for the Club to have members meeting CPO requirements are to be investigated/clarified.	BR
34	Using the 2018 Coffee Morning pamphlet for encouraging new membership is to be considered in consultation with Gloria Corp.	BR
35	It is was suggested that a record of how potential new members hear about the Club should be instigated.	BR/BC
36	As a result of members being locked out the Board is to be asked to consider modifications to the club entry systems.	BR
37	Revisions to the list of "Local Key Holders" are to be agreed, by the Board, with it being posted on the web site in addition to being stated in the Fixtures book.	BR/DM/RK
38	The use of protection mats, with timber battens, is to be considered by the Board.	BR
39	Positioning of the protection mats is to be considered by the Board.	BR
40	Space, on a wall, within the pavilion, for the Men's Tuesday Night Triples competition honours board will be found.	RM/CW
41	The Board are to be asked to consider opening the green 2/3 weeks earlier and close 1/2 weeks later than currently planned for the 2018 season.	
42	Additional friendly games will then be considered.	DM
43	It was thought prudent to seek the advice of the to be appointed green keeping company as to the rolling of the green	RM
44	Improvements to the display of the handicap competition, to make it clearer who was challenger and challenged, are to be made.	AF
45	The next Men's General meeting, will be held on 3rd April, 2018 commencing at 7:30pm, in the clubhouse.	All

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Distribution:- **Derek Monkhouse (DM)**
Ron Miller (RM)
All male players.

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2017

Firstly I would like to thank all those who played in matches especially those who have not played in matches before and hope that more of those who have not yet played in matches will do so next year.

Thanks to all those who have helped me in my job as captain. Ric as Vice Captain has been a great help and please all give him your support next season

Regarding Matches

SEL

We had quite a good year and finished mid table which I have been told is our best position. We seem to do better against the top teams with home and away wins against Malden Manor and Epsom Park. Early season's results were poor but we were playing matches in the first week of our ring being opened against team who had been playing a couple of weeks. If our rink could be opened earlier this might help. Next season Sutton are joining the league but Sutton Common are withdrawing, it would be a shame to lose touch with so I do not know how members feel about asking if they wish to play friendlies so we could still get our bread pud.

TONS

We had a good season and finished 3rd level on points with the 2nd team, again be beat most of the top teams but had 2 bad weeks against teams near the bottom of table. I selected 3 triple teams at beginning of year and each week 2 of the teams played and this format seemed to work well

NDTL was run by Ric and Maggie and I will ask Ric to detail how things went

I have enjoyed my year as Captain and hope you have all enjoyed the season with me

Many thanks

John Holmes

Match Secretary's Report for Committee Meeting 9th October

There is not much to report at this time of the year. Offers for 2018 games went out in March and about 80% of our opponents have replied to confirm the dates. Most of the remainder get in touch over the next few months.

Surrey County Bowling Association has advised that, under new food allergen information rules, we should tell visiting clubs that we need to know if any of their members have special dietary needs. I have included the following in the letters I send out arranging matches: 'Some food we provide may contain allergens. Please advise us in advance if any of your members have any dietary requirements.'

Cheam Fields have agreed not to provide a cooked meal after matches. In future they will offer tea, cakes and biscuits at a cost of £2 /£2.50. Actual cost to be announced later.

For afternoon week-day matches with Epsom Court, Cuddington and Maldon Manor dress code will be Greys.

Some evening home games will now be played in the afternoon.

The long standing game at Worthing with Homefield Park will no longer take place due to lack of interest.

Derek Monkhouse

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Property Report

Works currently planned to be completed before the start of 2018 season.

1. Clearance, as necessary, of undergrowth at the rear of the pavilion - November 2017.
2. Checking for debris, in pavilion gutters, and clearance, as necessary - ditto.
3. Cleaning of the pavilion carpet - March 2018
4. Renewal, with perspex of aluminium, of "Trip Hazard" & "No Smoking" signs - March 2018
5. Internal redecoration of the pavilion - main area and redecoration of the outside of the pavilion - November/December 2018.
6. Testing of electrical installation - December 2017.
7. Testing of fire extinguishers - ditto.
8. Deep clean of floor tiles in toilets - March 2018.
9. Replacement of the removable section of the timberwork/decking at the edge of the green and at sprinkler head - November 2017
10. Improvement of access to sprinkler heads - November 2017.
11. Repair of scoreboards - November 2017-March 2018.

Once dates are fixed for these items notices seeking volunteers will be posted on the web site and on the notice boards within the club house.

The following item has, since the last meeting, been purchased.

1. A defibrillator has been purchased. Talks/demonstrations on its use are to be arranged.

The following items will be purchased prior to the start of the 2018 season.

1. 6 Plastic tables and 20 chairs.
2. 7 Timber benches.
3. A double oven, for the kitchen

General

1. A window cleaner is to be employed with regularity of service to be determined.

END of REPORT

Report for Men's Autumn Meeting 19th October 2017 at 2.00pm

The Green

During the course of the last playing season several extended periods of warm sunny weather caused probably 10% of the green to suffer localised dry patches. Treatment was not helped by two main factors, the sprinkler system was not operating properly and Terry our green keeper was hospitalised during August.

Both of these factors needed to be looked at closely to ensure the infrastructure was in place to maintain and if possible improve the overall state of the green. A subcommittee of 4 members, meeting monthly, was created to investigate various options to achieve the aim with progress reports being submitted to the board as necessary. The content of the work was divided into separate categories:-

a. Irrigation System

An early survey of the system showed faults to some of the pop up sprinkler heads, a faulty pressure tank and a small amount of suspect pipework. The cumulative effect being that the whole of the green was not receiving sufficient water when the sprinkler system was operating. A professional firm City Irrigation were called in during the playing season to rectify the problems. The cost of this work was £639.00 + VAT . City Irrigation were also asked to advise on the state of the sprinkler system and provide an estimate for various alternatives. A quotation of £15,000 to provide a totally new system with pipework, pump, 4 sprinkler heads and timers.

An alternative professional firm, Watermation 2000 Ltd, had worked on Warner's green at Bembridge, were approached and after appraising our existing system submitted a quotation for upgrading the sprinkler heads and locating and reinstating the central pop up sprinkler all for the sum of £970 + VAT. This quotation has been accepted and work is due to commence on 6th November 2017.

b. Green and surrounds including green maintenance

A quotation for providing a reconstructed green, provision of new automated 4 no. pop up sprinklers and new GRC ditch channels has been obtained from Fineturf Ltd, a company from Grantham for a sum of £63,000 inc. VAT. The quotation does not allow for works to the pavings estimated at £15,000.

Further investigations has allowed a firm, Turf Leisure Ltd to offer a quotation for the provision of Standard Maintenance Contract (splits into Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer periods) for the sum of £4000 + VAT/ annum, including labour, plant and materials but excluding summer grass cutting. The added benefit of this type of contract would be that

Terry, our own green keeper, would be able to continue in a lesser capacity, whilst still available on a day to day basis.

No decision has yet been taken whilst further investigations, speaking to local bowls clubs and trying to find other local professional firms who undertake this type of work.

Generally I think the green, despite the above problems, has again shown slight improvement on the previous year borne out by favourable comments after finals weekend. The incidence of divots on the green, due to faulty delivery of the bowl, unfortunately still exists. It is in the interest of all members to use protective mats when they notice damage occurring even if notices are not displayed.

IT Report

The web site maintenance is mainly reactive to people requesting information to be added or removed.

The Latest News page is usually the most edited page. The home page at the top will always show the date and location of the latest changes. As a tip for all members who use the site regularly please refresh the home page on access to ensure the latest information is displayed.

The fixtures book is published to the web site each year for those with mobile access to the internet.

The final weekend results are published each year. It is the only place where members can see who the finalists were.

With the assistance of the league organisers, next year we aim to publish the running results of the club's league matches. A proto form has already been produced for the SEL, NDTL, TONS and Friendlies. A decision is required from the Ladies section (someone to raise it?) if they want their matches to be included.

We have little information about the site's usefulness in recruitment of new members so maybe, at induction, new members could be asked if they found us via the net and if the web site was useful in making their decision. Not sure who would carry that forward?

Any suggestion about improvements to the site would be helpful!

Roy Knowles