

SHEBBEAR SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

AGM

HELD 20TH APRIL 2012

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THE OAK ROOM, HOLSWORTHY GOLF CLUB, 6.45PM

PRESENT

Richard Whiterow (Chairman) and 21 members – names attached.

APOLOGIES

Ken & Jean Chamberlain

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 15th APRIL 2011

No comments.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Richard Whiterow (RW) thanked members of the committee for support including Tiny Lester, Eileen Sandell and Joe Bevis and Richard Clark. He said the start of the Season was difficult as we had insufficient members to form our normal three teams, but we had managed well with two.

He gave special mention to Brenda Clark and Grenville Gerry who had played throughout the Season for the Devon County Team and had won the National Title for County. GG was also in the County singles final at Plymouth on 21st April.

The Club had received a set of proposals (from the North Devon and Cornwall SM League concerning the format of the winter evening leagues), which had been distributed to members at the AGM. Members were asked to consider them and respond to the Secretary by 5th May.

The Pre-season meeting would be on Thurs 13th Sept 2012 (in the village hall at 7.30p.m).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Joe Bevis (JB) thanked all the members for their support during the last year and stated that although he had enjoyed being secretary for the past eight years, should he be asked to continue, he will do so for this year only, and then would resign the position.

For the members who are playing short mat during the summer, the list of fixtures will be available from Monday night.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Richard Clark (RC) opened his report by providing a printed sheet showing the clubs accounts – see attached.

Income £3037, costs of £2716, resulted in a surplus for year of £321. RC was pleased with this result as we had been forecasting a loss as a result of the increase in village hall fees. We had countered this increase by making various adjustments to our costs and the resulting profit compensated for losses made in the previous two years.

He reported the system of some people providing coffee-making supplies and being compensated by not paying match fees, was working well.

This was RC's last set of accounts for the Club, as he was not offering himself as Treasurer for the forthcoming year.

There was a small hole in the Accounts, which he had not been able to reconcile. He believed the Club's cash balance is some £30 higher than our bank statements show. He had made a number of attempts to track down this discrepancy, to no avail. This must be resolved before the Accounts are audited. Tiny Lester wondered whether Linda Davis could be asked to use her expertise to reconcile the issue, then - possibly - audit the Accounts. Linda kindly agreed to do this.

No questions on the accounts.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Tiny Lester (TL) started on a personal note thanking Club Members for their support over a difficult year and said that the N/D Hospice reported that nearly £500 had been raised in donations in respect of her mother, Joyce Heath...

We started the year with difficult choices to make about our evening league teams. For some of the older stalwart player's cold winter evenings no longer seemed inviting. So the club was reduced to two teams the Oaks and Acorns.

We adopted a strategy that tried to ensure all those who wanted to play in the league teams would be given an opportunity and I hope I achieved this by allocating people across both afternoon and evening games. Precious resources like 'skips' had more games by necessity. Maybe our new style club Spoons nights will give folks more confidence to give skipping a go!

The Shebbear fighting spirit came to the fore and she believed the club has had a successful season:

- The Oaks finished 4th in Division 1, only ½ a point behind Langtree.
- The Acorns finished 4th in Division 2, only ½ a point behind Holsworthy.
- Shebbear 'A' finished 6th in Division 3c which sounds a lot worse than it really was, only 4 points separated us and the winners Fremington.

In the North Devon League cups; The Oaks were quarter finalists, the Acorns semi-finalists in the Tony Stephens knockout. In the Alan Wright 10's we lost in the final by one shot to Yarnscombe. In the County 10's at Plymouth we were beaten in the semi-final by the eventual winners Exeter Nomads.

She thanked Joe Bevis, Eileen Sandell and Grenville Gerry for their support – she had really enjoyed her year being club captain.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012/2013

POSITION	NAME	COMMENTS
PRESIDENT	MAURICE MARTIN	Carried for the next 2 years
CHAIRMAN	RALPH HUMAN	
VICE-CHAIRMAN	RICHARD WHITEROW	See below
CAPTAIN	GRENVILLE GERRY	
VICE CAPTAIN	TINY LESTER	Proposed Brenda Clark, seconded Elizabeth Vooght. Passed
FIXTURE SECRETARY	JOE BEVIS	See below
CLUB SECRETARY	JOE BEVIS	See below
TREASURER	PAM WHITEROW	Volunteered (!) Pam Whiterow, seconded Rita Lacey. Carried
COMPETITION SECRETARY	EILEEN SANDELL	See below

Ralph Human said it again proved very difficult to find people to stand for committee positions. Joe Bevis was concerned that nobody wants to help make the Club run, they just want to bowl

Given this and given the need for continuity in committee, RH asked the AGM to consider the possibility of changing the rule which makes it mandatory for the Chairman to stand down after one year in office, maybe extending it to two years.

Joe Bevis said we have just followed the Constitution, thus any change requires alteration to the Constitution. Tiny Lester said given we always struggle she sees no

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reason not to change the Constitution and proposed that the change be a motion for the pre-season meeting to vote on. Seconded Grenville Gerry. Passed .

Richard Whiterow agreed to stand as vice chairman whilst this matter was under review.

RW said given that Joe Bevis will stand down as Secretary at the end of this season, it is essential that someone to come forward at pre-season meeting to prepare for that role.

Eileen Sandell agreed to continue as Fixture Secretary, but cautioned that she might be leaving mid-Season if their house sale progressed. Tiny Lester volunteered to take on the role in that situation.

AOB

Tiny Lester said the Website had been created and asked all to look and make suggestions about colours and provide photos.

JB will accept money for meals tonight and pass to Pam.

Richard Whiterow thanked everyone for their participation.

Meeting closed @ 7.15pm

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MEMBERS ATTENDING 2012 AGM

Olive Ackland
Joe Bevis
Chris Brotherson
Brenda Clark
Richard Clark
Colin Davis
Grenville Gerry
John Heath
Ralph Human
Bryan Lacey
Rita Lacey
Tiny Lester
Maurice Martin
Andrew Moore
Gerald Moore
Kerry Reardon
Eileen Sandell
Peter Sandell
Elizabeth Vooght
Pam Whiterow
Richard Whiterow
Gordon Young