

SHEBBEAR SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

AGM - 19TH APRIL 2013

AT

THE RYDON INN, HOLSWORTHY, 6.45PM

PRESENT

Ralph Human (Chairman) and 23 members – names attached.

APOLOGIES

Colin Davis & Barry Hunt.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 20th APRIL 2012

Proposed by Kerry Reardon, seconded Gordon Young. Approved unanimously

MATTERS ARISING

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his Report to the meeting. In outline...

The Club had performed well at domestic and regional level. Regardless of who actually won, we were all winners by virtue of friendship and sociability in the Club. The Committee has worked well.

Chairman made special mention of the huge contribution made by the retiring Secretary Joe Bevis, who was generous in his time and forgiving, and had attended vast number of meetings on behalf of the Club. This AGM is the last official day of his tenure, which has lasted nine consecutive years - he reflected that this made a nonsense of the Constitution which limits tenure to one year. The Chairman recorded our sincere thanks for his efforts. All applauded.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary had not a lot to say. There were decreasing number of members, and great difficulty in recruiting more, although we have been given opportunity to recruit youth by approach from the youth club who have asked for demo. Joe thanked the Chairman and the Club for their kind remarks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Richard Whiterow speaking on behalf of the Treasurer said we had made a profit for the year of £316.83, although further costs anticipated for engraving lead to an estimated of c£250 for the year. Fees had not been increased in last two/three years and the Treasurer recommended an increase in the club-night fee from £1.50 to £2.00. Some discussion from the floor on the impact on people attending competition nights, which was unresolved.

Richard Clark asked how much the fee increase would bring the Club in a year. The Treasurer said £250

Proposition: "To increase fees on Club-nights from £1.50 to £2.00." Proposed: Brenda Clark, Seconded: Julia Woolgar. **Passed unanimously.**

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Grenville Gerry thanked Pam & Christine for providing teas. He also thanked Tiny for doing rotation of players for Acorns, Merton league and the afternoon league.

He reported the following league results: Oaks finished 4th in Division 1; the Acorns finished joint-3rd with Yarnscombe in Division 2 (although Yarnscombe having a better shot difference); the Afternoon League finishing 5th; the Merton League we will be finishing mid-table.

County Tens - after losing to Torrington, when Torrington subsequently withdrew from the Competition, we were re-instated to play against Anstey, which we won. We then went through to the finals at Exeter but unfortunately went out at the round-robin stage.

Alan Wright - we got to the semi-finals, losing out to Woolsery at Braunton.

Brian Medland mixed fours - Rita, Tiny, Richard Whiterow and Barney entered this competition....and we won!!!

Christine asked is it important to continue in the Merton League. Joe suggests it depends on the number of people who play in winter league

PURCHASE OF NEW MATS

Richard Whiterow suggested that two of our mats are showing wear and the time has come to replace them. He said we are in a financial position to do be able to do so (est cost £1700-£1750 for two mats). Barney Gerry agreed the two outside mats were tattered. Some unresolved discussion on when (by start of winter season, or before). Some unresolved discussion on mat type/speed (some say one fast mat and one medium, others thought mats at Stratton have nice weight).

Richard Clark asked if there was any residual value in old mats? Also he wondered whether, as the Village Hall Committee have given permission to level out floor, should we do that first? Ralph says we have to stay competitive, thus we need the mats.

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Mick Stairs asked whether we have we looked at getting grant from Torridge District Council (contact there is James Jarroudi).

Tiny asked whether we have demonstration one evening in summer as mats may be different on our floor.

Proposal: "Richard Whiterow should explore further the suggestion to buy two new mats and, if necessary, to buy." Proposed: Brenda Clark, Seconded: Maura Marwick.

Passed by majority with one voting against.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE TENURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following changes to Clause 22 were proposed by outgoing Chairman Ralph Human and circulated to attendees:

"22a Nominations for the position of Club Captain and Vice-Captain shall be proposed and seconded by two other members of the Club with the nominations displayed on the Club notice board no later than four weeks before the AGM. If two or more nominations are received for any post then the voting will be by secret ballot. Both positions are for one year.

22b Nominations for the position of President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary and Competition Secretary shall be proposed and seconded by two other members of the Club with the nominations displayed on the Club notice board no later than four weeks before the AGM. If two or more nominations are received for any post then the voting will be by secret ballot. All positions are for one year but in the event of no new nominations being displayed before the closing date, it is assumed that the current post-holder will continue in office, if prepared to do so."

Richard Clark said that given that the onus is on the current office holder to say they don't want to continue, it is important that office holder gives notice of this. He also commented that the experience with the outgoing Club Secretary illustrated that it is not necessary to change every year and the same applies to other job holders

Proposed: "That the above changes to Clause 22 of the Constitution be accepted by the Club". Proposed: Mick Stairs, Seconded: Brenda Clark. **Passed unanimously**

PROPOSAL FOR AFTERNOON ROLL-UP

A proposal for an afternoon roll-up was distributed to attendees (copy attached). The Proposer, Mick Stairs, emphasised it was an additional feature, not a departure from previous approach.

Comments from the floor:

- Maura Marwick said it could be a way of attracting people into bowls.
- Mick Stairs said he agreed it could be way of attracting more members. Thursday night not had not been successful, perhaps if it is done in afternoon, it might be more successful.
- Brenda Clark said since we lost Thursday night rollup it shows in our matches – no practise whatsoever.
- Ralph Human said the committee was worried that there is no sociability, miss out on tea.
- Grenville Gerry was worried about cost – need ten in afternoon and ten in evening.
- Joe Bevis suggested this was discussed at pre-season meeting. He asked if the Village Hall committee would offer a reduction in our fees, as we are a major contributor.
- Ralph suggested that Mick/Olive and the new secretary should work on this proposal and bring back in September for consideration.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013/2014

With the exception of Club Captain, only one nomination was received for each post. The following records the decisions of the AGM.

POSITION	NAME	
PRESIDENT	MAURICE MARTIN	Elected unanimously
CHAIRMAN	RICHARD WHITEROW	Elected unanimously
VICE-CHAIRMAN	RALPH HUMAN	Elected unanimously
CAPTAIN	GRENVILLE GERRY GORDON YOUNG (TO ACT TOGETHER)	Elected unanimously
VICE CAPTAIN	RICHARD CLARK	Elected unanimously
FIXTURE SECRETARY	TINY LESTER	Elected unanimously
CLUB SECRETARY	MICK STAIRS	Elected unanimously
TREASURER	PAM WHITEROW	Elected unanimously
COMPETITION SECRETARY	EILEEN SANDELL	Post remains unfilled To be reviewed
AUDITOR	TINY LESTER	She agreed to do this, although commented she had no qualifications

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Tiny Lester says we should review availability of tea/coffee at Club nights.

Richard C worried that we might have new people (through afternoon session) playing on new mats – and people might complain. No action.

Mick Stairs asked if people have spare bowls for these new people.

Meeting closed @ 7.15pm

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ATTACHMENT A - MEMBERS ATTENDING 2013 AGM

Olive Ackland
Joe Bevis
Chris Brotherson
Brenda Clark
Richard Clark
Grenville Gerry
John Heath
Ralph Human
Bryan Lacey
Rita Lacey
Bryan Ley
Daisy Ley
Tiny Lester
Maurice Martin
Moirra Marwick
Kerry Reardon
Eileen Sandell
Peter Sandell
Mick Stairs
Pam Whiterow
Richard Whiterow
Julia Woolgar
Gordon Young

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ATTACHMENT B - PROPOSAL FOR AFTERNOON ROLL-UP

Dear Mr Chairman and committee members, I would like to make the following proposal

For consideration by the Committee and Club Members at the next AGM.

My proposal is for an **AFTERNOON ROLL-UP** session during the next Winter Session (2013-14).

My proposal is based upon the following:-

I believe there are a fair number, of what could be termed 'average ability' players, of which I include myself, in our club who do not necessarily wish to partake in the internal club competitions.

I.e. MR & MRS; 2 WOOD SINGLES ETC but do enjoy the ROLL-UPS on a Monday evening when there are no other competitions running. It's nice just to come along and enjoy the evening without any formal competition.

Yes some of us do actually play in league matches but if **we** only come to Roll-ups for practice there are not many opportunities to learn and improve our game.

Going through the 2012-1013 schedule I have calculated that out of the 19 weeks of the Winter period there are 13 Mondays where there is either a SPOONS or some other club competition, leaving 6 Monday evenings left just for Roll-ups.

Also these Monday evening roll-ups are the only way any new-comers can learn the basics of the game and get to know other club members, instead of being thrown in at the deep end should there be a competition going on that night.

It can also be noted that there are quite a few 'old timers' who are no longer coming out during the dark winter nights. Perhaps if we can offer an afternoon roll-up during the Winter months we may encourage them back.

My thoughts are that we can have a ROLL-UP session of 1-2 hours (say between 2-4pm) on an afternoon agreed by those interested. We would need to have a minimum number take up this opportunity to make it financially viable to the club.

The hall charges of £7 per hour means we would need minimum of 10 members for a 2 hour period, at £1.50 per session.

Should there be less attendees we could reduce the time period accordingly, notifying the Hall Booking Secretary of times used.

As a member of the Village Hall Committee and also a key holder, I would be available to open and close the sessions, as and when available

Proposer: Mick Stairs

Seconded: Olive Ackland