

## **Minutes Shebbear Short Mat Bowling Club Annual General Meeting 15th April 2016 at Holsworthy Golf Club**

### **PRESENT**

Richard Whiterow (Chairman) and 14 members (see Attachment B for names)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 18.33 and thanked everyone for attending. He offered a special welcome to two new members Richard and Jenny Gubb.

### **APOLOGIES**

No Apologies for absence received.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th APRIL 2015**

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on the 10th April 2015 were agreed and approved.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

None

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

It was sad last year that several members didn't re-join; in particular our President Brian Ley and Daisy, also Olive and Ron Ackland, both founder members of the Club. Sadly last November an ex-member Maureen Moore passed away, again a founder member. He noted that it is 30 years this year that Club has been in existence.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Thank you all for coming this evening and hope you enjoy the carvery provided by Holsworthy Golf Club Restaurant. Thanks to Ron for minute taking. Minutes will be displayed on club website and club notice board. Also I will email copies to those on our email list if so wished.

Last night I attended the Village Hall AGM and have volunteered myself as representative of the Bowls Club onto their committee, as some other groups using the hall have also done. Failure to form a committee of at least 10 members would result in the Village hall closing until such time as a full committee could be formed, thereby seriously affecting our bowls club. The new committee consists of 4 elected officers, 3 club representatives and 3 people from the village.

There are serious problems with the rendering cracking on outside end of hall resulting in ingress of rain causing damp. This has been given immediate priority and will be dealt with

approx. 3-4 week's time. Unfortunately this has put back their plans to update the toilets but the funds remain in place for this and it's hoped that work can be started in near future.

### **Bowls club membership.**

Our membership registrations for last year, which has to be paid to ESMBA around July was 31, based on our list for club membership put out in March 2015 but unfortunately there were quite a few members who decided not to continue their membership of the club and therefore we only had 20 members paying annual subscriptions of £16 (£6 of which goes to ESMBA)

Our registration fee paid to ESMBA was £186, with only 20 members we received £120 towards registration, making a loss of £66. I shall only be registering 19 playing members in July (16 of whom volunteered for afternoon league and some also in evening fours) I will wait until Pre Season meeting to register anyone else.

We have since welcomed Jenny and Rich Gubb from Langtree plus Douglas Haley who has joined us on our Wednesday afternoon roll ups. Some of you may not have met Doug if you don't bowl on Wednesday but he has recently celebrated his 94th birthday and has enjoyed his time with us and hopefully will be able to join us next year as he looks forward to his Wednesday afternoons with us.

Some of our members have suggested the club might like to purchase a bowls lifter which would help Doug as he has to use a stick for support, with difficulty in bending, and rely on members to give him his woods when bowling (cost around £15-£20) but it would also be available for anyone who needs help in bowling.

Our membership on Wednesday afternoon was around the 12 mark when we started the season but fell to around 7-8 since Christmas probably due to bad weather, hopefully we will be able to get enough members on a Wednesday next season.

It has been decided that Shebbear will not be entering a team in the Summer Triples league this year but Tiny has scheduled some ad-hoc Monday roll ups during the summer months for those wishing to carry on.

In September we will start regular Monday roll ups for one hour (7.15-8.15pm) from 5th September subject to hall availability.

Our Pre-Season meeting will be Monday 19th September 7.30pm (not 22<sup>nd</sup>, as announced)

Winter roll ups will commence from Monday 3rd October and will be usual 2 hours 7.15-9.15pm with our usual Wednesday afternoon roll ups 2-4pm starting from 5th October

Until then I hope you enjoy your Summer and hope to see you all again at our Pre Season meeting.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Copies of the Accounts had been distributed to all present (Attachment A).

Although income over the last year was down on previous years, our expenditure was less having spent more the previous year on new mats and equipment etc.

Membership/playing fees are down on last year due to several members leaving the club.

Our hall hire charges do not include February invoice payment (£178.50) due to Village Hall not presenting cheque at end March.

Our engraving charges are always a financial year behind as we are invoiced after the end of our financial year at end of March.

Our engraving costs will be higher next year due to the decision to replace the Ladies Singles Cup which seems to have gone astray over the past two years.

Julia won the completion last year but was unable to be presented with her award. As she also won the competition this year, it was felt it very remiss of us if she didn't have an award this year, so we have purchased a new cup for this competition and have engraved her name for both last year and this year at a cost of £16.99 inclusive.

We will also look at replacing the Men's Singles champion shield with a similar cup, as the shield is running out of space for future competitions.

Overall a good financial result, bearing in mind we have a lower membership than previous years. The accounts will be audited by Lesley Tennant .

Following the Treasurer's Report, there was a long discussion on Cups:

- Joe Bevis said, considering engraving costs and the need to purchase another Cup, is it worth reverting to the use of giveaway Cups, as we used to do? The Secretary noted he thought the cost of giveaway cups was similar to the cost of engraving.
- Gordon Young suggested that some people would build up unacceptably large numbers of these cups; he said some Clubs have abandoned cups in favour of vouchers.
- Julia Woolgar thought we should just have Cups for big awards – eg Club Champion - and just have certificates for the rest, which would save money.
- Rich Clark thought that we should have a Trophy Cabinet in the Village Hall to display all local Clubs' Trophies – this had the value that we would know where the Trophies were, also that the Trophies could thus continue to build a historical record.
- Richard Gubb agreed on the issue of a historical record and suggested that people could take a Cup home briefly then return it to the trophy cabinet.
- Tiny Lester noted she has recorded all the names of previous winners in word document.

**A Vote on the Trophy Cupboard will be covered in the pre-season meeting.**

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Rich Clark said it was his role as Club Captain to look after the teams, and we have had some pretty good results.

- Firstly, the afternoon 'Triples' - the Acorns having been promoted last year have come top of Division 6 this year, in a closely fought fight.
- There was an ever closer hotly-contested fight in the next Division, where the Stones came second - well done to them.
- The Oaks had a very good start to the season..... then the wheel fell off and Wick came back and pushed us into third place – but even this was as good a result as for many years.
- Alan Wright Competition - our first challenge was against Goodleigh and we thrashed them twice. Then we went to Yarnscombe and the wheel fell off, twice!
- The disappointing competition this year has been the Tony Stevens cup. Started well, beating Merton, Christchurch and Winkleigh. Then in semi-finals against Sutcombe we eventually lost by two shots in a tight game. Thanks to Jenny and Richard Gubb for their significant contribution.

I have heard that the Chairman is to hang up his clogs. Thanks to him for his contribution as Chairman and for his 18 years as Treasurer. All applauded.

Looking to future Team assignments to League Divisions, we won't know until July as it depends on other Team registrations. However, we think the Acorns may be promoted to Division 5 and it's possible that the Stones get into Division 6. Have also asked the League what will happen to the 'Fours', which has been shrinking each year. The League has decided that as long as there are at least five teams wanting to play, they will continue.

There is a proposal tabled at the forthcoming League AGM which will restrict the use of launching arms; specifically that Skips will not be able to use them. After extensive discussion Richard asked if the Meeting could give guidance to the two Club members who attend the League AGM - should we stop Skips from gaining an advantage through using them? **The sense of the Meeting was yes, skips should not be allowed to use them.**

Richard Whiterow says the official ruling is that any person using the device cannot bowl any differently to how they would bowl 'normally', without the device. After extensive discussion all agreed this was a difficult matter to judge, although noted it did help the sport to be inclusive.

Two other rule changes. In future new players must be registered at east 48hrs before they play a game, rather than on the day of the match. The second rule change concerns rearrangement of matches when a Club can't get a Team. Previously the League defined acceptable reasons for delaying a match, now the League says they don't want any matches put off – all teams must be flexible and try to rearrange fixtures, not cancel matches

## PROPOSALS

None

## DATE FOR PRE-SEASON MEETING

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

## ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2016/17

With the exception of the vacated positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Vice Captain all existing committee members agreed to continue to serve again this year. The previous Vice-Captain preferred not to continue, but failing alternatives, accepted nomination.

Honorary President – unfortunately our current President, Brian Ley, has not joined the Club so his presidency must lapse. Other names were proposed, but they were either not current members or not at the AGM. Mick Stairs stated the Office of President was not in the Constitution, so there was no obligation to elect someone at this point.

The following records the decisions of the AGM

PRESIDENT	Vacant	
CHAIRMAN	Lesley Tennant	Proposed Lorraine BATTERY Seconded Tiny Lester. Elected.
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Joe Bevis	Continue in Office
CAPTAIN	Rich Clark	Continue in Office
VICE CAPTAIN	Julia Woolgar	Proposed Lesley Tennant Seconded Tiny Lester. Elected.
FIXTURE SECRETARY	Tiny Lester	Continue in Office
CLUB SECRETARY	Mick Stairs	Continue in Office
TREASURER	Maura Marwick	Proposed Mick Stairs, Seconded Tiny Lester. Elected.
COMPETITION SECRETARY	Gordon Young	Continue in Office

Richard thanked all Officers and Committee members for the work they did last year.

The meeting closed at 19:08.

**ATTACHMENT A – ACCOUNTS 2015/2016**

**Shebbear Short Mat Bowling Club**

**Income & Expenditure for the 12 months to 31st March 2016**

<b>Income</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Grant	0.00		100.00
Play fees	1517.00	1766.50	1519.00
Annual Memberships	336.00	440.00	454.00
Summer membership	0.00		60.00
County Comp fees	0.00	66.00	120.00
Other		1.00	26.00
Sale of clothing	14.00	39.00	
Sale of mat			50.00
annual dinner collected	345.00		
	<b>2212.00</b>	<b>2312.50</b>	<b>2329.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Village Hall	988.50	1302.00	1428.00
DCSMBA Registration	186.00	180.00	164.00
DCSMBA Comp fees		96.00	150.00
ND&NC League fees	26.00	24.00	27.50
Refreshments	44.96	59.16	12.88
Stationery and Secretarial	50.46	58.81	9.47
Treasurers Expenses		5.10	8.00
Engraving	45.00	70.00	65.00
Jacks		72.54	80.15
Repairs		24.16	
Stickers for woods		30.34	23.00
Purchase of mat		104.29	1686.00
purchase of clothing		59.00	
Donations		5.00	
Website	15.13	9.00	18.43
annual dinner payment	345.00		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1701.05</b>	<b>2099.4</b>	<b>3672.43</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for 12 months ending 31st March</b>	510.95	213.10	-1343.43
Plus: Balance b/fwd as at 1st April	1037.76	824.66	2168.09
<b>Total funds as at 31st March</b>	<b>1548.71</b>	<b>1037.76</b>	<b>824.66</b>
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
		0	53.33
Bank Account	1548.71	1037.76	771.33
	<b>1548.71</b>	<b>1037.76</b>	<b>824.66</b>

**ATTACHMENT B – MEMBERS ATTENDING 2016 AGM**

Joe Bevis

Lorraine Buttery

Brenda Clark

Richard Clark

Jenny Gubb

Richard Gubb

Tiny Lester

Maurice Martin

Maura Marwick

Carole Stairs

Michael Stairs

Lesley Tennant

Richard Whiterow

Julia Woolgar

Gordon Young