

HAYLING ISLAND BOWLS CLUB

MINUTES: THE 2017 AGM HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7:00 PM

1. President's Opening Remarks

- a. Brian Pullan welcomed the members
- b. Obituaries: Jim Greenwood

2. Attendees: Mike Wooding, Gordon West, Rosemary West, Martin Hopper, Judith Edwards, Brian Pullan, Geoff Hollis, Geoff Belding, Les Hewitt, June Dick, Pauline Johns, David Johns, Eileen Walker, John Stokes, Ken West, Colin Monkhouse, Wendy Monkhouse, Carolyn Bateman, David Bateman, Daniel Peters, Jenny Kendall, Tim Hunt, Steve Walker, Mark Hollis, Tom Walsh, Bob Tobin, Ray Hoskins, Andrew Hall, Sue Hall, Richard Murray, Gill Long, Iris Gore, John Gore, Lesley Shayler, Jan Brindley, Barrie Kirkham, Gil Davies, Eric Windebank, Dorothy Williams, Owen Williams, Mark Pearson, Neil Blacklin, Beryl Blacklin, John Francis, David Wrixon.

3. Apologies For Absence: Peter Allman, Yvonne & Malcom Tipton, Joan Lilley, Barbara & Nigel Whiteman, Marie & Roy Whitworth, Margaret Wooding, Sue Humphries, John Dodgson, Kath Tregaskis, Betty Page, Audrey West, Anita Belding, Denise Pullan, Anne Hollis, Richard Tidd, Roy Everett, Christine & Roy Winsor, Russell McKerracher.

4. Minutes of 2016 AGM held on 22nd September 2016: Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Andrew Hall and seconded by David Johns. The minutes were accepted on a unanimous vote.

5. Matters Arising: There were no further matters arising.

6. Questionnaire Feedback

- a. **Shorts:** There were 27 votes for "grey tailored shorts purchased via the Club may be worn for all internal Club events and Club competitions unless specifically stated otherwise". There were 10 votes against. The Committee will continue to identify suppliers / shorts through the off-season. The Dress Code will be updated to reflect this.
- b. **Cleaning:** There were 22 votes to "continue the cleaning provision as is", 2 votes to "pay more on the membership to get a better cleaning service", 12 votes to "have a members rota". The Club will continue to pay to have the Club House cleaned.

7. Section Reports

a. Men's

This year despite losing many matches we managed to stay up in the P&D and the Combination Leagues finishing mid-table in both of them. There was a shortage of players this year and we really must encourage more people to play league games. We have some very good new members and I look forward to seeing them on the green next year. Many thanks once again for the support I have had this year and let us hope we can continue to enjoy next year's bowls.

b. Ladies

I am pleased to say we have had a good season.

P&DWBA Leagues.

The "A" League finished in mid-table scoring 60pts

The "D" League finished in a glorious second place scoring 58pts.

Now a special thanks to all who stepped in as reserves for these leagues which couldn't have done without you - Daphne, Jenny, Sue, Sue, Pauline, Wendy, and Iris. You all made my life easier thanks a million. Also thanks to Gill and Jenny for writing, ringing and posting the game results.

Havant Evening League.

This league didn't have such a good season but thanks to Joan & Gill things ran smoothly. Here's to next season. While I am thanking people I must thank Eileen for making tea for all evening home games and supporting with such good advice - Thank you Eileen.

County competitions

Hayling reached the final of the Thornbury Trophy but lost to Lee on Solent. Thanks to Gill & Jenny for your support.

Judith, Dorothy and Joan reached the Area Finals in the County Triples but lost to Rowner.
Judith & Joan reached the Area Finals in the Over 55 Pairs but lost to Cowplain.
Judith lost to Pam Lamshead in the Champion of Champions competition.
The Hayling team were invited to play in the Dolly Gore and won one game before losing.

P&DWBA Competitions

Judith reached the Area Final of the 2 wood singles and played at Lee on Solent.
Judith & Joan won the pairs final also at Lee on Solent.

Other outside events

Judith, Dorothy and Joan won the Gosport Triples.
Eileen, Jan and June were runners-up in the Purbrook Triples.
Caroline won at College Park.

c. Reflex

The team finished 3rd. Teams finishing 1st, 2nd, and 4th were all “carpet” teams. Tom thanked the players for the support he had received all season.

8. Retiring President’s Address

Thanks to everybody for their support throughout the year. Especially my Charity Day which turned out to be the most challenging due to the weather. A BIG thank you to Martin and his helpers who carried on regardless with the BBQ. It was a great success. Thank goodness for my wife who suggested we book the Community Centre Hall. Thank you Macolm Tipton and Harry Jackson and the Walking Group for their charity donations. The friendly games have been well supported this year. The Club’s 40th Anniversary bash was poorly supported by Club members however President’s Day was enjoyed by all as was the 40th Anniversary Day arranged by Russell. Thanks to all the Committee for their support. A special thanks to Pauline Johns for her hard work in providing cakes and jams. Good Luck to Rosemary.

9. Secretary’s Report

2017 was our 40th anniversary. We held 4 successful events – a kick-off lunch at the Golf Club, a Presidents versus Captains match, an anniversary roll-up and a “teams of 4” event where 6 local teams (Bedhampton, Cowplain, Emsworth, Pagham, Petersfield and Purbrook Heath joined 2 of our teams for a day of bowling. We put on a very good show for the Clubs and thanks are due to Beryl, Pauline, Russell and David plus all the other helpers, players and reserves who turned up on the day. We have received feedback that should we do this again, then could we include more home teams.

Open Days & Have-A-Go Days have again brought in new members. Thanks are due to those members who have supported these days – it is just a shame on many occasions it was the same faces to help.

The Monday & Friday Roll-Up numbers have remained pretty constant and have averaged 21 per session over the whole season which is a good result given the Men’s Friday evening matches, the number of people playing in matches and the shortage of Lady members.

The Mens’ Tuesday Triples League was oversubscribed in a matter of minutes after the entry sheet was available on Enrolment Evening. We would like to see the new members take part next season. We do try to balance the teams and cater for all levels. Once again it has been a very successful event and my congratulations to Brian Pullan and his winning team.

Martin Hopper won the Singles Ladder beating Eileen Walker in the play-off final. Few challenges were made and it didn’t attract many new entrants. In its present format it doesn’t appear to cater for the different player levels. Existing players do like the best of 3 set matches. We will look for another format where players can be grouped into the same or similar standard hoping that will get a better uptake.

The Club Events scheduled for the first part of the season were cancelled due to lack of entries. These were rescheduled in September. We had the bare minimum of entries for these. Those that played thoroughly enjoyed them. My thanks to Russell McKerracher for organising these. He has said that he

wants to step down from organising these and so we are looking for other volunteers to step forward with new ideas.

We run Club Events for the benefit of all members with the aim of combining player levels. We don't appear to have got it right this year. Please can you fill in the questionnaire before you leave – it has 3 questions: do you want club events, do you want half day or full day or a mixture of both, what day(s) would you prefer these to be run?

Club Competitions were well supported again this year and culminated in 2 very enjoyable finals days. My congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losers.

The playing surface has not been great this year. There were the initial watering problems and we still have many bare patches as a result of the disease last season. We called in the Council – the February / March / April weather hadn't helped their preparations plus their contractors had reduced the time spent on the green and maintaining the green equipment – they did correct the situation.

Pauline Johns is stepping down as an Inspector Of Accounts. I would like to say thank you for carrying out this role.

In addition to those I have already thanked, I would like to give thanks to the gardeners, the bench painters, Geoff Belding & June Dick for organising Roll-Up, Sue Hall for producing the Newsletters and Geoff Holland for looking after the website plus all the others who have offered their services during the season. It is the volunteers who enable the Club to successfully function.

Our licence is due for renewal in September 2018. At this stage we do not know what changes in costs or terms may be in store. If you remember - back in July 2016, we were approached by the Council regarding a request made to them from a public group who wished to make use of the bowling green. We felt that the Council left with the view that they didn't want to licence another body and that the group should consider joining the Club. They also couldn't see the point of the public rink. We have heard nothing more.

Looking forward to the 2018 season – we do need to attract new members, so now is the time to start working on partners, friends and children. The Enrolment Evening will take place on Thursday 22nd February at 7pm. The evening will start with the President and Captains setting out their plans for the season followed by Treasurer welcoming people with their cheques.

10. Treasurer's Report

The accounts cover the period 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017. The Ladies accounts are produced separately.

Membership fees, which totalled £10,515, were almost sufficient to pay the annual licence fee on our facilities (£10,880) being just £365 short. General running costs of the club amounted to £3,061 of which the largest expenses were cleaning (£1,220) and P&D Registration Fees (£1,162).

Extraordinary one-off costs amounted to £490.74 of which the largest items were the new Notice Board (£300) and our 40th Anniversary Pens (£179).

Our income shortfall has been made up from a number of sources which, after costs, have been Tea and coffee £1,026, Fund raising events (Friendlies, etc) £1,164, Social events £ 522, Donations £ 745 Miscellaneous income £ 365, Competition fees £ 375, Major donations and miscellaneous income items have been £355 from the cribbage group, (thanks to Geoff Belding), £100 from the Ladies' Section, £198 from green fees and hire of the club house, and £350 from the sale of jams and preserves, for which a big "thank you" to Pauline and David Johns.

As a club we continue to raise funds for charity. This year our President's chosen charity was HASAG. Fund raising events included the skittles evening in March (thanks to Malcolm Tipton), the winter walking group (thanks to Malcolm (again!) and Harry Jackson), and Brian's charity barbeque

and fun day. Total funds raised, net of costs, amounted to £1,477 which will be paid to the charity before the close of the club's season.

This year we have produced a small surplus in cash terms. The club's finances remain on a strong footing. Large payments have yet to be made from our funds: £5,500 to Havant Borough Council due on Sept 30th plus a similar amount due at the commencement of the 2017/18 season.

Membership - We currently have: 1 Life, 88 Full, 21 Social members – totalling 110. No change in total membership, but 5 fewer playing members than last year (a loss of revenue of £550). We welcomed the following new members to the club: John Cartwright (re-joined after a short break), Sylvia Collins, John Francis, Fred and Frances Green, Mark Pearson, Grant Rowland, Lesley Shayler, Douglas and Linda Strike, Freddie and Jo Taylor. Membership numbers is the lifeblood of our club and we struggle to replace/increase membership every year. If any members know of family or friends who might wish to join our number please encourage them to come along.

11. Subscriptions for 2018

The Committee proposed 2018 membership fees to remain as in 2017: i.e. £120 for playing members and £10 for social members. Acceptance was proposed by Dorothy Williams and seconded by Geoff Belding. These were accepted on a unanimous vote.

12. Election Of Officers for 2018

The form asking for volunteers had been exhibited in the clubhouse prior to the AGM and those applying for election had obtained proposers and seconders. Nominees were:

Hon General Secretary	Mike Wooding
Hon Treasurer	Martin Hopper
Match Secretary	David Johns
Account Inspectors	Andrew Hall and Geoff Belding
Protection Officer	Jan Brindley

All were voted into their respective positions by a unanimous vote.

13. Incoming Presidents Address

I must give a huge thank you to Brian for all the work he has done on your behalf over the last year. He will be a very hard act to follow.

I am honoured to accept this position and will serve you the best I can. I am told this is just a figure-head position – well I am not sure I have the figure nor the head these days. However, my aim will be to unite the whole Club in the future and that we support Club events much more than we have in the past. I hope all men and women will take on all tasks jointly as required not leaving it to the same willing few. I will do my best to rally everyone as much as possible, but I will need your support for this to happen. May I welcome to the Club Team Tom Walsh as Mens' President and Gill Long as Ladies Vice President.

My chosen charity for the year will be pancreatic cancer. I wish you all a happy, healthy winter and I look forward to seeing you all next season.

14. Any Other Business

- a. **Smoking:** There is a no-smoking policy in the Club House and no-smoking on the green by request. The Committee will look at whether this should be extended to the green surrounding area and whether it should cover "vaping" and feedback to members at the Enrolment evening.
- b. **Carpet:** There are currently no plans to install a carpet. The Committee will look over the coming months at all aspects of installing a carpet green and feedback to the members when there is something to report. Members were asked if they would object to playing on a carpet – all present were happy.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:55.