

## Minutes of AGM -9th November 2018

**Held at Christ Church Hall, 7:45pm. 47 members in attendance**

**1. Apologise for absence:** received from V & T Dalton, S Nichols, J Lawrence, D Palmer, Sue and Mike Field M Horton

### **2. President's welcome and opening address**

Rex thanked those present for coming and nice to see new faces. Mrs Geiger gave birthday dinner invitation at the Ritz to be with us - thank you. Its been a difficult year health wise for some of our members and we hope 2019 will be better

We lost two men this year, John Cooper and Peter Downes and the meeting stood in silence as tribute to them.

On the bowling front it was a super year and we had a super green thanks to Nigel. You will hear more from our officers shortly. I will take the opportunity to thank all my fellow officers giving their valuable time and continuing to make effective contributions towards the running of the club A round of applause please.

Presidents day was blessed with glorious weather and some fun but still competitive, culminating in a lovely meal. Presidents charity day was also blessed with good weather and £250 was raised with Barclays chipping in a further £250, Grateful thanks to all that supported the event.

### **3. Adoption of Minutes (9/11/17)**

Proposed 6 typo corrections to Club Captain's report, 4 for lady Captains report, election of examiner (Pinhey). The changed file will be uploaded to the web site in due course.

### **4. Matters arising from previous AGM Minutes (9/11/17)**

None raised - covered by the agenda or officers reports.

### **5. Reports of Officers**

a) **Club Captain** - Dee Bates had submitted a written report - attached to the minute file. First AGM missed in 13 years due to pre-booked theatre trip. I thank Denis Hayter who has served as vice Captain for a number of years. We won and lost friendly games but managed to fulfil most of our fixtures but had to cancel 4 games due to lack of support, and 3 cancelled by the opposition. I hope we see more new bowlers participating in friendly matches.

In October we went for our usual indoor game to Sudbury where we lost on only one rink, but the meal was still poor. We won 1 out of 4 rinks at Rayleigh but it was an enjoyable afternoon. The next game is at Colchester. Dee also thanks members for supporting CMBL 'B' team, where all matches were completed.

b) **Treasurer** - Mike Monk presented the annual accounts, circulated to the meeting. The excess expenditure over income was £304 and the circulated balance sheet had been signed by the examiner Terry Pinhey.

c) **Mens Captain - Terry Cannon** - thanked everyone for support during the season but warned that the squads were becoming a size less than desirable and that Brentwood 's excellent promotion to the first division would require our best skills next season.

d) **Match Secretary Jim Collins** advised there were few issues in completing the seasons fixtures but that the mens Eastwood fixture will be at Billericay next year.

e) **Ladies Captain- Jenny Hyland**

I announced at the 2017 end of season meeting that I would not be standing again for this position having served 4 continuous years in the post. It has been an enormous pleasure being Lady Captain and I hope it has been an enjoyable year for you all.

Anyone who stands as a representative of the club has to make their own decisions and I realise that I haven't always made what some ladies will feel are the correct decisions but A decision is better than no decision. I hope the good decisions out-way the possibly felt bad decisions. Anyway enough of decisions. I'm certain the next Lady Captain Lynn Martin will be a great success. I hope Lynn enjoys Of course I have to thank my Vice Captain Edith who has accepted responsibility for organising matches when I have been on holiday. Edith also stood in for me on Ladies Day. Thank you again. We were once again defeated by Southend on Sea Ladies in the County Top Club event. Won the first round of the Double Rink Albert Crabb against Thorpe Bay Ladies but lost in the next round by only 9 shots against Fairwood Ladies. The Ladies have decided to once enter these events next season. Many thanks to all who made themselves available to play.

We came third in the Basildon Ladies Sports Trophy so a good result. Ladies Day was as usual well organised by Dee who organises the invitations to other clubs, the playing schedule and lunch. Thank you Dee. Dawn also stood in as Captain of the Day in the friendly against Hutton Poplars. Dawn once again organised the Marion Fry playing schedule and this event was won by Betty and Lynn with Jean and Wyn second. A glorious day and a very close result. Thank you Dawn for all your support.

We played 8 friendly games scheduled for the 2018 season - this includes the Stock Challenge Cup. 6 home games and 2 away (This will be reversed for 2019 - 6 away games and 2 home games. Due to lack of support 3 games were cancelled by the opposition - the Stock Challenge Cup, Southend on Sea and Chelmsford.

We therefore retained the Stock Challenge Cup for another season.

We didn't cancel any due to lack of support which was encouraging. Are the results important? We win some rinks and lose others but generally everyone enjoys these matches. Lastly thanks to you all for your support. When ever I asked for help in playing when asked sometimes at short notice or any other assistance I always had support which is much appreciated.

**f) Competition Secretary Tony Dalton** Tony was not present. Agreed that the season's competitions were completed satisfactorily and Tony thanks.

#### **g) Social Secretary - Jenny Hyland**

My report last year asked for suggestions for any other venues to hold our Summer Lunch but none were received so once again it was held on Sunday 29th July 2018 at Top Meadow Golf Club and attended by 25 members and partners. As usual the meal was up to their high standards and still great value at £18.50 per head. Quiz Night which was held on Saturday 6th October 2018 was another success but numbers were down on last year with only 56 attending as opposed to 89 last year. Mike Monk once again supplied all the questions and was ably assisted by Val who kept the scores. Thank you Mike for kindly purchasing all the prizes and to Val for keeping score. The winning table was headed by Edith Smith - well done to all and I hope they all enjoyed their wine. The special round where Mike goes through a number of very obscure questions, eliminating participants after each round was eventually won by Mike Field who also received a bottle of wine. Many thanks to all who supported this function and special thanks to Mike and Val for all their help. We made a profit of £72.20 which will show in next years accounts.

The Presentation Lunch is to be held this coming Sunday 18th November 2018 and 74 guests will be in attendance. Please arrive around 12.30pm latest and enjoy your welcome drinks hopefully once again in the garden room but not yet confirmed. Once again if you have forgotten what food

you have ordered each table will have this information to check with. Please don't guess - check the list first. The lunch is a great way to wind up the season so I hope everyone enjoys the day.

#### **h) Club Secretary Brian Hyland.**

I thank all who helped especially Jenny. The committee took on board last years AGM criticism of governance and held 2 coffee mornings, extensive discussion in committees for selection and team management and only you can judge whether we have been successful. Management plan had not been updates - something committee needs to do. Club house improvement over winter with decorations and blinds. We are working on schemes to improve toilets and a front extension. The green has an improved 5 colour system and over the winter a new rink marking system will be installed. Paving improved and new wet mats (not so good) installed. Bowling mats renewed. We have had rows over the use of wet mats, and this will be resolved for next season. New disabled access steps will be sourced as will new sponsored score boards

Selectors/stewards have had many meetings, but the key to successful teams remains better feedback and stewards. Recruitment has been a big effort with more banners/advertising, an open day close to 50 with 20 signed up for coaching sessions and 15 joined. This gives us 60 men 32 ladies and 18 associates. Target in management plan is 120. Coaching - as a qualified coach I managed new bowlers 4 sessions, 3 sessions for current members but more for other clubs. As the Essex Coaching coordinator I manage courses in Essex - so I urge other bowlers to take a courses and become a coach. Nationally, the Club development BDAliaance has £1.6M to help bowls and I hope Billericay get help by becoming a club on the National Development program in 2019.

Safeguarding - this is now important for all our members and there is a motion on the agenda later. We must ensure our club is sociable and stop any scams bullying etc. I have attended two national courses but other members are encouraged to become recognised by courses. The clubs updated Privacy Policy is on our website and notice board. Your data is safe but I can still communicate with you.

I make one personal comment that all members should make it one club by having tickets for all sessions

The pre-season meeting will be 14th March and the opening drive on 28th April. The first new committee meeting will be 11th December. There will be a recruitment helpers course on Friday 26th April, and the open day fro recruitment Sunday 5th May

#### **6 Reports of delegates**

a) **Chelmsford & District Jim Collins** - The AGM takes place after this meeting and there are a number of proposals. Competition fees will be increased. Agreed to oppose a motion from Falcon that any bowler can play up any number of times and oppose suggestion that the overall points score of 4 points be reduced to two. There is likely to be a restructuring of the divisions with a total of 35 teams and Billericay would oppose the present proposal of just 6 teams in the lower two divisions.

b) **Basildon & District - Denis & Joy Hayter** - nothing to report

**c) Brentwood & District Rex Hobbs**

Under the excellent stewardship of Eddie Dennison we easily won the second division, winning all games except the final match of the season. We are therefore promoted to division one next year, no successes at competitions. BWD are yet to hold their AGM.

**d) Central Mid Week David Palmer** - The season can be described as an outstanding success as we only joined the league in 2013 and in 4 of the following years we have being not only promoted but promoted as league champions in four of those six seasons. Two years ago we entered a second-team LB team and they have performed extremely well having only just missed out on promotion this year. Our A team will undoubtedly face extremely strong opposition next year in division two and it would be nice to see our B team earn the promotion that they so narrowly missed this year. it follows therefore that our selectors need your support and I am encouraging you to offer your names for selection to enable them to form two strong squads in 2019

**e) County Men Rex Hobbs** In 1996 group 3 won the Ashford unbadged challenge cup - 22 years later it has won it again by beating arch rivals group 6. I am pleased to say both Terry Cannon and Brian Hyland are members of the winning squad and on Sunday at our presentation lunch I will be presenting them both with specially struck gold medals!!! The County AGM is scheduled for Saturday 17th November.

**f) County Ladies Jenny Hyland**

I attended the AGM in November 2017 and four Council Meetings throughout the year. I like to hear what's happening at County Level but I must admit that little of what is discussed is relevant to grass root Lady bowlers. However it's important that the Club be represented by someone at these meetings.

The Benevolent Fund has a balance of approx £9000 available to hand out to any affiliated lady who has problems or is ill. If Billericay Bowling Club feels that any particular Lady Member has shown outstanding service to the club they can be nominated for a Certificate of Merit and these are awarded on an annual basis at the Ladies County Luncheon. ECWBA has a healthy bank balance of approx £27000.

Lastly Dawn and I plus 160 ladies attended the Ladies County Luncheon at Stock Brook in October 2018. A very pleasant occasion with lots of laughter.

**g) Chelmer Ladies Wyn Phillips & Betty Geiger** - Wyn thanks the ladies for supporting this team.

**6. Election of Committee**

President	Rex Hobbs
Club Captain	Mrs Dee Bates
Club Secretary	Brian Hyland
Treasurer	Mike Monk.
Men's Captain	David Palmer
Ladies Captain	Lynn Martin
Match Secretary	Jim Collins
Competition Secretary	Tony Dalton
Social Secretary	Mrs. Jenny Hyland
Ladies Representative	Mrs Sandra Nichols
Additional Members	Mike Yates, Dave Wood, not elected David Knight after a secret paper ballot

**7. Election of Other Officers, non-committee positions**

Club Vice Captain	Edith Smith
Mens Vice Captain	Brian Hyland
Ladies Vice Captain	Mrs S Nichols
Webmaster	Mick Yates
County Delegate (Men)	Rex Hobbs
County Delegate (Ladies)	Mrs Jenny Hyland
C&D Delegate	Jim Collins    Brian Hyland, Norman Bunce
BWD & Dist Delegates (2)	Rex Hobbs    David Palmer
Bas & Dist Delegates	Brian Hyland    Norman Bunce
CMBL Delegate (1)	David Palmer
Chelmer Ladies Delegates	Wyn Phillips and Sheila Parmenter
Selector Mens Leagues	Eddie Dennison

**8) Election of Examiner (Non-Officer)    Terry Pinhey**

**9) Written items for Discussion//Proposed changes to Rules & Constitution**

**a) Proposed by the Committee**

Add additional Rule 30 :- “The club adopts the Bowls England Safeguarding Policy. The Committee will appoint a safeguarding officer within the Committee to actively ensure compliance with the policy.”

Carried unanimously

b) Proposed by the Committee:- Under Rule 6, the annual membership fee be raised £2 to £42 and the annual Associate Membership fee be raised from £5 to £10.

Carried unanimously

c) Initially proposed by Dawn Hutchison - letter to committee

Substantive motion as amended by the meeting :-

Rules and Constitution - Rule 4 last paragraph, first sentence revise to read “ He/She shall be eligible to represent the club in indoor friendly matches but would only be selected if insufficient full members were unavailable.”

Carried unanimously

a) Life memberships - The chair advised the meeting that Dawn Hutchison and Sheila Parmenter had been awarded Life Membership - the meeting applauded the new Life Members.

**10 - Closure** - The meeting was formally closed by the President