

## Margate Bowls Club – AGM minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Present:-** Marjorie Ashford, Patricia Ball, Gwen Burke, Terry Coker, Bob Cooper, Stan Dudley, Alan Gibbs, Fred Grundy, Jackie Hayes, Roger Hayes (Treasurer), Ruby Holmes, Alan Lawlor (Match Secretary), Kim Marsden (Trustee), John McDonald, Paul Proctor (Chairman), Beryl Stapley, Audrey Sumpter, Dennis Sumpter, Bob Taylor, Sheila Taylor, Gerry Wood.

1. **Paul opened the meeting** at 7.05 and thanked everyone for their attendance.
2. **Apologies:-** Pat Briscoe, Anne Gascoigne, Michael Hibbird, Enid Hilton, Kate Lawlor, Phillip Lawlor, Pat Macklin, Robert Molyneux, Margaret Mooney, Christine Penn, Derek Penn, Madelene Waterer, Robert Waterer, Barbara Wigg, David Wise, Nick Wood.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:-** All members present had been given a copy of the minutes of the 2010 AGM. It was proposed by Alan Lawlor and seconded by Pat Ball and Stan Dudley that these reflected a true and accurate account of that meeting, which was accepted unanimously.
4. **Matters Arising:-** Dave Carman reported that following the suggestion that the top allowance for the handicap be raised to 11 from the previous 7 was adopted this year.
5. **Captain's Report:-** We came second to Westbrook in the Catherine Wheeler, the men were also second in the IOT League. Away friendly matches were not well supported and most were cancelled. We have gained several new members this year and it is hoped that more members make themselves available for matches. Thanks were extended to Bob, John, Pat, Sheila and Roger. Paul thanked Jackie for her Captaincy.
6. **Competition Secretary's Report:-** Paul thanked Budgie for all his work over the last thirty years and get well soon (broken ankle!)
7. **Match Secretary's Report:-** He was disappointed that fixtures had to be cancelled. We have lost one fixture. Paul understood Alan's frustrations and suggested there could be guidance from the Committee. Perhaps we shouldn't have fixtures miles away. Paul thanked all officers and all those who've worked for the Club.
8. **Treasurer's Report:-** Roger presented his report as a power point display. Roger thanked John Snowdon for the audit of accounts. He also thanked John and Pat for judicious bar purchases reflecting a 54% profit. He stated that we had major expenditure in the last few years; ladies changing room, roof, green equipment etc. and that we should have a 'sinking fund' to cover any future replacements. He reported that we had quite a lot of bar stock but was not worried as the club will be open for various events over the winter. The quiz night is reportedly the best in Thanet and we had an income of £1,012 over the six quiz nights held so far. We had taken £738 in raffles (this includes quiz night raffles). We had extra-ordinary expenditure purchasing two bar cooler cabinets. The Snow Cup made just £149.48 compared to the previous year of £290. Considering all the work, is it worth doing? We had hoped it would attract more members but this hasn't really happened. We have a new gate sign and the doors painted by Paul. Ron Steventon donated a new oven, we also have a new freezer – both installed by Bob. 5,000 handbills were purchased at a cost of £163.56.

The ditches surrounding the green are in a poor state and would cost at least £15,000 to replace. Bowls England could give a loan for the work, but it would need guarantors against any loan. Increase of fees – Roger advised that membership fee be increased to £20 and £65 for a season ticket, £4 for pay as you play. Roger asked for any comments on fees. A £10 increase with 63 members would raise £630 and including pay as you pay green fees could raise a total of £800 – **agreed**. Green fees for visitors to remain at £3.50, this was raised at the IOT AGM – some clubs want to decide their own fee. Every club should inform IOT of their green fees. Catherine Wheeler remains at £3.00. Roger said we should set our fees to suit ourselves, i.e. to retain £3.50. He stated that collecting green fees for County competitions was not worth the bother as it only came to £100. Visiting players for County and Nationals will not be charged green fees and they do usually support the bar. The EGM called regarding work on the green and club in general was positive. It had been agreed to have regular meetings at the club on Fridays during the season to discuss jobs that need doing, to be organised by Paul. Thanks to those who volunteered to help. Anyone helping on a regular basis could possibly have a reduction in club fees for 2013. Alan Lawlor thanked Roger saying he was not only the Treasurer but also Financial Advisor, he said it was a very good report. Paul thanked Roger for all his hard work and not just as Treasurer.

9. **Election of Officers** :- Paul welcomed Kim Marsden who along with Roger are Trustees for Margate Bowling Club. He said that there were a few gaps for committee.
- President** – Terry Coker said he had thoroughly enjoyed being President and said it was a great honour, but would be prepared to stand down if anyone else wanted the position. Budgie was asked, but he declined. There were no other candidates and Terry accepted the position for a further year. Proposed by Paul Proctor, seconded by Ruby Holmes.
- Chairman** – Paul was happy to continue as Chairman.
- Captain** – As no one was willing to take on this position it remains vacant. We could possibly have a ‘Captain of the Day’.
- Secretary** – Vacancy.
- Treasurer** - Roger was more than happy to stand aside if anyone else was willing to take on the role of Treasurer. No volunteers – Roger will remain as Treasurer.
- Competitions Secretary** – Vacancy.
- Match Secretary** – Alan Lawlor prepared to continue and will see how he thinks about continuing for a further year.
- Catering Manager** – Sheila Taylor happy to continue.
- Bar Manager** – Pat Ball.
- Bar Purchasing** – John McDonald.
- House Manager** – John McDonald.
- Green Keeper Liaison** – Paul Proctor – Proposed Ruby Holmes, seconded John McDonald.
- Selection Committee** – Pat Ball, Gerry Wood, Terry Coker, Paul Proctor and Roger Hayes. They will meet on Wednesday mornings during the season.
10. **Proposition - club finals** - not carried. It was proposed to continue with Finals Day, but with flexibility to allow for rearranging if necessary – carried. Kim Marsden said there should be guide lines and a time frame for any rearrangements. Date to be arranged to avoid local tournaments.

Members present were asked if they wanted a Presentation Dinner or a buffet at the Club. It was generally agreed to hold a buffet at the Club. Sheila Taylor agreed to supply a buffet.

**11. Proposition - Life Membership** – It was agreed to make Terry Coker a Life Member. Terry thanked everyone for electing him as a life member, he first joined the Club in 1967 when there were over a 100 members and fulfilling a fixture was never a problem. He would never join another Club and said it was a great honour.

Everyone is a full member of the Club including 'Pay as you Play' members, and have full voting rights. Junior members have no voting rights. Associate members have no voting rights. Life Members have voting rights. Future nominations for Life Membership to be proposed by the General Committee and brought before members at the next AGM. Membership would be revoked upon joining another local club.- carried.

**12. Changes to Constitution** – carried.

**13. Open Forum**

Jackie Hayes reported that there would be a new National competition next year to replace the Mother and Daughter Pairs. Practically any family combination allowed except partners married or otherwise.

Club Shirts – Jackie asked those ladies present if they would be prepared to wear the same shirts as the men – agreed.

Jackie advised the ladies present that a proposition is going forward to the KCWBA that all County Competitions to start a 6.00 pm. unless mutually agreed otherwise.

Jackie asked for a volunteer to attend the Catherine Wheeler AGM for Tuesday 8th November at 8 pm. at Pfizers Bowling Club. Alan Lawlor volunteered.

Alan Lawlor asked for any suggestions for more use of the green. Paul suggested that there could be more organised roll-ups. As we already have a Monday afternoon roll-up it was suggested one could be arranged for Friday evenings.

Ruby Holmes said that a rink had been booked at the Indoor Centre for Margate Bowling Club for Tuesday afternoons at 2 pm.

Ruby said that funeral of Jo Summersby wife of the late Sid is at 1.20 pm. at the Crematorium and afterwards at The Fayreness Hotel and the family says that all friends are welcome to attend.

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.**