



MARGATE BOWLING CLUB

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Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held @ the clubhouse on Friday November 5th 2010 @ 6.00pm.

22 Members present.

1. Paul opened the meeting @ 1800 hours and thanked everybody for their attendance.

2. Apologies:- There were apologies for absence received from; Mike Barnes, Vic Brown, Anne Gascoigne, Christine Greenidge, Fred Grundy, Roger Hayes, Enid Hilton, Ruby Holmes, Kate Lawlor, John Mckechnie, Margaret Mooney, Andy Nicholson, John Snowdon, David Wise and Gerry and Nick Wood.

3. Minutes of the last meeting: - All members had been given a copy of the minutes of the 2009 A.G.M. It was proposed by Ron Kent and seconded by Pat Ball that these reflected a true and accurate account of that meeting, which was accepted unanimously.

4. Matters arising: - There were no matters arising.

5. Secretary's report:- A full copy of this report is held on file, the main points being as follows; To thank everybody who helped keep the club running with their hard work, notably Bob Taylor, for his work on the green and clubhouse, and Jackie and Roger Hayes. Thanks also went to the Committee for enabling the club to have fixtures to play whilst enjoying bar and catering facilities for all matches. Paul concluded his report by urging all members who enjoy their bowls at Margate to spread the word and thus try and change a perception held by some that we are a "cliquey" or "drinker's club", in the hope of encouraging new membership.

6. Treasurer's report: - Although Roger was absent, a full and detailed report on the club's finances was available to all who attended the meeting. Recommendations put forward for approval were as follows; An annual fee of £16.50 would incorporate everybody as full members, paying either £58.50 for a season ticket or £3.50 per game on a "pay as you play" basis. Return on bar prices should be increased to 50%, Green fees for visiting players to be increased from £2.50 to £3.50, and finally, club competition fees to be increased from £1.50 to £2.00 per player in each competition. Acceptance of this report and recommendations was proposed by Neil Kemp, seconded by Alan Lawlor, and agreed unanimously by the members present.

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7. Auditor's report: - Due to the usual meticulous nature of Roger's accounts there was little of note to report. One matter that did need clarifying however, was that the £2 paid by most members to the "Francis Drake" benevolent fund remained in club funds, and was not given to any other benevolent society as was stated would be the case.

8. Captain's report and presentation of prizes: - Jackie's full report is held on file, the main points being as follows; The club won the "Catherine Wheeler" league for the third year running, with the men winning the I.O.T. League and the Ladies finishing runners up in their league. Congratulations were given to those that had reached the latter stages of county competitions and thanks were tendered to those that had assisted in various ways in providing help before, during and after, the many matches played during the course of the season. Special thanks being given to Bob Taylor for his hard work both on the green and in the clubhouse. Acceptance of this report was proposed by Bob Taylor, seconded by Alf Pockney and agreed unanimously by the members present. A short break was taken at this point followed by the prize presentations, the main recipients of which included Ladies' and men's champions, being Sheila Taylor and Neil Kemp respectively.

9. Fixture secretary's report: - Alan began his report by apologising for some mistakes that had occurred and hoped these would be eradicated next season. Essentially our fixture list would remain unchanged, although additional fixtures with Bellevue and Betteshanger had been arranged. Ken Manning asked if the men's combination league would be played on a different day to the Premier league, and this was answered by Dave Carman, who declared that discussion regarding this issue was on-going at present. This concluded Alan's report, and due thanks was given to him from the "chair" by Paul Proctor.

10. Competition secretary's report: - Dave reported that, in the main, all competitions ran smoothly, with the only drawbacks being poor support on finals day and the conceding of the Ladies' championship final. Suggestions put forward were that handicaps be increased in order to give "lesser" bowlers a chance, and that both the mixed and men's pairs be played on fixed dates next season. Paul thanked Dave for his report and announced that he was in favour of fixed dates for the pair's competitions. Neil suggested that 11 be the top allowance for the handicap (from the current 7) and acceptance of both of these suggestions was the consensus of all members present.

11. Election of officers and committee: - All proposed officers and committee members were duly unanimously elected to office, and a full record of same is held on file. It was agreed to leave, for the time being, nominations for a selection committee in abeyance. Paul agreed to take over as green keeper liaison officer from Ron Kent.

12. Any Other Business: - Stan Dudley stated that, although he would no longer be running the bar, he would give assistance whenever he was available to do so. Pat Macklin would also help in continuing to do his bin emptying around the green but, as he is now 88, age restricted him from any assistance of a more active nature.

Pat Ball put on record that she found the lack of spectators on final's day disappointing.

Gwen Burke stated that it was a pleasure to be in the club and would recommend it to anybody. She continued by suggesting that a kettle be kept in the ladies' changing room to facilitate refreshments after a game when the clubhouse is closed, otherwise the ladies were unable to provide hospitality to opponents after a match. Paul thought this to be a very good idea and promised its implementation for the coming season.

Alan lawlor appealed for more names to be placed on match sheets for next season.

Alf Pockney declared that he had missed having a formal dinner at the conclusion of the season and wondered if it could be reinstated for 2011. No decision was taken on this.

Bob Taylor declared that, in order for him to do necessary work on the green, a system of green closure times needed to be implemented. Paul stated that, as green keeper liaison, he will clarify with Bob the precise details involved, speculation at present indicated that the green could be closed on some or all mornings until 11.30. Paul concluded that this arrangement would be acceptable as long as members were made aware when the green would be closed.

13. Chairman's closing remarks: - Paul extended his thanks to all those members that had attended on the night and said that the last two years at the club had been very happy, with a strong nucleus of members. He concluded his remarks by stating that, in striving to continue in making Margate a popular club, every effort will be made to try and cater to member's needs in the future.

This being the last item discussed, Paul duly closed the meeting at 19.32 hours.