

MARGATE BOWLING CLUB

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Affiliated to: Bowls England, K.C.B.A., K.C.W.B.A..

FORMERLY:- Margate Bowling Club and Northdown Ladies Bowling Club.

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Clubhouse

on

Friday November 6th. 2009 at 6.30

30 x Members Present

1. *Paul opened the meeting and thanked everyone there for attending.*
2. **Apologies:-** *There were apologies from Roger Hayes, Gerry and Nick Wood, Kim Marsden, John Snowdon, Ken Chesson and Kate Lawlor.*
3. **Minutes of the Last meeting:-** *All members had previously been furnished with a copy of the last A.G.M. Minutes for reflection.*

Accepted as a true account.

Proposed by David Carman and Seconded by John McDonald

4. Matters Arising. -- None

5. Secretary's Report .

Hereunder is Ruby's report verbatim.

SECRETARY'S REPORT A.G.M. November 2009

I do not intend to report on the year's successes -- which have been considerable, both with the Club and our illustrious individuals, but will leave that to Jackie and David.

We have seen how things have changed and improved. We have a new roof and ladies' changing room for a start. Jackie has been responsible for transforming the garden plots and nurturing the floral displays. And Bob? Well, Bob -- as always -- has worked and is still working tirelessly, getting our greens looking the best they have ever been. His biggest problem has been the damage being done to them by the foxes. Bob and David have gone to a great deal of trouble recently -- which has involved a good bit of expense -- in dealing with this problem but, after all, no greens -- no Club!

It seems that I, myself, owe you an apology. I, in my innocence, I thought I had been doing a good job for you as your secretary. As I have told you before, in our dark days, I took over the secretarial duties for the men in addition to my duties for the ladies. I had come to bowls with very little knowledge except my ability to deal with the Computer and manage the paper work. I was promised that if I took the job on, I would be given all the help possible with any matters new to me.

However, much to my dismay -- at our Committee Meeting on Tuesday, Roger told me in no uncertain terms that I was not doing a good job as your Secretary and that if I hadn't allowed my name to go forward, there were others more capable than I who would have stepped in.

*As you can imagine, I was stunned because I do get through a great deal of work for the Club. Nevertheless, in view of this, I am now compelled to stand down and will not change my mind. I am more than happy for someone else to take over forthwith with my blessing and sincere good wishes.
This ends my report for 2009.*

Acceptance of the Report
Proposed Beryl Stapley and Seconded by Alan Lawlor

Treasurer's Report:-

All those present were furnished with comprehensive Statements of Accounts by Roger which included helpful 'pie' graphs.

However, he had asked Ruby to read out in particular the 'Auditor's Comments' being the last item in the written report.

Acceptance of the Report
Proposed by Alf Pockney and Seconded by Stan Dudley

Other Reports

Captain Jackie's report.

This is Jackie's report scanned into the document.

Before I begin my report I should just like to say that the more observant members may have realised that I have not yet accepted my nomination to be Captain next year. If anyone else would like to be Captain I would be more than willing to step aside.

I should also like to thank those new members who have supported the club so well this year and hope that they have enjoyed themselves at Margate and look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Congratulations on winning the Catherine Wheeler Trophy for the second year running. Thank you for everyone who has made themselves available for this and all other Club matches. However I do still struggle to raise full teams for many of the friendly matches and have had to either reduce the number of teams or borrow players from our opponents, which is rather embarrassing. Not to mention the time this all takes and the phone bill. So please support the friendlies if you can.

Well done to the Men in their Isle of Thanet League for coming a close second to St Lawrence once again and hope you go one better next year.

As you maybe aware the Ladies withdrew this year from The Isle of Thanet League due to the unsympathetic way we were treated when unable to raise a team due to members playing in County Competitions. Not only were we not allowed to re-arrange games but points were deducted from us. I do hope though we will be able to compete next year.

My thanks to Stan for his efficient running of the bar as well as making himself available for all Club matches both Catherine Wheeler and Friendlies.

My thanks also to Margaret who not only makes herself available for nearly all matches and is usually on a winning side, often by a large shot difference. She is also one of our first members to lay up tables before a game and clear up again afterwards.

Also my thanks to Roger for printing the Match sheets and the analysis of games played. But a few times I have had that 'Hilary Clinton' moment. I have been Captain and have selected all mixed and ladies games. If anybody has any problems with selection please speak to me.

My thanks also to Bob who has work so hard on our green and to Dave and all those men who have worked on occasions on the green.

As Kent County Women's delegate I attended the Council Meeting in October, I do not have a lot to report from this meeting. Apparently talks are going well towards amalgamation in January 2012.

Players entering County competitions were asked to be considerate when playing against

working players. They also have a website which is up and running. I shall be unable to attend the AGM in November but if anyone else would like to go please speak to me later.

Thank you all for supporting the club this year and would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Jackie Hayes
Club Captain 2009

Acceptance of the Report

Proposed by Anne Gascoigne and Seconded by June Kent

Competition Secretary David's Report.

This is David's actual report.

Competition Report 2009

The competitions this year ran pretty smoothly, all games that were played, were played by the closing dates, or the extended dates that were allowed.

For the first time in the 15 years that I have been competition sec all semi finals were played before the semi final dates

There were 3 walkovers given in the various competitions, due to non availability after the draw two teams in the men's pairs were changed to allow the remaining competitors to play~

I would suggest that the mixed handicap comp be abolished as there were only 4 ladies that entered the comp this year, it effectively meant there were two men's handicap comps.

The ladies could compete in the main handicap comp if it is the wish of the club members.

I would also like the open mixed pairs to revert back to the mixed pairs, this comp had eight mixed partners & two all male partners.

My suggestion would mean there would be six comps instead of seven.

I was disappointed with finals day, due to the disruption to the programme. this was partly due to four members each being in three finals, and two members who reached finals in the Broadstairs open.

One way to avoid any possible repetitions is to have a finals weekend and play the main finals on Sunday, and the minor comps on the Saturday.

I would like to see the Phyllis Broughton one day comp revived.

Finally I would like to thank Roger for producing the competition draw sheets

Acceptance of the Report

Proposed by Bob Taylor and Seconded by Vic Brown

Paul thanked Jackie and Paul for all their hard work for us all.

8. Election of Officers

Nominations for office as follows .

Chairman suggested election of officers and Committee en masse by asking for a show of hands from the members.

This was agreed and duly carried

Paul welcomed Terry and thanked him for continuing as President..

Terry thanked Paul and members and said how honoured he was to be asked to do so.

<i>President (not committee)</i>	<i>Mr. Terry Coker</i>
<i>Chairman (Executive Officer)</i>	<i>Mr. Paul Proctor</i>
<i>Hon. Secretary (Executive Officer)</i>	
<i>Treasurer (Executive Officer)</i>	<i>Mr. Roger Hayes</i>
<i>Committee (Captain)</i>	<i>Mrs. Jackie Hayes</i>
<i>Committee (Competition Secretary)</i>	<i>Mr. David Carman</i>
<i>Committee (Match Secretary)</i>	
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Mr. Stan Dudley</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Mr. Alan Lawlor</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Mr John McDonald</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Mr. Bob Pettifer</i>

There were no immediate nominations to fill the vacant positions of those standing down.

9. Subscriptions

Subscriptions would stay at £65 + £10 as before. Unanimous.

10. Organised arrangements for duties

Paul felt that there should be no coercion and that matters should be left to goodwill and conscience.

Stan wanted a show of hands as to the type of beer that was favoured and barrelled was voted overwhelmingly.

Paul thanked everyone again for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m..
