

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Margate Bowling Club

30th November 2012 at 7.00pm.

Present: Patricia Ball, Michael Barnes, Gwen Burke, Bob Cooper, John Crofts, Alan Gibbs, Fred Grundy, Jackie Hayes, Roger Hayes, Ann Hibbird, Jason Hibbird, Michael Hibbird, Ruby Holmes, Alan Lawlor, John McDonald, Robert Molyneux, Margaret Mooney, Beryl Stapley, Alan Swan, Bob Taylor and Sheila Taylor.

Obituaries: Fred and Phillipa Brassington, Pat Macklin and David Wise.

Apologies: Marjorie Ashford, David Carman, Terry Coker, Anne Gascoigne, Enid Hilton, Kevin Lampard, Philip Lawlor and Paul Proctor.

1. **The Minutes of the 2011 AGM** were confirmed. Proposed by Alan Lawlor and seconded by Beryl Stapley.
2. **Matters Arising** – There were no matters arising.
3. **Secretary's Report** – Attached to Minutes of 2011. Proposed by Bob Taylor and seconded by Patricia Ball.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Attached. Hon. Treasurer - Roger Hayes recommended that all members paid £100 to combine membership and season ticket. Therefore to discontinue 'pay as you play.' Green fees to be set at £3 for both Catherine Wheeler League and Friendlies to come in line with other local clubs. No green fees to be levied for National and County Competitions. Allowance could also be considered if anyone for financial reasons would prefer to pay in instalments during the Season. This was generally accepted by those present. Proposed by Michael Hibbird seconded by Bob Taylor.

(i) It was suggested by Michael Hibbird that the annual fee be increased to cover all green fees both home and away. Roger Hayes replied that this would probably mean all members pay an Annual Fee of £130, and it should be considered by the incoming committee.

(ii) Roger Hayes advised that he was hopeful that the application for a grant to improve Club facilities will be successful. If this is the case we would then decide how best to improve the Club. We would also have to be prepared to reach out to schools and retirement homes etc. to promote the club and increase membership.

5. **Other Officer Reports – Match Secretary's Report** – "This is done with some trepidation because it's not exactly a Fixture Secretary's report. As you know I have thought of changing clubs, but then realised that would be against my own ideals. As Fixture Secretary I am disappointed every time we have to play a fixture short of players or even cancel them, but I think this club has the potential to be the best in the area, we just need to work together to promote ourselves both on and off the green. This last year we did very well on the green with excellent results and achievements in fact the best for a long time. I think each one of us need to promote the club, in the position picked, to bring other people to the club, to be willing to teach people to play, to roll up with other people no matter what standard they are, to want to belong to a club that is friendly, social, fun and successful. So I promise to do my best towards these ideals." Alan Lawlor.

6. **Captain's Report** – Attached.
Competition Secretary's Report – Attached. Roger Hayes read a letter from KCBA re the possible realignment of Divisions. It has been proposed that Divisions be divided into two sections rather than the present four. Also that competition details be sent by email to one representative in each club.
7. **Election of Officers** – No election required and all elected en block.
8. **Any other Business** –
 - (i) Alan Lawlor suggested that the Match Fee be the same for home and away matches i.e. £2. There was some discussion on this, Jackie Hayes said that she did not think whether it was a home or away game that influenced members making themselves available for matches, but that we do not have that many members so we have problems when there are too many matches in a week or when the tournaments are played. Alan Lawlor replied that he was trying to rearrange matches so we do not have matches too close together – Any changes as how green fees are paid to be decided by the incoming committee.
 - (ii) Gwen Burke asked about the availability of Club Shirts, she was told there was stock in some sizes. Margaret Mooney asked if all players should wear club shirts. Jackie Hayes replied that the County state that all players should wear the same shirt colours. Margaret is not happy with wearing the club shirts available at present, other clubs shirts are of a higher quality. Jackie Hayes said that we could have other shirts but they had to be the same colours as at present.
 - (iii) Jason Hibbird asked if something more could be done regarding advertising the Club.
 - (iv) Alan Swan asked if it were possible for the winning Club Pairs to have an automatic pairing in the Pairs competition the following year. It was pointed out that this could mean a strong pair playing together winning the Pairs year after year. Robert Molyneux asked about seeding the players. He was advised that possible skips and lead players were already sorted for the draw. Robert also asked that the Mixed Pairs be mixed throughout with one lady and one man. He was told that would make for very few men being able to play as insufficient ladies enter the draw. Robert replied that he did not think this mattered as there were plenty of other Pairs competitions available to enter.
9. **Chairman's closing remarks** – John McDonald closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.