

EWHURST BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th October 2018

1.

The Chairman, Maurice Bowles, warmly welcomed 39 members. He thanked all the members for their support and the support of the Committee.

He asked members to remember those who are longer with us, Dick Starbuck, Peter Dawson, Peter Nellthorp, George Spiers, Benny Goodman, Phil Packham and Peter Johnson who started the Friday League and donated the cup as well as starting the Tuesday league at Broadbridge Heath and donating that cup.

Apologies received – Ann Riches, Jack Low, Gill and Gordon Beddall, Colin Smy, Anne Lock and Brian Allen.

2.

Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes – These were approved by Roger Newman and seconded by Pat Mortimore and Ken Dilley.

3.

Secretary Jackie Rubie

The Secretary thanked the many who contribute to the running of the Club.

This season the Club welcomed Dianna Benoy, Sandy Moore, Carol Kelsall, Laura Loughlin and Gordon and Gill Beddall.

Thanked were Hilary Mitchell and John Greenwood our two coaches for their tuition to new bowlers. Richard Tabor, Jean Esterson. Sandra Gower and Liz Sprake were thanked for looking after the flower beds, as well as Lesley Hawes, Jo and Roger Newman for keeping the green edges weed free. The Secretary thanked the many members who take on tasks behind the scenes, John Fisher who produced the Rink Diary, Mike White for all the jobs carried out in the Club House and the members who run all the leagues and the various Captains of the Day.

Jon Koefman, Allan Webber and his team of brushers and mowers were congratulated on the condition of the green, despite some very challenging weather conditions.

Ken Dilley who has arranged bowls holidays at Bere Regis Golf Resort and Pauline Gallagher for continuing to administer the Lottery, both very valuable sources of fund raising were thanked. Anne Lock and Di Richardson were thanked for supplying the prizes for all the raffles held. Vicky Allen and her catering team were thanked for the delicious meals at our special events and to all those members who catered for our match teas and suppers.

Brian Allen and the Social Committee works hard to find new social events for which they were thanked but they do need the support of members.

Roger Dobbing who edits and produces the Newsletter was thanked for all his input. This is valuable in keeping members up-to-date with Club happenings and successes.

She thanked all the Committee for their work behind the scenes, particularly for their attendance at our monthly Committee Meetings.

Lastly, she thanked all who helped in cleaning the Club House to hand over to the Short Mat Club.

4.

Club Captain Nigel Sloman

He started by saying that with the green being flooded in May to turning into one of the hottest summers on record, this has been a challenging year.

It has been another good year for the club with Arundel (thanks to John Thompson for arranging this and John Fisher on the day) visiting us back in June which was very enjoyable and many thanks to Jude Fisher and her team for doing the excellent refreshments.

Club Captain continued

All members who visited Windsor Great Park enjoyed their day, where we were entertained by a very interesting Windsor Captain

Thanks to Malcolm Wright who took over the running of the Johnson/Cherry league which has changed from the Friday morning to the afternoon and has proved to be very popular.

Roger Newman and John Fisher will report on how the season went.

It was pleasing to see Roger and Jo Newman reach the final of the 3 Counties mixed pairs which was played at Haslemere, many members supported them and though they were ahead for most of the game they were beaten by a pair from Milford, but they made a good effort.

The Captain also thanked all the Vice Captains, John Fisher, Doug Lock and Malcolm Wright and the Ladies Captain Pat Mortimore for their help and support during the season. He wished Malcolm Wright good luck as he takes over as Club Captain next season.

He thanked all the ladies who help on the various events that we hold each year and a big thank you to Vicky Allen who waited all afternoon for delivery of a new dishwasher and all the ladies who provided such a splendid meal on Finals Day.

Roger and Jo Newman were thanked for keeping the bar well stocked which has proved to be one of the hottest summers.

Congratulations were given to all the competition winners on Finals Day, especially Jo Newman in three finals and winning them all, and it was nice to see our newer bowlers Peter Adams playing Jean Bligh in a very close and entertaining final. Doug was thanked for organising the day.

The Captain said during the season 60 games were played, 22 were won, losing 19 with 5 draws, surprisingly 14 were cancelled due to various reasons but mainly the weather (heat)

He said in his opinion the club has the best maintained bowls green in the south and with all the hard work put in by Jon Koefman and Allan Webber it is the envy of all visiting clubs. Thank you both.

He ended on a sad note that we have lost Dick Starbuck not only has he been an asset to this club over many years but to bowls in general, he will be missed.

Lady Captain Pat Mortimore

The ladies always have two coffee mornings during the winter just to make sure we haven't missed any gossip, very important to us ladies.

She said we couldn't complain about the hot weather this year, but it meant that not many matches were rained-off. 6 matches were planned but played only 5 because there had been a death at East Horsley and things had been forgotten. We won 2 of our 5 matches.

Grace Jackman day was enjoyed by 20 ladies and the weather was kind. Thelma and Vickie were the winners with Pauline and Peggy runners up. Grace was a member many years ago and her husband left a lovely silver trophy in her memory. At the end of the afternoon we all enjoyed Pauline's scones, cream and jam for tea, and had fun seeing Ken Dilley's photograph. Ken always comes to record the day, usually the photo is excellent, we buy one for £1 which is donated to Air Ambulance. This year, the photo was very pale, had a green hue, and several of the ladies looked as if they had grown a beard. That one hasn't gone up on her kitchen cupboard with the rest!!

Ladies Invitation Day. Yet another wash-out, having watched the weather forecast for days not believing that it could happen again. It rained very heavily until about 3 p.m. when it stopped. By that time Kurling had been set up yet again. Ken Dilley had organised the teams very efficiently, and Mike White organised the Kurling. Twelve teams came and there was lots of laughter. As well as Mike and Ken, lots of ladies worked very hard that day, supper master minded by Ann Riches assisted by Thelma, Shirley Starbuck, Vickie and Jo Bullen. There were some wonderful desserts.

Lady Captain Pat Mortimore continued

The raffle was superbly organised by the enthusiasm of Anne Lock and Di Richardson, but many were very generous as always. Thelma provided beautiful flower arrangements, and Jo and Roger ran the bar and were kept very busy. She thanked all who contributed to the handsome profit of £480. Although bowls was out of the question, many thank you cards and e-mails were received.

Finals Day was a huge success once again, some great bowling and Vickie, Judy, Sandra, Hilary and Margaret gave everyone a superb meal in the evening.

We entered the WS League, organised by Jo Newman and came 7th out of 10 teams. There has been some discussion about whether we should continue to take part in the future but the next committee will make that decision. Some played every Monday a big commitment, grateful thanks to them. We were to have more games at home but because of re-organisation, this didn't happen.

The Surrey Advertiser League was organised by Thelma and we came 2nd out of 6 teams well done to all who took part. A slight problem has been that the league is usually played on a Friday afternoon which is when the Johnson/Cherry League is now played. The new committee might like to see if anything can be done about this overlap.

Our Ladies Champion was Jo and Thelma was runner up, congratulations to them both. Throughout the year Anne Lock and Di have kept the club supplied with raffle prizes, thank you.

Grateful thanks to all the ladies who have done the gardening, this includes Jean Esterson, Liz Sprake and Sandra Gower. They along with Richard Tabor have kept our borders looking lovely. Phyl has been a very reliable milk monitor and Hilary Alker has kept us supplied with biscuits, posh and otherwise. Grateful thanks to them both.

Many of us enjoyed our recent annual club lunch, the meal was delicious, company good amid a very friendly atmosphere. Huge thanks to Vickie for all her hard work and organisation. She made several trips to the restaurant to make sure that everything was first class.

Vickie also worked hard on tea and supper rotas along with Thelma, and I believe that all went smoothly. She also made some improvements in the kitchen with a new dishwasher, cooker, and fridge/freezer, and set up recycling arrangements. Thank you Vickie for all your hard work during the year, especially when you stepped in when there has been a gap in any of the rotas.

Shirley Starbuck prepared the cleaning rota and to my knowledge all went well through the year.

My personal thanks to all the ladies for their support, but especially to Shirley my Vice Captain, Ann my very efficient secretary, and Thelma, match secretary. I have now retired and hand over to the new ladies committee of Thelma, Captain, Lesley Hawes Vice Captain, Ann W secretary and Sandra Gower match secretary and wish them well.

Men's Captain Roger Newman

The Captain detailed the Leagues the 43 Men could participate in.

Ewhurst came 2nd in the Guildford section of the Tuesday League. Woodbridge Hill won the league again and won the final against Knaphill. The team were top of the league for a short while but lost the last 2 matches. 14 played in the matches, he thanked all, particularly those who played at short notice. The team lost to Weybridge who were 2nd in the Woking League on the finals day at Knaphill. In the West Surrey mid-week (Friday league) we came 8th and if we participate in this league next season we need someone to organise the side.

John Fisher TCBF delegate and Knaphill League delegate

THREE COUNTIES LEAGUE.

Following a successful first seasons elevation to Division 3, this year the team just missed out on promotion to Division 2 by the small margin of 4 points having played 14 matches, winning 9 and ending with 38 points.

Valuable experience was gained by all and this should prove vital in our 2019 bid to secure promotion to Division 2 next August.

John Fisher continued

He thanked all 18 members of the squad who played for the club on at least one occasion, encountering some 'challenging' away greens in our travels. Roll on 2019, Division 2 is a definite possibility.

THREE COUNTIES COMPETITIONS

He congratulated Jo and Roger Newman who got through to the final of the TCBF Pairs competition and after a battling performance finished runners up to a very strong pairing from Milford B.C.

Also congratulations to Hilary Mitchell, Terry Smith and Doug Lock who reached the quarter finals of the triples competition where they met and were just beaten by a strong team also from Milford B.C.

Next year it is hoped many more members will take the plunge and have a go in these competitions, namely the singles, pairs and triples.

Ewhurst have been invited to enter a squad in the TCBF's Presidents Cup, where two 'rinks' teams play an opposing club, one at home and one away but at the same time. The competition is on a knock out basis and the aggregate score of the two competing teams is added together and the club with the higher total score goes through to the next round.

He asked any member interested in playing in any of these competitions to let him know in the coming months as he will be entering names in the New Year when the 2019 season's arrangements are being prepared by the TCBF committee.

KNAPHILL LEAGUE

Following a successful season last year when Ewhurst won Zone 4 and were runners up to Camberley "A" on 'Finals Day' this year the team finished 3rd in our Zone having played 16 matches, winning 10 and securing 28 points.

Milford won the Zone with 37 points, Stoke Park 'A' were 2nd with 30.5 points. Milford went on to Finals Day and finished 3rd, Camberley 'A' won the overall title, Knaphill 'C' came 2nd, Westfield finished 4th.

He thanked all 19 members of the squad who played for the club on at least one occasion and look forward to having you all on board in 2019.

Any members interested in being considered for the squad please get in touch in the New Year.

5.

Treasurer (Nigel Sloman)

Each member present was given a copy of the accounts year ended 30th September 2018. The Treasurer highlighted and expanded on any major changes in income or expenditure.

He was pleased to report that we have 76 paid up members (84 last year) and 9 (13) social members. Green fees are down as we have had several cancelled games due to the weather. We also had Arundel visit us which generated extra income of £140 thanks to Jude and her team.

Fund raising is very important. The Dorset trip continues to be an important source of income (thanks to Ken) and the Lottery (thanks to Pauline), and also the Ladies Invitation day which was well supported even though it rained. A lot of effort goes into this event and I can I say a big personal thank you to Pat and the ladies who helped.

Bar –He was also pleased to say that the surplus from the bar is up compared to last year though at one point we were not sure. A big thank you to Roger and Jo for all their hard work

Other income is also up and reflects a large contribution from the Social Sub-committee. Many thanks to Brian and the social committee

Treasurer (Nigel Sloman)

Donations - This year we have had several large donations from members, and started by thanking Val Davies who donated £500 for a new cooker, Herb Cherry's family left us over £300 which has been used for the new dishwasher and £750 from George Spiers which has been partly used to pay for a new triples trophy and a new outside clock which still leaves a balance which your committee are still thinking about, and finally the sale of trout provided by Ken Mitchell.

Turning to EXPENDITURE: - The Green

The Treasurer gave a big thank you to our green keeper Jon Koefman in the professional way he maintains our green, which he believes is one of the finest in the South East

Turning to the Bowling Centre itself the general maintenance is similar to last year and includes the normal contribution to the management committee, Thanks to Mike White for doing all the ordering and installation

The end result is that we have made a surplus of £2,525 (£1,681 last year)

Finally, can I also thank our Auditor (Roy Glasper) for the quick return of the accounts considering the very short time available and Ken Dilley for helping me understand the accounting system.

2019 Season Budget

6.

The Treasurer prepared a budget for next year which was considered at our last committee meeting and assuming that the number of members drops a little and after building in additional expenditure on the green he calculates that we will make a loss of approx £2000 which is the cost of new green surrounds that we hope will be installed before the start of next season

As we have a healthy bank balance he recommend that no increase in subscriptions is required.

The Treasurer then asked if the members had any questions. None were asked.

Full Membership	£85.00	Match fees (incl. Green fee)	
Joining Fee (Waived 2019)	£25.00	Home Supper	£4.00
Social Membership	£15.00	Weekend tea	£3.00
		Home with Cakes	£2.00
Green Fee - All Occasions	£1.00	Home with Biscuits	£1.50
		Away Matches	£1.00
Guest's Green Fee	£2.00	Internal Competitions	£2.00

Acceptance of the Accounts was then proposed by Ken Dilley and seconded by Mike White with a show of hands in agreement from the members.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his management of the accounts and for the general health of the Club's finances.

7.

President and Trustee Richard Tabor gave thanks to the late George Spiers, for his years of service as a Trustee. He explained that the role of the Trustees was to oversee the good management of the Clubs. The Trustees have been instrumental in dealing with the Parish Council to negotiate a new lease, replacing the present one which expired last April. This has been delayed by difficulties within the Parish Council but hopefully a new lease will be signed shortly. To enable the full complement of Trustees to negotiate the need has arisen to nominate and vote in two new Trustees. Richard Tabor proposed Thelma Spiers and Ken Dilley, both seconded by Nigel Sloman and Richard Tabor. This was passed by the meeting.

8.
Changes in the Constitution to Paragraph 5 and 20 to remove the requirement of an annual meeting for Men.

At the 2017 Men's AGM the proposal was 'A Men's AGM was not necessary, in future this could be part of the main AGM'

John Greenwood said that he understood that the Men's Section would remain but that the men's annual meeting, which he agreed served no useful purpose, was to be discontinued. The posts of men's vice-captain, men's secretary and men's match secretary would also disappear. He noted, however, that the 2004 constitution had been written so as to give men and women exactly equal status and questioned whether the revision would be acceptable to the Surrey County Bowling Association and CASC. This was passed by the meeting.

9.
Proposal: 'That Ewhurst Bowling (outdoor) Club members amend the club's Constitution to adopt the mandatory policy on Discipline and Disciplinary procedures (Rule 9) as required by Bowls England.'

Alan Eveleigh said it was in 2013 that Bowls' England required that all affiliated Clubs include this policy in their constitutions and once done to send copies of their amended constitutions to both Surrey Bowls' Association and to Bowls' England.' Any conclusions leading to changes would then go to the next AGM. in a properly ordered form.'

In the meantime he will look further into advising on where the disciplinary item agreed fits in to the current version of the Constitution.

10.

Formal election of new Committee

The Chairman read all the nominations to the members

Committee members and Vice-Captains:

President	Richard Tabor
Chairman	Maurice Bowles
Secretary	Jackie Rubie
Treasurer	Nigel Sloman
Club Captain	Malcolm Wright
Vice-Captains	Doug Lock John Fisher
Men's Captain	Roger Newman
Match Secretary	John Thompson
Green Steward:	Allan Webber
Bar Stewards	Roger & Jo Newman
Catering Steward	no nomination at present

Officers en bloc proposed by Ann White and seconded by Thelma Spiers
Club Captain Malcolm Wright unanimously voted by members.

11.
Roy Gasper, was willing to re-stand as Examiner for the 2019 accounts.
Proposed by Nigel Sloman and seconded by Jo Newman

12.

Jon Koefman was re-elected as an Associate Member.
All members of the Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club were voted en bloc as Associate Members.

There was no change to any of the above, the vote was taken en bloc and was unanimously in favour.

13.

AOB

Asked to be raised: In the West Surrey mid-week (Friday league) Ewhurst came 8th and if we participate in this league next season we need someone to organise the side.

One question asked - was it necessary to supply a supper? RN will find out who is running this to ascertain the answer. He said if a team is submitted who will run it?

Asked to be for discussion - that when a match is in progress at home, no mufti should be worn, in line with the Short Mat Club's ruling.

Opinions were voiced but recommended that members playing roll up should be encouraged to wear white and grey. Many voted for but a few were against. Ultimately a Committee decision.

AGM closed at 8.35pm

Informal meeting following the AGM

Why has there been no return game arranged against Arundel.

Following the meeting a match has been arranged for 15 June at Arundel as there appeared to be sufficient support for a return game in 2019

Suggestion that the present Ladies Invitation Day be changed to a Mixed Invitation Day played earlier in the season. The format being arrive at 10am for a cup of tea, play until around 4pm then a light tea, ending the afternoon much earlier.

General feeling once the Ladies Invitation Day was not offered this could never be revived. Suggested to keep this but on a smaller scale. Agreed Committee decision.

Change the date of Finals Day so it isn't on the Bank Holiday Monday.

To be discussed with Captains and the Committee.

Closure of the Meeting

No business was notified to the Secretary, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.15pm