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MINUTES OF ESMBC AGM 8th JUNE 2018

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Liz and Tony Hodge, Jo Reynolds, John Rose, Jackie Rubie, Ann Lock, Stella Goldsmith, Borg Lewis, David Gillings, Tessa Nash and Hilary Mitchell

2 Approval of 2017 Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Secretary's Report

It was pointed out that there was a members' attendance sheet and this was signed by all members attending the meeting.

We had 14 new playing members most of whom came from the U3A course run by Nigel Sloman and thanks were given to Nigel and his helpers. Some extra tuition was organised for those members during the season.

It was pointed out that there was a first aid kit in the cupboard in the kitchen and the defibrillator in the entrance porch for use should members require it. We are trying to organise further instruction by St John Ambulance.

Thanks were given to Ken Dilley for producing the membership cards and updating the membership list.

Thanks to Roger Dobbins for producing the Newsletter and to Brian Allen and his committee for organising the social events throughout the year and to Roger and Jo Newman for maintaining the bar stocks. Our visiting teams are very appreciative of our bar facilities.

Thanks to Sue Forth for organising the matches and teams for the Magpies. The Magpies had a successful year but we would encourage more of the newer members to join in these friendly matches which is a good way to learn the rules and etiquette for bowls matches and of course enjoying a good afternoon of friendly bowls.

Thanks to Val Sloman for keeping a steady supply of refreshments, Margaret Weeden for organising the cleaning rotas and all the members who did the cleaning during the short mat season. Margaret is standing down from this role and we will be looking for her replacement.

Also to Tessa Nash, Anna Voisey and Margaret Weeden for organising the short mat sessions during the weeks after the short mat season ends.

Apologies were given to anyone who had been left out but all help and support given by members is much appreciated.

5 Treasurer's Report

A copy of the accounts was passed to members which showed a profit of £711.91 for the year. This was an improvement on the previous year due in part to the increase in subscription.

Income from subscriptions was £710, up from last year. We now have 120 playing members and 4 social or life members. Bar sales were down but made a profit of £619.11. This we think is due to the change in drinking habits of members and visitors. Thanks were given to Jo and Roger Newman for their excellent stewardship. It has been decided to raise some of the prices to reflect the significant increase in prices recently.

We received £550 from the Social Committee. This year Brian Allen has taken over the running of the social events and thanks were given to him. Thanks were also extended to Roger Dobbing for all the work he has done over the years organising social events. With Roger Dobbing's leadership over the years very significant monies have been raised for both clubs and our chosen charities. With Brian now at the helm the committee continue to work hard for both clubs and charities, it does help to keep the subs down and I would encourage all members to support the many events.

One Mat League income was up from last year as we had 6 teams again. Thanks to David Kempson for organising these matches.

Total expenditure for the year was up, registration fees increased as it was decided at the last AGM to register all members. The Surrey registration was improved to include an element of personal protection insurance. Maintenance was up as we contributed to the replacing of the rear fence of the club house, electricity costs were up due to an increase in usage.

It was decided at our last AGM that we should have an official club shirt and after a protracted consultation a design was decided on that was acceptable to the majority. Without exception all our members who represent the club in Surrey competitions have purchased a shirt. Thanks go to them for supporting the club's decision.

Last year we raised the annual subscription to £35 giving us an extra £710. This increase was accepted with good grace universally. I believe that at the present level there is general agreement that this continues to be good value. We sold some sets of bowls donated to the club for £160 and we received a donation of £250 from the family of Bob Pooley a long time member who passed away last year. Some of this donation was used to purchase a wooden bench in his memory.

With this year's profit of £711.91 the balance sheet shows an accumulated fund of £4527.15 but we should bear in mind that without the income from the social committee, plus the bar profits, the accounts would be in a much less healthy position. The rainy day fund which is deposited with Scottish Widows has not been touched this year. Whilst we do not have an immediate need for substantial amounts of cash we do need to keep funds in hand for future redecoration of the club house and replacement mats. Our thanks to the Parish Council for their continued financial contribution to the two clubs. The Parish Council pay to maintain the fabric of the building and later this year they are covering the cost of replacing all the windows.

Once again my thanks to Ray Young for his work in auditing the accounts. Thanks to all the committee for their continued hard work running the club.

Jackie Wright asked why the income for the Dorset event was not shown and was advised this was not organised by our club. Doug Lock asked about the expenditure loss and this was due to

the purchase of examples of shirts (agreed by the committee) which were then sold at a reduced price.

Accounts were approved, proposed by Brian Allen and seconded by Phyl Lister.

6 Notification of Annual Subscriptions

It was agreed that fees would remain at £35 for the 18/19 season but might increase next year as we have to negotiate a new lease and have to take over the insurance on the building.

7 Match Secretary's Report

In the SHAB League, Eagles came a good fifth place in the 1st Division, Kestrels went up to the 2nd Division and Falcons went down to the 3rd Division. All teams did their best but unfortunately the Falcons had quite a few problems and some mitigating circumstances during the season.

One Mat League – Ewhurst Blues won beating Ewhurst Reds by a 3 shot difference.

Monday Night Friendly League – Ewhurst came 2nd out of 9 teams and 5th out of 9 teams in the Monday Night Triples. Woking Borough League we finished 7th out of 14 teams and in the Thursday afternoon Charity League 9th out of 10 teams.

Ewhurst did very well in most of the competitions and congratulations go to team captains and vice captains who did all the arranging and organising and of course all the amazing Ewhurst bowlers representing our club.

8 Competition Secretary's Report

This time last year a new tournament called the Star Cup was introduced and was included again this year. Also during the season another new tournament Teams of Five was introduced by Nigel Sloman and proved to be very popular and we intend to continue with this again next season.

About the same number of entrants took part in the competitions as in the previous year, but it would be good to see more entrants in the New Bowlers competition. It was good to see some new faces entering the competitions although some well known members were missing for various reasons. One common reason was that if members cannot attend on finals' day they cannot enter. Finals Day next year is on 6th April 2019 so keep it clear.

Congratulations to the new Club Champions:

Di Richardson	New Bowler Champion
Steph Taylor & David Gillings	Drawn Pairs Champions
Phyl Lister & Colin Smy	Mixed Pairs Champions
Jean Bligh, Roger Newman & David Kempson	The Star Cup Champions
Roger Newman	Singles Champion

Members were asked to look on the Notice Board at the beginning of the new season for applications for the competitions as some start very early in the season.

9 Chairman's Report

It was pointed out that members can play a dozen times a week and if a mind to eat as many biscuits as they like. Our financial position is strong, we have 120 members including life and social members, three income streams – subs, bar profit and contribution from the social committee. Reserves are adequate. All of which constitutes a successful and thriving club.

The Social Committee contribution was £750 for next financial year. Events are not necessarily run for profit but their contribution is very useful. Brian Allen and his helpers have done a grand job. There is of course an important knock on from social events as they do help bar profits too. We generally sell drinks at more than double the purchase price and we seldom buy drinks that are not on offer and seldom run out of anything. However, due to rising costs the price of some drinks have risen slightly.

Expenditure will inevitably rise over time. There is a new lease to negotiate with the Parish Council and the rent will increase by a small amount. We will also be asked to pay for the buildings insurance. The lease is a repair and maintenance one so we are responsible for decorating and upkeep. Utility costs are rising as we all know, plus insurance premiums etc. We may need new mats in a couple of years. However, the subs will remain at £35.

The club does not run itself and thanks were given to all who contribute to the wellbeing of the club. The fact that members are attending the AGM is an indication that they care about the club. Thanks to all the members who carry out the cleaning, stock the kitchen and the bar, arrange matches, run the roll ups and particularly those who run the roll up sessions during the summer months. We have 3 roll ups a week in the summer and we also play in the Ripley Summer League. It is good that our facility is being used more and should be used as much as possible but we do need to bear in mind that the Outdoor Club is the prime tenant in the summer.

We sometimes take for granted the work which goes on to keep this building and its surround up to scratch. The lighting needs attention as the tubes fail regularly and different tubes are now being used. It takes time and effort to do these things and Mike White, also our treasurer, and his committee do a great job for us winter and summer. We are lucky Mike is on the Parish Council now so we are well represented although he does have to declare a prejudicial interest. The Parish Council is very good to us and allocate a sum in their precept for improvements to the club. We may be getting new double glazing. We will also be looking to see whether we can extend the clubhouse to improve the facilities, particularly the changing rooms and bar area. This will take a little time.

General Data Protection Rules (GDPR) are now coming into force and generally organisations have 2 years to comply. As a club we need to take notice of these rules and will be producing a data privacy policy. The key element to bear in mind is that we have legitimate use for the private information members supply to us and that is used to run the club efficiently. We do not need specific permission to use the information. We do though need to be sensible with its use. We will not be divulging private information (name, address, phone number, email address) to any third party. Because we are two clubs (Outdoor and Short Mat) the impact on this will be that when the members' list is produced it will only contain the Short Mat members because the Outdoor Club will be considered to be a third party. The list will be produced after the start of each season as now and put in an envelope addressed to individual members for collection at the club. Any member joining or leaving the club will result in the master list being altered but a new list will not be produced. If members wish they can opt out but need to bear in mind that it is used legitimately to run the club until the start of next season. The Privacy Policy will be published in the next Newsletter and on the website.

We have been asked to nominate a member to be our Safeguarding Officer. We take the tasks involved very seriously and are working on responsibilities and communication of what is involved for all club members. All members have the right to be safe from harm and must be able to play bowls free from abuse, neglect, bullying and exploitation. Adults at risk can include anyone over 18 years with learning disabilities, mental health problems, physical disabilities, poverty and other emotional problems. We need to be able to support members who may suffer physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, discriminatory abuse, financial abuse etc. The Outdoor Club is doing the same.

The One Mat League last season employed a handicap of 3 shots for every county player in a team. Dave Kempson and I have discussed whether this worked and there was not surprisingly

mixed views from the clubs taking part. A letter from Ann Triggs of Shalford said "The introduction of a handicap for county players has levelled the playing field considerably, therefore giving all clubs a better chance of winning a few more points than in other years. There are very few, if any, places where new players can gain some experience of competitive bowling. This League was first set up with this specific purpose in mind". Ken Mitchell is taking over the running of the League and we need to decide what, if any, handicap we should adopt.

You may remember the cleaning handover to the Outdoor club last season was not well supported and Val Sloman commented about it. This last handover was better advertised and we had a very good turnout of members which made the cleaning tasks much easier and quicker to undertake.

We were asked to look at a design for club shirts and a number of members contributed to the process and thanks for that. You cannot please everyone but the design and material chosen is excellent. Shirts have been ordered and the first batch delivered. Thanks to Mike White who is handling this process.

The web site is being kept up to date as much as possible. If members spot anything that needs doing or have a contribution please let me know at www.ewhurstbowls.co.uk

Lastly and not least I want to thank the committee members for their support and all the work they do, most of which is done outside our monthly committee meetings. Alan Goldsmith has retired from the committee and the running of our competitions. He has been a tremendous servant to the club and we will miss his historical experience and knowledge on the committee. He has been awarded the John Davies Cup for his services to the club.

SHAB squads are being worked on and will be finally agreed and published for the August Newsletter. We do have the slight problem of the Falcons now being in a lower league to the Kestrels so we need to equalise the squads a bit.

The club trophies were presented at the Lunch on 31st May . Derrick Liddicott did not attend the lunch so the trophy was presented to him at the AGM

10 Election of Officers

The Chairman, Roger Newman, Secretary, Pauline Shipway, Treasurer, Mike White, Match Secretary, Steph Taylor and committee member, Roger Dobbing were prepared to stand again. Proposed by Jo Newman and Seconded by Val Sloman.

Margaret Weeden is prepared to stand as a committee member, proposed by Pauline Shipway and seconded by Jo Reynolds. A vote was put to members present and unanimously agreed.

11 Election of Accounts' Examiner

Ray Young is unwell at present so this matter was left until further details are known.

12 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Informal Discussion following the AGM

The question was asked if club shirts would be compulsory when representing the club. Jackie Wright said it showed a pride in the club, Di Richardson said if you have one wear it. Doug Lock suggested that new members could be given a year to purchase a shirt. Mike White said that every member who plays in the SHAB matches has purchased a shirt. June Ives said that the Outdoor club shirts were not popular due to the material but these are excellent. The club fees are very low so the addition of the cost of a shirt was not too much of an expense. Alan Goldsmith suggested that the Magpies could wear white if players are new to the club but would be encouraged to purchase a shirt. Pauline Shipway suggested the club might purchase a few spare shirts for temporary use by members prior to them purchasing a shirt.

Nigel Sloman said he raised the matter of the club shirt at the last AGM and the committee had acted quickly and he gave thanks to them for their efforts.

Triples – David Kempson asked whether we could start at 7 pm not 7.30 pm and possibly the same for the SHAB matches. It was agreed this should be tried.

Pauline Shipway
Hon Secretary

Approved:
Roger Newman - Chairman