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## MINUTES OF ESMBC AGM 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2016

### 1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Dennis McGuinness, Hilary and Ken Mitchell, John Greenwood, Peter and Mary Sheather, Roy and Marion Glasper, Joyce Spath, Liz Hodge, Ann Lock and Rosie Smy

### 2 Approval of 2015 Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

### 3 Matters Arising

Chairman Roger Newman had one observation – Malcolm Wright and Jack Lowe had requested at the last AGM that a copy of the Committee Minutes should be displayed on the club notice board and this is now being done.

There were no other matters arising

### 4 Secretary's Report

It was pointed out that there was a members' attendance sheet and this was signed by all 42 members attending the meeting.

We had 10 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 is a members' contact list in the clubhouse, a first aid kit in the cupboard in the kitchen and the defibrillator in the entrance porch.

Thanks were given to Ken Dillely for producing the membership cards and updating the membership list. Also to Roger Dobbings and his team for organising the social events. Roger is resigning after 10 years and he was thanked for all his dedicated work. Roger is also editor of the Newsletter.

Thanks to Jackie Wright for organising the matches and teams for the Magpies. Jackie and Pauline Shipway are prepared to continue with this but if there was another member willing to take this over they would be assisted by both.

Thanks to Val Sloman for keeping a steady supply of refreshments, Margaret Weedon for organising the cleaning rotas and all the members who did the cleaning during the short mat season. Also to Tessa Nash 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 expenditure was down this year after allowing for extraordinary items. Players registration was up by 30% as any player who represents the club in matches and competitions must be registered. If there were members who did not intend to participate in these matches or competitions then they should advise the treasurer. We have 112 playing members and 10 social/life members. Bar profits were up thanks to Jo and Roger Newman's excellent stewardship of the bar.

The Centre Management committee has taken responsibility for the purchase of the cleaning and washroom products so next year should show a saving on these but the maintenance charge will increase.

This year's surplus is £455.43 and the balance sheet shows an accumulated fund of £4166.29 but it should be borne in mind that without the income from the social committee and the bar profits from these social events we would not be in such a healthy position.

Next year we will be asked to contribute to the renewal of the curtains, a minimum of £500 and funds must be kept in hand for the future decoration of the club house, replacement mats and possibly replacement of the main hall lights.

Despite this the committee has resolved to keep the subscription at the present level but a small increase will be suggested next year. It was agreed that £30 was excellent value.

Thanks were given to Jo Newman for her help and advice and to Ray Young who has given his time to examine the accounts.

Accounts were approved, proposed by Derek Mortimer and seconded by Jo Newman

#### 6 Notification of Annual Subscriptions

It was agreed that this year these should remain at £30 full membership and £10 social membership, joining fee suspended for the time being. A small increase in these fees will be considered next year.

#### 7 Match Secretary's Report

This year our teams have played in two divisions of the SHAB League, Eagles and Falcons playing in Division Two and Kestrels in Division Three. Eagles were demoted from Division One last year and only just failed to gain promotion this year finishing third in Division Two.

Falcons found tough competition particularly in away games and finished fifth to stay in Division Two next year

Kestrels finished third out of six in Division Three, a great effort on their part, winning all their games after Christmas, beating top team Milford.

Lyne has dropped out of the League in Division Two, three teams have been promoted.

Eagles, Falcons and Kestrels will all be in Division Two

Thanks to all the captains, Nigel Sloman, Ken Mitchell and Tony Richardson for all their time and efforts.

SHAB team selection will be made by the outgoing captains and two committee members and their decisions will be reported to members at the start of next season.

**At Wey Valley – Eagles** play in the **Woking League** on Wednesday evening and finished eighth out of fourteen the same as last year. **Falcons** play in **Lightwater Friendly League** on Monday evenings and had their best season for some time finishing 4<sup>th</sup> out of 9 teams, with the same points as Merrow and Lyne. They beat the league winners, Cobham, twice. **Kestrels** play in the **Thursday Afternoon Charity League** found it tough and finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10.

At a previous AGM it was suggested that the three teams play in the different Wey Valley Leagues to give more players the opportunity to play competitively away from home. Many clubs put in the same players to each of the three leagues which makes it tough for some of our players.

**Magpies** played 20 games, won 3 drew 1 and lost 16 this season. The highlight of this season was the Hot Shot scored against Woking Park by Mike White, Joyce Spath, Brenda Cunningham and Jackie Wright. Thanks were extended to Jackie Wright and Pauline Shipway for organising these matches. The games were enjoyed and it was good to see new players entering this year. Again we have to remember that some clubs often field their best players and also some clubs have so few members they can only play their best players.

**One Mat League** this is played between 2 teams from Ewhurst, and a team from Shalford, Blackheath and Comptons. The League was won this year by Comptons with Ewhurst Red second. Congratulations to Comptons and thanks from all participants to David Kempson who organises the fixtures throughout the season. Next season we will be trying to get at least one more club and possibly two to compete in this league and we will then be back to using all 3 mats on a Tuesday evening.

## 8 Competition Secretary's Report

It was encouraging to see most internal tournaments had more applicants than last year. There was keen competition for the **New Bowlers' Cup** in which Liz Hodge narrowly beat Michael Wells in the final by one shot. The **Mixed Pairs, Friday Triples League** and the **Wednesday League** all commenced at the beginning of the season and progressed to a climax on, or just before finals' day. In the **Pairs** Val and Nigel Sloman showed their skill by beating June Ives and Roger Dobbing. Terry Harper was top of the **Wednesday League**, closely followed by Jo Reynolds. In the **Friday League** the "Old Swingers", captained by Jo Newman ended at the top after a few close games on the way. There was a close result in the **Drawn Pairs** which saw Roger Dobbing and Jo Reynolds win against Roger Newman and Alan Goldsmith. In the **Singles** competition the new Champion was Roger Newman who won by one shot against Pauline Shipway.

All the competitions were undertaken with a tremendous spirit of competitiveness and friendliness which was good to see. A really great year.

## 9 Chairman's Report

There was a change in the order of Agenda as the Chairman felt that a lot of his report could include items covered by the other committee members and it was better if they went first to avoid repetition.

We have a great asset in our membership, our building and the facilities available to us which are extremely good value. We have 112 members and have had a very successful year. We have 9 or 10 members who have played for Surrey.

Our finances are strong and we thank Jo Newman for good purchasing of stock for the bar which is an asset to our club. Our social events are under threat as Roger Dobbing is retiring as Chairman and we do require somebody to take over this role.

The lease is due at the end of next year. The lease is a repair and maintenance one and there will be some expenditure in this regard. We will also possibly require new mats for the club..

We do have lots of support from members but always appreciate members offering their services to help organise. Tony Richardson is standing down from organising the Kestrels. The Kestrels have been promoted to division 2 so we will have all three of our teams in this Division.

Thanks were extended to Jackie Wright and Pauline Shipway for running the Magpies and also to Hilary Mitchell for her hard work organising the match fixtures, great organisation. Hilary is standing down this year.

Our website is now operational [www.ewhurstbowls.co.uk](http://www.ewhurstbowls.co.uk) and any comments should be sent to Roger Newman.

An apology was given to Nigel Sloman as the Surrey Champion's League plaque could not be presented on the night. Nigel reached the final of the Surrey Champion's League.

Thanks were also given to all the committee members.

10 Election of Officers

The match secretary, Hilary Mitchell is standing down and Steph Taylor has been proposed by Pauline Shipway and Seconded by Alan Goldsmith. This appointment was agreed by members.

All other officers are prepared to continue in their positions on the committee.

11 Election of Accounts Examiner

Ray Young is prepared to stand for re-election.

12 Any Other Business

There was no notification of any questions.

The meeting closed at 830 pm

Informal Discussions

Roger Newman advised members of the suggestion of having magnetic name badges to affix to tops or fleeces and photocopies of the badges were passed around to members for comment. It was generally agreed it was a good idea and the oval shape was preferred and should include the club name and players full name.

Jack Lowe asked if the suggestion of one club was no longer being considered and Roger Newman advised that this was not going ahead.

Jackie Wright advised that although friendlies were generally for the newer less experienced players it was open to all members which would help when other clubs put in county players and it was difficult to compete and could be disheartening for some of our members.

Pauline Shipway  
Hon Secretary

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