

PURLEY BOWLS CLUB
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
26th OCTOBER 2011

Present Committee members R.Applebee(Chair), J.Marshall, P.Marshall, X.Manning, H.Marsh, D.Roberts, D.Harvey P.Teasdale, K.Menehan and 33 other members

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from J.Hallums, T.Pratchett, J.Cocoracchio, K.Purkiss, R.Williams, D.Mason, P.Prior, R.Lees, J.White, C.White, P.Mc Neil, K.McEvoy, M.Taylor, R.Muggridge, D.Brooke, P.Smith, M.Smith, M.Aynsley

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

Jean Colvin said the minute regarding the Balustrade under Any Other Business was incomplete because at the meeting she said "I would like the committee to pursue the matter considering the feeling of all the members present" and this comment was not minuted.

Robbie Roberts also spoke in her support.

Nick Crocker proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. The proposal was seconded by Pam Stuttard and carried unanimously by the meeting.

3 Matters Arising

Apart from the issue of the balustrade there are no matters arising.

4 Captain's Report

Richard presented his report to the meeting a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

The meeting thanked Richard for his report and for being captain for the past year.

Richard thanked everybody for their support during his captaincy and offered Peter best wishes for the year ahead.

5 Lady Captains Report

June Marshall presented her report to the meeting. A copy of June's report is filed with these minutes
The meeting thanked June for her report.

6 Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer

Jim Hallums is in hospital at the moment and had prepared his financial statement in advance of the meeting. The statement was presented to the meeting. A copy of the statement is filed with these minutes
A number of queries were raised which could not be answered in Jim's absence. It was therefore decided to defer adoption of the accounts until Jim's return when any queries can be clarified.

Jim sent the following report by email

Another good year for the funds of PBC

My thanks to Tony Seymour for his assistance in compiling the accounts.

A mention for the fund raisers who once again did a great job for the club, in no particular order.:

Maureen Marsden for the bonus ball. Terry Cronin and Nick Crocker for the 200 Club.

Butch Manning and his team for the BBQ. Tony Pratchett for organising the Eastbourne trip

Reg Lees and Richard Applebee for the raffles. Peter Marshall for sponsorship of the club shirts.

7 Election of Auditor

Tony Seymour was re-elected as auditor

8 Appointment of Officers and Committee Members

The following Officers and Committee Members were unanimously appointed.:

Captain	Peter Marshall	Section Secretary	Kevin Menehan
Lady Captain	June Marshall	Treasurer	Jim Hallums
Men's Vice Captain	Howard Marsh	Management Committee Rep	Howard Marsh
Ladies Vice Captain	TBA	Committee Member	Derek Harvey
Men's Match Secretary	Tony Pratchett		
Ladies Match Secretary	Dorothy Roberts		

9 Tournaments and Matches for 2012

We will lose the fixtures with Mellows Park who are closing and with New Addington who have insufficient members to participate in matches.

The Carshalton fixtures will go as their future is uncertain and they may take on additional matches from Mellows Park.

We have joined the Tons league. We will resign from the Spitfire league.

10 Social Programme for 2012

The list of forthcoming events sent out by PSC with the September Newsletter contained many inaccuracies. This list should be disregarded

A definitive list of Bowls functions and events will be circulated to all members.

For the past few years we have had a Cockney or 60's night in January. This year we will have a change.

On 14th January we will have a meal followed by an all round entertainer who comes highly recommended. Details will be forwarded to all members shortly.

11 Management Committee Representative's Report

Howard reported that membership of PSC is down by 251 (13%). The netball section has closed resulting in the loss of 41 members. Other losses are mainly juniors. The decline in membership is thought to be due to the current economic climate. It was noted that other clubs have lost a similar percentage of members.

The club is introducing new IT systems to cover electronic bookings, renewals, access gates, credit cards and direct debits

The meeting thanked Howard for his report and for acting as our rep for the past year.

12 Tour Committee Report.

Pam Stuttard reported that the September tour to Bournemouth was a resounding success, the weather was surprisingly good and the Marsham Court Hotel was a superb centre. The tour was good value for money, 7 days half board and all the bowling for £385..

A tour to Villamoura in 2012 is still being worked on.

In September 2013 we hope to go to the Isle of Wight and stay at the Ocean Hotel, Sandown. We have provisionally booked for 40 people. The Isle of Wight Bowling Ass. require 2 years notice for tours and we are awaiting their confirmation.

The meeting thanked Pam for the report and for all the work she has put in.

13 Motions

Motion 1 Proposed by Derek Harvey seconded by Peter Marshall

“That the Men's 2Wood Competition be played in accordance with BE Championship regulations; 21 Ends, Jack centered, if scores are level after 21 ends an extra end to be played. Standard Mat toss for Jack.”

After a brief discussion a vote was held, 10 were in favour and 6 against. The motion was therefore carried.

Motion 2 Proposed by Derek Harvey seconded by Peter Marshall

“ That the rinks to be used on Finals Day, are drawn in the same way as throughout the competition”

The motion was carried unanimously. Account will be taken to ensure people in more than one final do not play on the same rink twice.

Motion 3 Proposed by Ursula Wharf seconded by Joan Martin.

“I wish to propose a motion that the Bowls green Iron be removed during the bowls season from the front of the Bowls Pavilion. I believe it represents a serious hazard to any one walking by and this would be confirmed by Health and Safety Officials”

The meeting passed the motion by a large majority with one abstention.

Butch informed the meeting that the iron has already been relocated round the corner where it will be protected from the weather with tarpaulins.

Motion 4 Proposed by Jean Colvin seconded by June Marshall.

“At our End of Season Meeting the Ladies Section of the Bowls Club decided that they would like to put forward a motion to support the removal of the Balustrade in front of the Bowls Pavilion. This would make a better viewing area for spectators to sit down under cover and watch the games.”

The committee explained they took heed of what was said at the last AGM and had put forward a proposal to remove the balustrades and gardens, except the area nearest the tennis, and to continue the verandah paving out to the green bank.

Butch said this proposal has been discussed by management several times and was turned down because the changes would increase insurance premiums. The premium has already been increased by £1000 due to the claim made by a bowls member even though the club won this matter. Members found it difficult to understand how insurance should prevent the removal of the balustrade. Comments from the floor reflected how strongly members, especially lady members, feel on the desirability of removing the balustrades .

A vote was held with a majority voting in favour of the motion. Nobody voted against but there were 8 abstentions.

However it seems unlikely that agreement to the present proposals will ever be reached with management

An alternative proposal that might be acceptable to management was suggested. This would entail removal of the balustrades and gardens and creating steps from the bank down to the verandah paving. Kevin to produce detailed proposals for submission to management for approval.

14 Any Other Business

- Derek Harvey informed the meeting that when Surrey men and ladies unite on the 1st January 2012 the new Association will be called Surrey Bowls Association. The men and the ladies sections will continue much as before with their own presidents and competitions.
- Peter is considering a competition for new bowlers.
- The Green. Butch reported on the work being carried out to remove the cherry tree roots.
- Renovation work to the green has been carried out recently.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm