

PURLEY BOWLS CLUB
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
24th OCTOBER 2012

Present: Committee members - P.Marshall(chair) J.Marshall, H.Marsh, P. Teasdale, P.Patching
J. Hallums, T.Pratchett, D.Harvey, K.Menehan and 23 other members.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from B & X. Manning, M.& J.Lyford, J.Andrews, E.Fry, D.Patching, D.Bizat, K.Bailey, D Goodwin

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

M.Taylor proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. The proposal was seconded by D.Ball and carried unanimously by the meeting.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4 Captain's Report

Peter Marshall presented his report to the meeting a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The meeting thanked Peter for his report.

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 presented an audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September 2012.

A copy of the Statement is filed with these minutes

Jim thanked the fundraisers; Nick Crocker and Terry Cronin for restarting the 200 Club and Dorothy Roberts and Pam Stuttard for continuing with it this year, Butch for the Bar-B Q, Derek for the match raffles, and Maureen Marsden for the Wednesday bonus ball. If a volunteer would come forward to run the Saturday bonus ball this would add considerably to club funds

Generally our finances are in good shape

In reply to a question from the floor Jim promised to check on the accounting of the Villamoura money.

The deficit on the Men's Dinner was queried and Jim explained this was due to the fee paid to the guest speaker.

John Cocoracchio proposed the Financial Statement be adopted. The proposal was seconded by Mick Durkin and carried unanimously by the meeting.

The meeting thanked Jim for his report.

7 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	Pat Teasdale	Committee Member	Derek Harvey
Men's Match Secretary	Tony Pratchett		
Ladies Match Secretary	Pat Patching		

8 Election of Auditor Tony Seymour was re-appointed as Auditor

9 Tournaments and Matches for 2013

Next season's fixtures are still being arranged. The county match Surrey v Berkshire will be played at Purley on 19th June. Tony intends to post a draft fixture list on the website before Xmas.

Tony is adding information for new members to the website.

Tony was thanked for producing such an excellent website

10 Social Programme for 2013

The social programme will be much the same as 2012. The dinner/entertainment evening will be on 12th January, the Men's Dinner on 8th February and the Quiz Night on 22nd March.

A full list of dates will be published on the website and notice board soon.

11 Management Committee Representative's Report

Howard's report focused largely on PSC'S £20k deficit (due largely to reduced membership), and the interaction with Clubhouse Caterers.

Howard explained what was happening to resolve both issues, and the announcement of two new non-aligned members on the Management Committee as Vice Chairmen- John Roe and Peter Bright. Peter is doing a great job on the transition of the Bar & Catering (uncovering anomalies and getting better deals from suppliers, etc) Howard gave a number of examples of significant demands on the Club's finances, which included the need for the redecoration of the Bowls Pavilion.

Tribute was paid to the great work undertaken by two fellow bowls members- Liz Fry and Butch
The meeting thanked Howard for his report.

12 Tour Committee Report.

In the absence of Butch no report was available. However John Coco addressed the meeting to say that the 2012 tour went well and was enjoyed by everybody. We are looking forward to the 2013 tour to the Isle of Wight. An alternative to Portugal will be considered for the 2014 tour.

13 Motions No motions were received.

14 Any Other Business

The matter of the green was raised.

The Secretary asked to read a letter from Butch before the discussion continued. Butch's letter offered his resignation as Bowls Green Ranger in view of the implied criticism made at the Gents End of Season Meeting.

It was explained that the proposal at that meeting was in no way a criticism of Butch, nor the Groundsman.

Both had clearly demonstrated that they could get the green to a high standard as was evidenced at Major functions(County matches, Finals Days, etc).

The problem was one of resources- how much time was available by the groundsmen to the Bowls Section, and if no further time/costs could be afforded by the Club- could some members be trained to undertake some of the less skilled work ?

The Captain and Committee would relate this back to Butch in the hope that he would withdraw his resignation, and help us achieve the best outcome.

It was agreed by all present that there was no criticism whatsoever of the work carried out by Butch (Green Ranger) or Paul (Groundsman). The meeting agreed that we should ask PSC to review the allocation of time and resources to the Bowls green, in the hope that if a little more time could be allocated, more work could be carried out on the green.