

PURLEY BOWLS CLUB
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
23rd OCTOBER 2013

Present Committee members P.Marshall(chair) J.Marshall, H.Marsh, P.Teasdale, P.Patching J. Hallums, T.Pratchett, D.Harvey, K.Menehan and 50 other members.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from M. Durkin, B.Grubb, M.Aynsley, J.Cox V. Jackson, R Lees R Williams, M Taylor, L Sarawan, D.Roberts, K.Purkiss, G.Cupit, G.Trown.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

D.Ball proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. The proposal was seconded by J.Cocoracchio 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.

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 2013. A copy of the Statement is filed with these minutes

S.Wilson proposed the Financial Statement be adopted. The proposal was seconded by M.Smith and carried unanimously by the meeting

Jim reported that the accounts are in good order thanks to all of those involved in fund raising activities such as the Bonus Ball, Bar-B- Q, 200 Club, Raffles etc.

Tony Seymour was thanked for his assistance in preparing the financial statement

After 12 years as Treasurer Jim is stepping down this year.

The meeting expressed their thanks to Jim for his dedicated service over the years.

7 Appointment of Officers and Committee Members

There were two candidates for the position of Management Committee Rep, Brian Grubb and Peter Marshall. A ballot was held and Peter was elected

There were three candidates for Committee Member, June Marshall. Ivor Folkard and Ursular Wharf. A ballot was held and June was elected

There was only one candidate for each of the other positions on the committee

Therefore the following unanimously appointed

Captain	Howard Marsh	Section Secretary	Kevin Menehan
Lady Captain	Pat Teasdale	Treasurer	David Bizat
Men's Vice Captain	Rob Muggridge	Management Committee Rep	Peter Marshall
Ladies Vice Captain	Valerie Jackson	Committee Member	June Marshall
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 2014

Fixtures. Pat P and Tony are working on next years' fixture lists.

Malden Manor is a new fixture for 2014. Also we will be playing Little Spain at Purley as well as at Selsey. It is hoped to publish a draft Fixture List on the website before Christmas.

Website. The Triples League , Club Rules and Dress Code have been included on a new section on the website. Tony would welcome suggestions to add to the New Members Info page.

A large number of photos re the 2014 finals and presentations have been added to Photo Gallery.

10 Social Programme for 2014

The social programme will be much the same as 2014. The 60's Night will be on 21st January, the Men's Dinner on 7th February and the Quiz Night on 21st March.

A full list of dates for the year is on the website and on the notice board.

11 Management Committee Representative's Report

A copy of Howard's report is attached to these minutes

12 Tour Committee Report

Pam Stuttard reported briefly saying the 2013 tour to the Isle Of Wight went well and reminded the meeting of the October 2014 tour to Spain. Details are in the clubroom.

13 Motions

The following Motion had been proposed by R. Muggridge and seconded by D.Ball

"The present club rule is that in a home match, you pay for a meal, whether you require it or not
This rule should be abolished "

Rob said his main reason for the motion was that if a player knew in advance he would be unable to stay for the meal, but would still have to pay, he might not be inclined to put his name down for the match .

In opposing the motion Butch reminded the meeting that the subject of bowls meals was discussed by the committee 11th December 2010 and it was decided that players must pay even if they could not stay. The cost should be regarded as a match fee rather than the cost of the match meal. Every playing section of this Club pay match fees for both home and away games. There are always extra costs to be paid for with bowls such as green fees and match meals for away matches. Away clubs buy food in advance to cater the number of players in the match and must cover their costs.

It has been noticed there have been occasions when our players have left without buying their opponent a drink. Such actions bring our club into disrepute. Butch concluded by saying match meals play an integral part of bowling, providing essential comradeship

Comments from the floor endorsed Butch's views. Nobody spoke in support of the motion

A vote was held. There was only one vote in favour of the motion, all others were against
The motion was therefore defeated.

14 Any Other Business

- Chris White suggested that the first aid box provided for the bowls section be reviewed as he felt it was inadequate.
- Richard Applebee encouraged members to support our recruitment open days. "Bring a Friend" has been shown to be the most effective way of recruiting new members.
- June reminded those who have not already done so to provide an additional emergency contact number.
- Derek Harvey pointed out the club bylaws do not comply with Bowls England requirements with respect to Safeguarding Officers. After discussion it was widely felt that we should appoint a Safeguarding Officer and via the Management Committee amend our Bye-Laws.

New Captains Pat and Howard expressed the grateful thanks of the members to June and Peter for their Captaincy and presented them with an I-Pad

Howard went on to outline his aspirations as Captain – to ensure best possible facilities for both competitive and social bowling and a harmonious atmosphere.

He explained the statistical analysis on age, playing and social that he had conducted and expressed concern about the need to address our declining membership - and asked for members to express their thoughts in a forthcoming questionnaire.
