

PURLEY BOWLS CLUB
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
28th OCTOBER 2020

Present

Committee Members: A. Palmer (Chair), L. Gallagher, D. Jameson, S. Souppouris, M. Aynsley, R. Carr, B. Manning, D. Souppouris, C. Reynolds, R. Rubidge, and S. Parnham.

1 Preface

The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in strict government guidelines and the introduction of social distancing. At the time of this AGM it was not permitted to meet in person, and it was therefore necessary to abandon the conventional AGM. Instead the meeting was carried out via Zoom with only the Purley Bowls Club Committee in attendance. All bowls' members were notified regarding these arrangements.

2 Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

Derek Jameson proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. The proposal was seconded by Linda Gallagher. Prior to the meeting the entire membership was balloted and voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Miki Aynsley will sign them on behalf of Captain Alan.

3 Matters Arising

None.

4 Captains' Joint Report

Alan Palmer and Linda Gallagher issued their report to all members prior to the meeting. A copy is filed with these minutes.

The report was approved unanimously.

The Committee thanked Alan and Linda for their tenure as Captains. Both have received retirement cards and gifts from the members.

5 Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer

Richard Carr issued an audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September 2020 to all members prior to the meeting. A copy of Richard's Report and Financial Statement is filed with these minutes. The Accounts and report were approved.

6 Appointment of Officers and Committee Members

There was only one candidate for each of the following positions on the Committee. Prior to the meeting the entire membership was balloted. The following were appointed unanimously.

Captain	Derek Jameson	Section Secretary	Miki Aynsley
Lady Captain	Sue Souppouris	Treasurer	Richard Carr
Men's Vice Captain	Tony Andrews	Men's Match Secretary	Demetrios Souppouris
Ladies' Vice Captain	Marian Thurley	Green Ranger	Butch Manning
Ladies' Match Secretary	Carolyn Reynolds	Mgmt Committee Rep	Richard Rubidge

There were 2 nominations for the post of Committee Member and after a ballot Steve Parnham was elected.

7 Appointment of Auditor

Tony Seymour was unanimously re-appointed as Auditor. The meeting thanked Tony for his diligence in checking the annual accounts.

8 Motions

There was one Motion, proposed by Kara Lyford and seconded by Jane Seymour.

“An amendment to the constitution for an additional position to be added onto the committee, that of a second committee member, and that the constitution stipulates that those two committee member roles be filled by a men’s section member and a ladies’ section member in the fairness of equality and gender representation within the committee.”

The proposal was issued and balloted to all members prior to the meeting. It was carried by a vote of 41 for and 12 against.

Under section 12.4 of the Purley Sports Club Rules, this proposal would require an amendment to the Bye-Laws and as such requires the approval of the Purley Sports Club Management Committee.

The Committee has written to the Management Committee requesting their clarification.

9 Any Other Business

a) **Ladies’ Amalgamation Vote.** The ladies’ section was balloted in early October regarding the proposal to combine the ladies’ committee into the main committee. The result was 19 for and 14 against, and duly carried. The Committee unanimously agreed that it was unnecessary to put this proposal to the men as it will not affect their section. The ladies’ committee will meet to arrange a smooth transition.

b) **Postal Voting.** June Marshall requested postal voting be considered. At last year’s AGM the question of proxy voting was declined. However, 2020 has shown that offering a postal vote (electronically or by mail) can work. It should only be used in cases of genuine illness or holidays. Purley Sports Club do not currently permit postal voting in the Bye-Laws. The Committee has written to the Management Committee requesting their clarification.

Disagreeing with postal voting, some Committee members commented that only at open meetings, where both sides of an argument may be heard and appreciated, can members reach an informed decision.

c) **The Rainbow Trust.** Captains Linda and Alan’s chosen charity for 2019/2020 was The Rainbow Trust. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the charity has not benefitted from PBC fundraising this season and only £347 has been raised to date. The Ladies had agreed to donate £100 and invited the Committee to match this donation. The Committee unanimously agreed to donate £103 which would make for a total Christmas donation of £550.

Incoming Captains Derek and Sue agreed to continue supporting The Rainbow Trust for the season 2020/2021.

d) **Sports Club Pergola.** The Sports Club are exploring the possibility of constructing a pergola, with outdoor heaters, to cover the terrace outside the dining area. This would attract more members to support the Club through bar/catering takings. The estimated cost of materials is £4,000, and Sports Club members have agreed to construct. Would Purley Bowls be willing to donate towards this project?

It was commented that Purley Sports Club have not approached this correctly and have not consulted with the Club directors’ for approval.

Offering support for the pergola construction, it was stated that surely this is one way of increasing club income.

The Committee voted in favour of making a donation of £1,000 but only subject to other club sections contributing.

There being no further items for discussion, the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.