

**PURLEY BOWLS CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**27th OCTOBER 2021**

**Present**

Committee Members: D. Jameson (Chair), S. Souppouris, T. Andrews, M. Thurley, M. Aynsley, R. Carr, B. Manning, D. Souppouris, C. Reynolds, K. Lyford, S. Parnham and 30 other members.

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from David and Veronica Briant, Geoff Calthorpe, Wyn Currion, Lynn and Kevin Donovan, Tony Gallagher, Jim Hallums, Jane Harding, Anne Jameson, Stuart Littlemore, Barry Long, Xandi Manning, Maureen Marsden, Tony Pratchett, Keith Purkiss, Mary Roe, Sue and Richard Rubidge, Jane Seymour, and Janet White.

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes were unanimously approved on a show of hands.

**3 Matters Arising**

Miki Aynsley responded to matters arising from the last AGM.

- a) The ladies' committee effected a smooth transition to a single committee for the club.
- b) June Marshall's motion for postal voting was granted and is now fully incorporated into the Rules of Purley Sports Club.
- c) We donated £800 in total to the Rainbow Trust.
- d) We donated £500 towards the Purley Sports Club pagoda.

**4 Captain's Report**

Derek Jameson presented his report to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The meeting thanked Derek for a successful year as Captain. The report was approved unanimously.

**5 Lady Captain's Report**

Sue Souppouris presented her report to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The meeting thanked Sue for a successful year. The report was approved unanimously.

**6 Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer**

Richard Carr presented an audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Richard gave a brief report on the salient financial matters. A copy of Richard's Report and Financial Statement is filed with these minutes. The Accounts and report were approved unanimously.

**7 Appointment of Officers and Committee Members**

There was only one candidate for each of the following positions on the Committee.

The following were appointed unanimously on a show of hands.

Captain	Tony Andrews	Club Secretary	Miki Aynsley
Lady Captain	Sue Souppouris	Treasurer	Derek Jameson
Men's Vice Captain	Ken Clark	Green Ranger	Butch Manning
Ladies' Vice Captain	Marian Thurley	Mgmt Committee Rep	Richard Rubidge
Men's Match Secretary	Demetrios Souppouris	Committee Member	Tony Gallagher
Ladies' Match Secretary	Carolyn Reynolds	Committee Member	Kara Lyford

## **8 Appointment of Auditor**

Tony Seymour will be approached to continue his appointment as Auditor.

## **9 Tournaments and Matches for 2022**

Demetrios Souppouris reported that Little Spain Bowls Club has disbanded but it is anticipated that a new club will be opened as the Selsey Bowling Club.

The ESL will probably introduce a new mid-week evening Triples League in 2022.

All members are encouraged to enter their names in the Availability Books for friendly matches and not to be disheartened by the number of entries in the Books as it is not a "first come, first served" system; the Captains will select balanced teams and share out the games.

For 2022 it is planned to continue with the same number of friendly fixtures, and both Demetrios and Carolyn have already started match arrangements for next season.

## **10 Social Programme for 2022**

There are three social events remaining for 2021, Quiz Night on 19<sup>th</sup> November, Bingo Night on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, and Ladies' Christmas Lunch on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

In 2022 there will be a 60's Night on 4<sup>th</sup> February, and Men's Pie and Pint Evening on 25<sup>th</sup> February. Events for the rest of the year will be announced shortly.

## **11 Hon Secretary's Report.**

Miki Aynsley presented her report to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes

## **12 Management Committee Rep's Report**

In his absence, Miki Aynsley presented Richard Rubidge's report to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

## **13 Motions**

There were none proposed.

## **14 Any Other Business**

- a) **Match Meals** – Bob Jenkin asked whether meals would continue to be a part of matches. Demetrios confirmed they would, though some matches would only be tea and biscuits. If a member puts their name down for a match that serves a meal afterwards, they would be expected to attend. Both Jane Sanders and Pam Stuttard stated this was part of the etiquette. Pam further commented that the kitchen must cater for dietary choices and food intolerances.
- b) **Club Coaching** - Conrad de Sousa wanted it noted that Head Coach, Elaine Applebee, should be recognised for the great job she does. Jeff Hunt felt that Purley offered fantastic coaching unlike other clubs. Ursula responded, feeling that Sutton BC's coaching programme equalled ours. Jeff queried whether the £10 coaching fee should maybe not be refunded, plus should there be a charge for the loan of bowls. Jane Gibbs dittoed the comments that the coaches have done a fabulous job, and the refunded £10 was a good incentive. Elaine thanked everyone for their kind words and really appreciates all the praise, and anyone wishing to become a coach should please approach her. Jane Sanders commented that maybe a way of supporting our coaches is for more experienced bowlers to attend ballots and help our newer members.
- c) **Short Mat** – Richard Applebee advised that this year we have 62 short mat players, 59 are outdoor bowlers and 3 join solely for short mat. But short mat almost ended this spring because there was no line of communication with the committee. He suggests that the Bowls section should accept responsibility for short mat which would ensure a direct contact for the Sports Club management. Derek advised that this matter would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

- d) **Club Catering** – Pam requested that committee ask for consistency as to when we can expect the kitchen and bar to be open. Richard Applebee stated he had recently attended a management meeting and agreed that there were insufficient opening hours. He will ask the Club Manager for regular and longer opening times. Ursula commented that we need both bar and kitchen open. Demetrios requested this too, especially now with the short mat season.
- e) **Ballots** – Elaine requested that ballots revert to Monday and Friday afternoons, and Sunday mornings. Derek confirmed we hope to do that next season.
- f) **ESL Format** - Sean Gallagher enquired about the 2022 format for ESL games. Richard Carr confirmed this would be discussed at the ESL committee meeting in November.

There being no further items for discussion Derek thanked everyone for attending.

Derek presented floral planters to Elaine Applebee and Linda Gallagher, and a gift to Demetrios Souppouris. He thanked Elaine for all her hard work coaching the new bowlers, Linda Gallagher for brilliantly organising the rink bookings during the Covid restrictions, and Demetrios Souppouris for his fantastic multi-tasking roles in 2021.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.