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WINSLOW BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of members of the Winslow Bowls Club held at the Clubhouse at Elmfields Gate on Saturday 4th November 2023 at 11am

Present: President C Geary, Honorary Chairman C Bishopp and 34 members as per attendance register.

Before the start of the meeting the Chairman asked for a minute's silence for the three members who had passed away since the last AGM: P Arnold, D Dean and J Shelton.

1. APOLOGIES:

J Thorogood, R Hayman, S Cadge, M Arnold, L Truett and T Pomroy.

2. MINUTES OF LAST AGM:

Minutes of the last AGM held on 6th November 2021, having been circulated to all members, were proposed by T Lawrence, seconded by J Jeacock, approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman, C Bishopp, thanked all for attending and spoke about an eventful first year in office. We had 20 new members joining, 13 of them novices, thanks to a well organised Open Day in April. Thanks were given to those who encouraged these new members at roll ups and coaching them. Our aim must be to attract junior members to the club. This year we rejoined the B & D League and congratulations go to all the members who participated in that and all the other midweek leagues and weekend friendly matches. Special mention was given to J Cawdell for his Captaincy and the fine job he made organising the competitions. We purchased a new mower which has made a noticeable improvement to the cut of the grass. The Chairman proposed thanks to R Poisek, who has worked tirelessly on the Green. The accessibility project will give disabled players the opportunity to use our Green, which we can be proud of. We now have a rink diary booking system and a revamped website thanks to J Thorogood.

An appeal was made for more members to come forward and participate in the day-to-day upkeep of our clubhouse and grounds.

From the floor P Joyner thanked the club for making the new members feel welcome.

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5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

J Gilbey circulated copies of his Treasurer's Report as well as the accounts and balance sheets prior to the meeting. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by L Ward, seconded by C Geary and approved by all present. Highlights of the year were the £4.3K subscriptions, the highest for many years, and the £8.2K income from the clubhouse hire, which was £2K more than previous years. J Gilbey mentioned that our income was not keeping up with our expenditure and we will have to make decisions on how to generate more income. We received £4.3K grants from the Winslow Lions, the Rotary, Winslow Town Council and BC Winslow and Villages Community Board to

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fund our Accessibility Project. We have the bowling aids and the access ramp to the Green is under construction.

Appreciation was shown by the members for the excellent job done by J Gilbey

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6. CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

J Cawdell thanked all members who represented the club in any playing capacity over the summer and J Gilbey for being Vice Captain. Mention was made of the 18 noncompetitive matches during the season as well as the two leg Jim Lewis Trophy, the Spooner Trophy, the Ray Keen League and the B & D League, which we have recently re-entered. We managed to secure a quarter finals place in the Bucks Plate.

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7. OTHER OFFICERS' REPORTS:

COMPETITIONS SECRETARY REPORT:

J Cawdell thanked everyone who entered the competitions and to those who acted as markers, particularly those who did so in the finals. The statistics: 35 members played in the competitions. 14 competitions were played (including one short mat). Almost 150 matches were played. There were 15 different competition winners and 8 players won more than one competition. Congratulations to our winners.

SHORT MAT REPORT:

In M Arnold's absence her report was read out: We had mixed results during the year but mainly a solid performance at home. The overall health of the short mat section of the club is good. L Ward organised the internal pairs competition closely contested by J Mead with Sheila Cadge and won by L Comerford and V Griffiths. A big loss to us was Pete Arnold who died in March, who was a regular skip and long-standing member. Short matters strive to succeed with humour, a smile and enjoy our bowls.

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GREENKEEPING REPORT:

V Griffiths thanked the club for purchasing our new Baroness mower, which has made such an improvement to the Green. Attending to the Green and surrounds is a twelve-month task and the more helpers we can attract will spread the workload. Two of our new members have joined our mowing team, but we do need more help.

CLUBHOUSE MANAGEMENT AND HIRE REPORT:

V Griffiths mentioned that three members now regularly help with the cleaning of the clubhouse, and we will endeavour to get more help in this area. As usual L Ward has been a great help with the maintenance. We have lost the temporary hire of Slimmingworld, now that they have returned to the refurbished Public Hall. We are on the lookout for a suitable long term regular hirer.

8. TO AGREE AND SET SUBSCRIPTIONS, MATCH FEES FOR 2024:

Both the Chairman and the Treasurer highlighted the urgent need to increase the income to the club and it was felt the subscription had to be substantially increased. Two options were presented to the meeting. 1/ Increase subscriptions to £110 and discontinue match fees. 2/ Increase subscriptions to £85, keep the current £2 match fees and extend the £2 match fees to the midweek leagues.

After much debate a vote was taken, and the 2/ option was adopted after a 20 for, 10 against show of hands.

9. TO NOTE CLUBHOUSE HIRE CHARGES FOR 2024:

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The club has decided to continue with the current £12 per hour (minimum two hours) charge for current hirers and £14 for any new hirers.

10. TO AGREE AND ADOPT NEW CONSTITUTION AND RULES:

The proposed new Constitution and Rules and explanatory note had been circulated to all members. C Bishopp explained that the changes are designed primarily to tidy up the existing Constitution and Rules, to correct some errors, to fill some gaps and to omit some redundant provisions. A major change proposed was to reduce the size of the committee from sixteen to six, consisting of four “core” members plus two others, who need not be officers.

THE PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION AND RULES EXPLANATORY NOTE AND THE NEW RULES ARE ATTACHED TO THE MASTER COPY OF THE MINUTES.

Acceptance of this change was proposed by J Gilbey and seconded by F Reese and agreed by all.

11. ATTENDANCE DIARY FOR THE GREEN:

For the next outdoor season an A4 size diary will be inside the entrance to the changing rooms. We are asking all members to note the times and rinks they are playing on. This information will give us knowledge of the usage of the Green and help us better maintain the Green.

12. TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE CLUB:

Before moving to the election C Bishopp thanked outgoing President, C Geary, for the wonderful service he had given as President; he has been a great asset to the Club. In reply, C Geary said he had much enjoyed his role and announced that he had raised over £1000 for the Willen Hospice, which he had adopted as his club charity. The Chairman also proposed thanks to the outgoing Secretary, V Griffiths, without whose efforts over the last several years the club would be very much the poorer.

C Bishopp read out the nominations for the officers of the Club. The blanket adoption for the officers was proposed by R Galvin and seconded by P Joyner and agreed by all present,

		Nominated	Seconded
President	L Ward	J Jeacock	C Bishopp
Chairman	C Bishopp	V Griffiths	L Ward
Treasurer	J Gilbey	V Griffiths	C Bishopp
Secretary	S Cawdell	C Bishopp	V Griffiths
Captain	J Cawdell	V Griffiths	C Bishopp
Vice-Captain	J Gilbey	C Bishopp	J Cawdell
Ladies Captain	S Cadge	C Bishopp	V Griffiths
Short Mat Captain	M Arnold	V Griffiths	D Midwinter
Fixture Secretary	L Ward	C Bishopp	V Griffiths
Competitions Secretary	J Cawdell	V Griffiths	C Bishopp
Bar Manager	J Jeacock	V Griffiths	J Gilbey
Grounds Manager	V Griffiths	C Bishopp	J Cawdell
Clubhouse Manager	V Griffiths	D Midwinter	L Ward
Website and Media Manager	J Thorogood	C Bishopp	V Griffiths

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Social Secretary	None		
Child and Vulnerable Adult Officer	Randell Moll	C Bishopp	V Griffiths
Auditor	Roger Shelton	J Gilbey	L Ward
Committee Member	None		
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C Geary then passed on his chain of office to incoming President, L Ward.

13. TO FILL, IF THOUGHT FIT, THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL SECRETARY.

There is no nomination this year for Social Secretary. C Bishopp discussed the importance of that role which serves the function of arranging social activities for the members as well as being an avenue for fund raising for the club. A suggestion was made for a 100/200 club to be started, which could involve a monthly club night where the draw could take place, possibly alongside a quiz etc. Interested members should contact our new secretary, S Cawdell, with the hope that a social committee could be formed.

J Dean discussed the possibility of arranging an October 2024 weekend at Potters. She will forward details for circulation to the membership to see if there is enough interest.

14. TO ELECT TWO MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE.

The newly adopted Constitution provides for two members to be elected to the Committee, to work alongside the four core members. V Griffiths was nominated by C Bishopp and seconded by D Midwinter. C Geary was proposed by V Griffiths and seconded by J Dean. These were agreed by all present.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no other business.

Meeting Closed at 12.25 Chairman Date