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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 5th November 2022 at 11am**

**Present:** President C Geary, Honorary Chairman L Ward and 27 members as per attendance register.

#### **1. APOLOGIES:**

J Thorogood, J and K Poole, D Parrott, J Dean, J Melrose and S Hubert

#### **2. MINUTES OF LAST AGM:**

Minutes of the last AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021, having been circulated to all members, were proposed by J Jeacock, seconded by P Arnold, approved by all present and signed by the Chairman

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising

#### **4. CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

The Chairman, L Ward, thanked everyone for attending, especially the new members who joined this year. A minutes silence was then held for two members who passed away this year, John Wilson and John Hancock. A thanks also to the committee who keep the club running smoothly and especially to the captain and vice captain, J Gilbey and J Cawdell, for organising the teams and competitions. A thanks went to the members for supporting teams in the Ray Keen League and the Bucks Plate as well as the friendlies. Next season we will also re-enter the Bletchley and District League. It was pleasing to see some of our new members taking up short mat this autumn. Today, standing down as chairman after 15 years, L Ward thanked everyone for the support he has received during his time in office.

#### **5. TREASURERS REPORT:**

J Gilbey circulated copies of the accounts and balance sheets. These were proposed by P Arnold, seconded by N Line and approved by all present. At £4037, we had the highest subscriptions since 2014 and at £4964 the highest hire income since 2019, with the NHS and WADAS the major contributors. Our current bank balance is a healthy £22863.56, despite our grants dropping to £3167 for the year, against £19099 in 2021. Overall we had a £1441.83 loss on the year mainly due to the larger than expected cost of our irrigation upgrade. We do have a commitment to spend £5964 for a new mower and to subsidise the new kit next year.

#### **6. CAPTAINS REPORT:**

J Gilbey thanked J Cawdell for standing in for him for a large part of the season. We had an improved season, winning 10 and losing 7 weekend friendlies. We won back the J Lewis trophy from Bradwell by a (possibly) record winning score of 187–120. But not so good in the Spooner Trophy! A thank you, to R Griffiths and S Misseldine for appearing in 16 of the weekend friendlies and the total of 30 members who played in at least one match, as well as those who volunteered for refreshment duties. All four Ray Keen League teams acquitted themselves well with the standout performance by the new Winslow Wolves, captained by R Piosek. J Gilbey presented the Captains Pick trophy to R Piosek for his improving standard of play and all round support to the club.

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#### **7. OTHER OFFICERS REPORTS:**

##### **VICE-CAPTAIN & COMPETITIONS SECRETARY REPORT:**

J Cawdell thanked the markers and all participants of the internal competitions for this season as well as the support he

received as stand in captain for a major part of the outdoor season.

**SHORT MAT REPORT:**

M Arnold thanked the new members who were now supporting the short mat. The season started with three losses and one win, so the only way is up!

**GREENKEEPING REPORT:**

R Piosek reported on a difficult year for the Green due to the hot weather, but thanked those few who helped carry out the tasks to ensure we had a good playing surface. Also thanks was given to the committee and club for agreeing to upgrade our sprinkler system and purchase a new mower for next season.

**CLUBHOUSE MANAGEMENT AND HIRE REPORT:**

With the need for the clubhouse to be inspected and made ready before each and every club event and hire activity, it is essential that more members come forward to give assistance. Hire activity is very positive, helped by the non availability of the public hall while it is being upgraded. We have a return of the lucrative Slimmingworld sessions and the NHS will be returning in January 2023, after a ten month absence. The proposed increase in the hire charge will also help. We will continue to not let our hire arrangements interfere with bowls activity.

**SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:**

T Pomroy advised that this coming Saturdays quiz has attracted a good response and will raise funds for the Roy Castle cancer charity and our Presidents Florence Nightingale charity. The next social event will raise funds for our club. The intention is to hold regular social events.

**FIXTURES SECRETARY REPORT:**

L Ward advised that he is busy organising next years fixtures. A major obstacle to overcome is fitting in midweek fixtures for the B & D League, which we are returning to next season.

**8. TO AGREE AND SET SUBSCRIPTIONS, MATCH FEES AND HIRE CHARGES FOR 2023:**

The meeting agreed to the following for next season: Subscriptions set at £75 for full members and £10 for social members. The hire charge to increase from £10 to £12 per hour for existing hirers and up to £14 per hour for new hirers. Proposed by V Griffiths, seconded by T Pomroy and approved by all present

**9. NEW REGULATION DRESS:**

The club has decided to update the playing kit. A new lightweight shirt and blue bottoms will be introduced in April 2023. S Missledine answered questions on these changes which will modernise our appearance. Members who play in weekend friendlies and midweek competitive matches will need this upgrade in order to participate. Because of this expenditure, the club has agreed to subsidise the purchase of one new kit for each player by 50% of the cost.

**10. TO AGREE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:**

The following two amendments to the constitution were proposed by L Ward, seconded by T Pomroy and approved by all present:

1. (a) Rule 41 to be amended to read "Regulation dress for outdoor and short mat bowling must be worn, as published from time to time by the general committee and exhibited on the clubs noticeboards and website. Players, umpires and markers should wear flat-soled (heel-less) footwear on the green and for short mat bowling. Club stickers are to be displayed on all bowls for the representative matches".
2. (b) Rule 10 to be amended to read "Green fees, transport fees, catering fees, competition fees and other sums payable by members shall be determined by the general committee. The club subscription fees shall be determined annually and ratified by the Annual General Meeting".

**11. PROPOSAL TO ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO COMMIT TIME TO THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB:**

Next year, the club is looking for all members to commit at least one hour per month in helping to carry out the many tasks needed to be done to enable the smooth running of the club. A list of tasks to choose from will be circulated before the next outdoor season.

**12. TO DISCUSS THE VIABILITY OF INSTALLING A CARD PAYMENT MACHINE:**

It was agreed that this was certain to be the way forward, but at this moment it was not thought to be a pressing matter and will be subject to further discussion.

### **13. TO HIGHLIGHT THE CLUBS EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT POLICIES:**

Following a report of an indiscreet comment by a visiting player last year, it was decided that our club will highlight our rule 42 as well as our Equal Opportunities and Equality and Diversity to our members at every opportunity.

### **14. AN APPEAL FOR OUR NEED FOR FIRST AIDERS:**

Three people came forward at this meeting to volunteer and arrangements to be made.

### **15. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The following election took place and was approved by all present:

		Nominated	Seconded
President	C Geary	V Griffiths	L Ward
Honorary Chairman	C Bishopp	V Griffiths	J Gilbey
Honorary Treasurer	J Gilbey	V Griffiths	C Bishopp
Honorary Secretary	V Griffiths	J Gilbey	C Bishopp
Captain	J Cawdell	V Griffiths	R Piosek
Vice-Captain	J Gilbey	V Griffiths	J Cawdell
Ladies Captain	Vacant		
Competitions Secretary	J Cawdell	V Griffiths	R Piosek
Greenkeeper	R Piosek	V Griffiths	C Bishopp
Clubhouse Management Rep	V Griffiths	J Gilbey	L Ward
Social Rep	T Pomroy	S Misseldine	R Piosek
Short Mat Rep	M Arnold	V Griffiths	R Griffiths
Bar Rep	J Jeacock	V Griffiths	J Gilbey
Fixtures Secretary	L Ward	V Griffiths	J Cawdell
Committee Member	S Misseldine	R Piosek	T Pomroy
Committee Member	J Thorogood	J Jeacock	K Kingston
Auditor	R Shelton	J Gilbey	V Griffiths
Child & Vulnerable Adult Officer	Rev Cannon Randell Moll....	V Griffiths	C Geary

### **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** There was no any other business.

There followed an informal meeting led by incoming Chairman, C Bishopp, to give members an opportunity to raise any matters concerning the business of the club.

C Bishopp promised to work hard to make his tenure a success, but couldn't promise to achieve the fifteen years that Len Ward had so ably held the position.

President Cliff Geary then presented Len Ward with a memento from the club in appreciation of his long service as Chairman. This was met with a round of applause.

**Meeting Closed at 12.45**

**Chairman**

**Date**