

COWPLAIN BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Cowplain Activity Centre Sunday 12th February 2017 at 10.15a.m.

Chairperson: Fred Mant: Club President.

Committee members in attendance:

Bryan Franklin –Club/Gent's Captain
Peter Crowley – Gent's Vice-Captain
Al Joyner – Membership Secretary
Barry Dryer – Competition Secretary
Brian Horn – Club Steward

Diana Cooper – Ladies Captain
Jane Franklin – Ladies Vice-Captain
Pearl Gurd – Club/Ladies Secretary
Jill Giles – Match Secretary

69 other Club members were in attendance.

The President welcomed everyone to the Club's 28th Annual General Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence were received from:

Ken Allaker; Sue and Reg Atkins; Melita and Simon Calverley; Ian Hutchison; Betty Horn; David Jelly ; Garry King; Rose and Graham King; Jean Langrish; Pauline Layland; Yvonne Leaworthy; Jeff Mann; John Morgan; David and Daniel Palmer; Sylvia Scanlon; Eric Walker; John Watkyns; Phyll Watts; Dave Wildman; Pauline Wilkinson.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting Sunday 7th February 2016

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the proceedings by Honor Plowright, seconded by Peter Little and signed by the President.

3. Obituaries:

Bev Pritchard; Vera Pring; Les Watford, (*former members*); Patrick (Pat) Edwards (*current member*).

A minutes silence in respect was observed.

4. Matters arising:

There were none.

5. Officers' reports: (as previously circulated)

5.1 Presidents report: Nothing to add

5.2 Club/Ladies Secretary's report: Nothing to add.

5.3 Club/Gent's Captain's report: Nothing to add.

5.4 Ladies' Captain's report: Nothing to add.

5.5 Competition Secretary's report: Nothing to add.

5.6 Match Secretary's report: Nothing to add.

5.7 Treasurer's report: (in absentia)-the report together with the Club's accounts for 2016 not being included in the calling notice were circulated to the members via e-mail on 30th January 2017. Copies of the Club's authorised accounts were made available at the meeting; were proposed for acceptance by Peter Crowley , seconded by Pam Lambshead and unanimously accepted by the members. The Treasurer's report was read to members and is on file.

The Club's thanks Debbie Wratten and David Plowright for being the 2016 of Accounts Checkers

5.8 **Membership Secretary's report:** A reminder to members that the subscription fee for 2017 is due for payment by 3rd March 2017.

5.9 **Social Secretary's report:** No report submitted and nothing to add.

5.10 **Green Co-ordinator:** Nothing to add to report.

The members endorsed a vote of thanks proposed by the President to Adrian Dyer for all his hard work and efforts during his tenure in organising the maintenance of the green, both when the Club had a grass playing surface and for the past two years following the Club's change to an all-weather surface. He also thanked Colin Herbert for ably taking over this responsibility and stated that the Club's members owe a debt of gratitude to all those who are part of the maintenance teams, keeping the green in tip-top condition for us all to be proud of and enjoy. This was greeted by general applause.

The Club Captain added that more volunteers were required and it would be very much appreciated if more Club members would come forward and contact Colin Herbert as soon as possible, (the new rota being due at the end of March), and arrange to give some of their time in tackling this job which is crucial to the success of the Club, pointing out that the more teams the Club has, the amount of time and effort by each individual is lessened.

6. Club Subscriptions for 2017

The annual subscription for 2017 will increase in line with the rules set down in the constitution by £2 to £77. Other subscriptions will increase by £1 with the exception of the Social Membership which will remain at £5. Other fees to remain as listed and published in 2016.

7. Vote of thanks to retiring officers: – Pam Lambshead

In acknowledging the contribution made by the retiring officers, a vote of thanks was made to Fred Mant (*Club President*); David Palmer (*Treasurer*); Jane Franklin (*Ladies Vice-Captain*); Peter Crowley (*Gent's Vice-Captain*); Adrian Dyer (*Green Co-ordinator*). The retiring members were applauded by the members in appreciation of their service.

8. Appointment of scrutineers:

Not required.

9. Proposals:

Proposals from Committee relating to amendments to the Club's constitution as detailed in the calling notice were unanimously accepted by the members present.

Members will be able to download a revised copy of the constitution from the Club's web site and a copy will be made available in the Clubhouse.

At this juncture the Club Captain thanked Trevor Kelly for the considerable amount of printing that he does for the Club in preparing and providing the calling notices for the A.G.M. and the fixture booklets which are distributed to every member and Pearl Gurd for ad hoc printing of letters, constitution and Club notices. By printing "in house" costs are kept to a minimum.

In response to a query from the floor, as to why Junior Membership is up to the age of 25, it was explained that as this is the qualification age for entry into County and National Junior competitions it is right that the Club should adopt the same criteria bearing in mind that qualification for Junior Membership is also dependant on being in full time education.

10. Election of Officers:

10.1 *Club President:* Les Gurd

10.2 Gentlemen's section: the following were duly elected:

Captain: Bryan Franklin; *Vice-Captain:* Peter Little; *Secretary:* Simon Calverley.

10.3 Ladies' section: the following were duly elected:

Captain: Diana Cooper; *Vice-Captain:* Patsy Taylor; *Secretary:* Pearl Gurd.

10.4 General Committee: the following were duly elected:

Treasurer: Bruce Grinyer; *Match Secretary:* Jill Giles; *Club Steward:* Brian Horn;
Social Secretary: Betty Horn; *Membership Secretary:* Alan Joyner;
Competitions Secretary: Barry Dryer; *Green Co-ordinator:* Colin Herbert

10.5 Bryan Franklin was unopposed and elected as *Club Captain*.

Pearl Gurd was unopposed and elected as *Club Secretary*.

10.6 *Accounts Examiners:* To be confirmed later in the year.

At the next Committee meeting Peter Crowley is to be formally acknowledged as the Club's liaison officer dealing with matters between the Club and Havant Borough Council/Dales.

11. Results of Ballots:

No ballots held.

General Comments and Questions

- Alf Smith proposed vote of thanks to Les Gurd for undertaking the re-painting of the interior Clubhouse. This was followed by a general round of applause in appreciation.
- Appreciation, shown by a round of applause, was given to Peter Crowley for all his efforts during the construction of the all-weather surface and also for his continued support in the green maintenance and in providing helpful information to many other clubs; resulting in promoting goodwill and in gaining donations to the Club.
Peter then explained that the green would be closed for essential maintenance at the end of March/ beginning of April and the members would be informed of the date via e-mail. Volunteers to help in preparing the green for treatment will be needed and appreciated.
- In response to a question relating to the Club's future development and in particular, as over the past two years the membership has increased significantly, looking towards enlarging the Clubhouse. As this would involve significant costs the Club are looking to gain the "Club Mark" which will be necessary when applying for the required financial help. Also as the building is owned by the Council, approval would need to be obtained for any alterations. Development of the Clubhouse is one of the improvements included in the Club's five year working plan which is currently held by Peter Crowley who would make viewing available to any member. Funds held in the Club's accounts will be used to the members' advantage in the improvement of the Club's assets and facilities.
- In reply to a query regarding the publication of minutes, a copy, once approved, is placed in the rack on the desk in the Clubhouse. However this can be at least a month following the meeting. A suggestion that a draft of the minutes be e-mailed to members with the caveat that these are not the formal minutes and may be amended, will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next Committee meeting on 26th February 2017.
- The Club is still open to new members.

- The restriction, using a chair, to the entry down the side of the Activity Centre may be inconvenient, however, this is a safety precaution to protect children from potential injury from cars driven by parents when bringing/collecting their children from school and is used in place of the bollard which was damaged in 2016. It must be remembered that the area used by the Club for parking is not an official car park and members are currently permitted to use this with care.
- The Superstars event will take place again this year in September and will require sixty participants.
- Clive Lamshead and his team were given a round of applause in appreciation for taking on the welfare role, keeping in touch with members who find themselves unable to take part in bowling.

13. Date of the next Annual General Meeting

The next A.G.M. will be held on Sunday, 11th February 2018 commencing at 10.15 a.m. the venue to be advised.

There being no further business, the Chairperson thanked the members for attending and wished everyone a successful and enjoyable 2017 season and closed the meeting at 10.45 a.m.