

COWPLAIN BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Cowplain Activity Centre Sunday 11th February 2018 at 10.15a.m.

Chairperson: Les Gurd: Club President.

Committee members in attendance:

Bryan Franklin – Club/Gent's Captain
Peter Little – Gent's Vice-Captain
Al Joyner – Membership Secretary
Barry Dryer – Competition Secretary
Brian Horn – Club Steward
Colin Herbert – Green Co-ordinator

Diana Cooper – Ladies Captain
Patsy Taylor – Ladies Vice-Captain
Bruce Grinyer – Treasurer
Pearl Gurd – Club/Ladies Secretary
Jill Giles – Match Secretary
Betty Horn – Social Secretary

67 other Club members were in attendance.

The President welcomed everyone to the Club's 29th Annual General Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence were received from:

Ken Allaker; Melita and Simon Calverley; Gary King; Rose and Graham King; Dave Wildman; Brian Ward; Bill Roberts; Les Harman; Honor and Davis Plowright; Michael Gould; Jill and John Smith; Linda and Ron Guy; Judy and Graham Derrett; Trevor Kelly; Sylvia Scanlon; Alan Curtis; Kath and Keith Roberts; Roland Bloy; Jan Atcherley; Gavin Smith; Pam Lambshead.

2.1 Minutes of Annual General Meeting Sunday 12th February 2017

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

2.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting Sunday 13th August 2017

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the proceedings by Jane Franklin, seconded by Al Smith and signed by the President.

3. Obituaries:

Fred Shipton, (*former member*); Eric Walker; Tom Church; Roland (Mac) McLennan; Sue Kendell (*current members*).

A minutes silence in respect was observed.

4. Matters arising:

There were none.

5. Presentation of 2017 Projects and Proposed Future Projects – Peter Crowley

5.1 Achievements in 2017:

- Cutting of trees at the south end of the green to reduce the amount of work required in removing leaves from the green. This was achieved with the permission of the neighbouring property owners and involved the complete removal of one tree at the request of the householder.
- Replacement of the gate in the south west corner to provide greater security.
- Refurbishment of the Roy-Al Pavilion carried out by Les Gurd and Colin Herbert and including donated furnishings.
- Decorating of the Clubhouse by Les Gurd and the carpet professionally cleaned.
- Re-siting of the Honours Boards by George Abraham.

- The planting areas surrounding the greens tidied with shrubs being planted and chippings laid by Adrian Dyer and his helpers.
- The largest and most expensive project during 2017 being that of excavating and relaying the pathway surrounding the green with flexi-pave.
- The exceptional care given to the green during 2017 by Colin Herbert and the small band of volunteers, which the Club is very fortunate to have, has maintained the all-weather surface in tip-top condition and should be applauded. The members present at the meeting then responded accordingly.

Future Projects under consideration:

Extension of the Clubhouse:

- George Abraham provided, free of charge, a set of drawings showing various options for extending the building.
- Havant Borough Council gave a favourable response to the options, pointing out that planning permission would be required together with more detailed drawings.
- Havant Borough Council was approached to ascertain what areas of funding might be available. The Inspired Facilities Fund being replaced by the Community Asset Fund and having significantly less funds available required conformity with specific conditions: the difficulty for the Club being how the improvement would benefit the community as a whole not just the bowlers.

Replacement of the Pavilion:

- The committee as an alternative to the Clubhouse extension had viewed a bespoke cabin 10m x 3m, giving extra space with partitions for ladies/gents changing facilities. Planning permission would be required, a concrete base laid and as delivered as a flat pack, assembly by the membership. The estimated cost to be in the region of £7,000.
- Taking into consideration the costs involved in the project and the amount of expenditure incurred for the several improvements to the Club during 2017, the committee agreed to postpone any decision to move forward and to monitor the attendance at social functions and the use of the changing rooms during the 2018 summer season and to re-address the project in autumn.

The president thanked Peter for his report and a round of applause followed.

6. Officers' reports: (as previously circulated)

- 6.1 Presidents report: Nothing to add
- 6.2 Club/Ladies Secretary's report: Nothing to add.
- 6.3 Club/Gent's Captain's report: Wished at add that he was very disappointed that a club member had, by removing a Brass Monkey Singles competitions form from the noticeboard, effectively jeopardised the competition. The organisers together with the twelve listed players involved will try to reconstruct this.
- 6.4 Ladies' Captain's report: Nothing to add.
- 6.5 Competition Secretary's report: Wished to endorse the comment made by the Club Captain.
- 6.6 Match Secretary's report: Nothing to add.
- 6.7 Treasurer's report and financial statement: The Club, having invested considerable funds in upgrading the Clubs facilities during 2017, remains in a sound financial position and at the close of 2018, the Club', finances will be even more secure.

There were no questions from the floor regarding the 2017 accounts as circulated to the membership with the calling notice.

The Club's thanks to David Palmer and Len Spencer for being the 2017 of Accounts Checkers.

- 6.8 Membership Secretary's report: Nothing to add.
- 6.9 Social Secretary's report: No report submitted and nothing to add.
- 6.10 Green Co-ordinator: Nothing to add to report but to state again the need for more volunteers to join the Green Maintenance Team for the coming season.
- 7. Club Subscriptions for 2018**
The annual subscription for 2018 will increase in line with the rules set down in the constitution by £3 to £80. Other subscriptions will increase by £1 with the exception of the Social Membership which will remain at £5. Other fees to remain as in 2017.
- 8. Vote of thanks to retiring officers: – Peter Little**
In acknowledging the contribution made by the retiring officers, a vote of thanks to Simon Calverley (*Gent's Secretary*); Barry Dryer (*Competition Secretary*); Betty Horn (*Social Secretary*); Pearl Gurd (*Ladies Secretary*); Bryan Franklin (*Club and Gent's Captain*). The retiring members were applauded by the members in appreciation of their service.
- 9. Proposals:**
None
- 10. Election of Officers:** All nominated Officers were duly elected as follow:-
- 10.1 *Club President:* Les Gurd
- 10.2 Gentlemen's section: the following were duly elected:
Captain: Peter Little; *Vice-Captain:* David Luffman; *Secretary:* David Palmer.
- 10.3 Ladies' section: the following were duly elected:
Captain: Diana Cooper; *Vice-Captain:* Patsy Taylor; *Secretary:* Maureen Houghton.
- 10.4 General Committee: the following were duly elected:
Treasurer: Bruce Grinyer; *Match Secretary:* Jill Giles; *Club Steward:* Brian Horn;
Social Secretary: Lyn Edwards; *Membership Secretary:* Alan Joyner;
Competitions Secretary: Jeff Mann; *Green Co-ordinator:* Colin Herbert
- 10.5. Peter Little was unopposed and elected as *Club Captain*.
- 10.5 Pearl Gurd will remain as Acting Club Secretary during 2018.
- 11. Results of Ballots:**
No ballots held.
- 12. Date of the next Annual General Meeting**
The next A.G.M. will be held on Sunday, 10th February 2019 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 2018 season and closed the meeting at 10.45 a.m.