



WICKERSLEY CI BOWLING CLUB



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MINUTES OF 2023 WCI BC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2023 AT 2.0PM.

Members Present

Catherine Lord (WCI BC Chairman), John Fisher , Pam Evans, Paul Lundy, Richard Gagen, Alyson Lundy, Maurice Evans, Pat Burton, Michael Gregory, Barbara Pickersgill, Gloria Stocks, Alan Thickett, Chris Michael, Barbara Michael, Thelma Willis, Norman Clayton, Phil Green, Mavis Green, George Wardle, Janice Wardle, Brian Turton, Jackie Turton, Norman Clayton, Lynne Clayton, Tony Simmons, Jill Saunders. Jill Fisher, Pat Kempster, Dennis Walsh, David Hardy, Lyndsay Hardy, Brian Rudkin, Liz Thornton.

Apologies

Tony Dakin, Jenny Shaw, Barry Shaw, June Thickett, Gerald Horsfield, Hilary Horsfield.

Obituaries

Catherine Lord began the meeting by asking everyone to stand in a minute's silence for the following club members who passed away since the last AGM:

David Guest, Brian Jones, Bryan Hall, Lillian Corton, Dennis Postlethaite, Brenda Clarke.

1.0 Chairperson's Remarks

Good afternoon, everyone and welcome to the, CI Bowling Club AGM 2023.

As you know, the past three years have been very difficult, due mainly to the Covid pandemic. We are hoping to put all this behind us and go forward as a friendly, competitive bowling club.

We have quite a number of items to discuss, so I will start the bowl rolling.

2.0 Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous meeting, held in the pavilion January 11th 2020 were taken as read, having been previously displayed on the notice board, website and circulated.

Minutes proposed by John Fisher and accepted by the meeting as a true record of the 2020 AGM.

3.0 Matters Arising From Minutes

There were no matters arising from the 2020 AGM minutes not covered in the 2023 agenda.

4.0 Election of Officials and Committee

John Fisher informed the meeting that the following club members were willing to stand for the committee and officer positions.

Chairman	Catherine Lord
Vice Chairman	Pam Evans
Secretary	Richard Gagen
Treasurer	Mavis Green
Social Secretary	Jenny Shaw
Publicity.	Jackie Turton

Committee Members

Paul Lundy (maintenance coordinator)
 Barbara Pickersgill (external competitions)
 Pat Kempster,
 Dennis Walsh
 John Fisher (green maintenance coordinator,).

John Fisher asked that the officers and committee as above be accepted en bloc by the

meeting.

Proposed by Pat Burton, seconded by Len Stocks and accepted by the meeting with no dissenters.

Derek Wake has again agreed to act as Child Protection / Safeguarding Officer

5.0 Treasurer's Report (2020 to 2023) presented 8by Richard Gagen

Please find below the club finances from Jan 6th 2021 until Jan 7th 2023.

This report includes two years of incomings and outgoing. The club's finances were audited in January 2022 and found to be in order. The reason it includes two years is that we have missed AGM's and therefore a report could not be delivered.

RMBC Covid Grants

Total incomings (larger amounts)

Other income

Spectator seating area.

Members subs

Spending

AV pump and tank

Insurance

Electrics

Bothams green cutting

Mower servicing

AV Irrigation

Spectator trolley

Benches

Clubhouse canopy

Path

Total outgoing

This does not include smaller outgoing, I have only included the larger amounts.

Today we have ██████ in the account.

We have to find a certain amount to cover everyday running, including green maintenance, insurance, utility costs, registrations etc but having worked out the costs of all these if we register 60 Full paying members then we can cover all the costs. The cost of full membership will however have to increase by £10 to £75 per year. That works out at £10.50 per month or just over £2.50 a week. This figure was agreed at the last AGM.

The greatest expense is still the green maintenance which at present is £4000 per year. This service is unavoidable as we have not the members to cut the green, treat it and look after it as Bothams (The present service providers) can do.

We also have £█████ in another account which is there for emergency expenses.

Paul Lundy made the very valid point that we should, where possible, try to carry out any tasks around the green or pavilion ourselves rather than pay outsiders (need to recruit electrician and plumber members).

Several suggestions were made from the floor with ideas to raise money including more raffles, money raising competitions and sponsorship. One difficulty with sponsorship is that local planning rule prevent us having advertising boards around the green.

The treasurer's report was proposed by Richard Gagen, seconded by John Fisher and accepted without a vote.

6.0 Subscriptions for 2023

At the 2020 AGM it was agreed to increase subscriptions £65 for 2020, Increasing to £75 in 2021.

However COVID came along and in 2020 we charged £30 subscription and kept it at £65 in 2022.

We now need to implement what was agreed in 2020 and charge £75 subscription for 2023.

7.0 Secretary's Report

Three years since the last AGM in 2020 can probably be best described as unprecedented in most of our lifetimes and interesting, but we managed to get by

Shortly after the 2020 AGM the first lockdown was enforced putting a complete stop to any sporting activities, including bowling. This first lockdown was ended in mid-May 2020. And we were allowed to open the green, but with very restrictions.

We were very much on our own, with little or no guidance from the British Crown Green Bowling Association, South Yorkshire or Sport England.

We had to make our own interpretation of the rules and hope that we did not infringe law. Most of the proposed actions. Were bounced off Paul Lundy at the time. And we came up with some guidelines for getting people playing again. Including, having to book the green, limiting the numbers on the green, Social distancing handling the equipment. In retrospect we may have been a little over zealous, but were concerned about both member safety and possible hefty fines.

I would like to thank everyone. For playing their part. Keeping to the rules. And booking the green.

In 2020, we did run some novel competitions, compliant with tight restrictions, which I think everyone enjoyed under the circumstances. We also ran the Seniors Shield, Ladies Singles and Hasnip Shield club competitions. We had intended to keep the green open throughout 2020. But another lockdown was imposed early in November.

In 2021 we were able to open the green at the end of March but started the season much as we had ended 2020. The same rules applied and the green having to be booked.

In mid May restrictions were relaxed somewhat, green booking stopped, the leagues started and we ran more club competitions.

In 2021 we ran the Seniors Shield, Ladies Singles, Hasnip Shield, Bryan Hall Trophy and Turkey Trot.

2022 was almost back to normal, with a full league programme. The total number clubs playing in the league fell, but we were able to put out extra teams in the Dinnington ladies and Friday Doubles.

We ran an almost complete internal competition programme; Pearce Trophy, Mulroy Trophy, Vets Singles, Bryan Hall Trophy, Hasnip Shield and Turkey Trot. For the first time since 2019 we held the presentation night.

2022 was a successful year for our teams.

The Saturday singles teams combined to win the Stones Cup.

Vets "A" team won Division 1 singles trophy and were runners up in Division 1 doubles.

The Saturday Singles "B" team won Division 2 and have been promoted to Division 1.

On the downside the Maltby Tuesday men's team was deoted from division 1.

Our successful run in the Yorkshire Plate has come to an end. This competition is now an open, handicap competition.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator continues to be registered with the ambulance service and is regularly checked.

During strict lockdowns this gave the opportunity to also check all was OK with the green and pavilion.

However there is a cost. The pads need replacing if used or expired(cost £40) and a battery replacement is £135. The battery was replaced during shutdown. In 2022 the defibrillator was deployed, but did not function when returned. The battery was replaced under warranty.

These costs are not covered by the NHS. Ideas sought for fund raising in the immediate locality.

8.0 Social Secretary's Report – presented by Jenny Shaw

Last years presentation evening at the Sitwell Golf Club was very enjoyable, with excellent food and good entertainment from a lady vocalist.

Unfortunately, quite a few members were unable to attend due to holidays. This year, the presentation evening will be in November, so hopefully this will be more suitable than October.

So far this year there have been a couple of coffee mornings and a couple of social evenings. For anyone who hasn't been to any of these events, they are very enjoyable. Tea / coffee and cake for £1.50 per person. They also enable members to keep in touch. The next coffee mornings February 23rd and on March 9th a social evening.

Everybody is welcome. Coffee mornings are 10 till 12, social evenings 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

10.0 Teams and Captains for 2023

League	Team	Captain/ Vice-Captain	Day Played
Rotherham retired persons Division 1	A	Phil Green	Tues & Thurs 2.00 pm
Rotherham retired persons Division 1	B	Len Stocks	Tues & Thurs 2.00 pm (Home 11.am)
Rotherham retired persons Division 3	C	Vacant/ Pam Evans	Tues & Thurs 11.00 & 2.00
Rotherham Friday Doubles Division 2	A	Jenny Shaw	Tues & Thurs 2.00 pm
Rotherham Friday Doubles Division 3	B	Barbara Pickersgill / John Roddis	Friday 6.0/6.30 pm
Rotherham Saturday League – Division 1	A	Liz Thornton / Vacant	Saturday 2.00pm
Rotherham Saturday League – Division 1	B	George Wardle / vacant	Saturday 2.00pm
Maltby Mens, Singles – Division 2		Vacant / Phil Green	Tuesday 6.00/6.30 pm
Maltby Mixed Doubles - Division 1	A	Jenny Shaw / John Roddis	Wednesday 6.00/6.30 pm
Maltby Mixed Doubles – Division 2	B	Len stocks	Wednesday 6.00/6.30 pm
Dinnington Ladies	A	Jenny <u>Shaw</u>	Thursday 6.00/6.30 pm

Barbara Pickersgill has taken over a newly created role of “external competition coordinator”.

Barbara will obtain information about external competitions available to both teams and individuals run by SY and leagues, advertise these competitions within the club and make entry forms and closing dates available to members.

During the meeting George Wardle expressed the view that this role may involve too much work for one person and offered to assist Barbara.

This offer of help was accepted with thanks by Barbara.

11.0 Internal Competition Dates for 2023

Provisional Internal Competition Dates 2023 (TBC @ fixtures meeting)			
Competition	Format	Date	Organiser
Fixtures Meeting		18 th March	
C Pearce Trophy	Mixed Doubles – Pick your partner	30 th April	
Mulroy Trophy	Mixed Doubles Open draw	Friday 21 st May	
Vets Doubles	Mixed Doubles Open draw	17 th June	
G Corton Trophy	Rotherham v Maltby	25 th June or 2 th July	
Ladies only	Singles	16 th July	
WCI Seniors Trophy	Singles Ladies & Men Open Draw (over 70's)	Friday 4 th August	
Vets Singles	Ladies & Men Open Draw	20 th August	
Brian Hall Trophy	Men vs Ladies	3 rd September	
J Cook Trophy	Mixed Doubles Open draw	17 th September	
Hasnip Shield	Singles Gents Only	1 st October	
Turkey Trot	Doubles Open Draw	8 th October	
Presentation Night	Sitwell Golf Club* *Arranged since AGM		
AGM		2024	

Members who have organised competitions in the past will be contacted regarding this year. Several members have expressed an interest in running an internal competition but wanted some training beforehand. Competition organiser training will be held late March/early April for anyone interested – please contact John Fisher.

13.0 Life Membership

Alan Thickett, Pat Burton and Pat Kempster have been made club “Life Members”.

14.0 AOB

For discussion only.

For many years Pat Burton has maintained the rose bed at the bottom of the green. But now wants to give up this task. Lyndsay and David Hardy volunteered to take on this responsibility. Members raised concern that provision of refreshments at games was costing the club more money than raised. Some visiting teams arrived with several supporters who expected free tea/ coffee/ biscuits.

The committee had already discussed this and agreed that all non players should be charged as below.

Home & visiting players 50p paid by home players. Max 2 reserves each team free.

All others, including spectators 50p each.

Paul Lundy offered to produce a poster.

Paul will also put up a notice reminding members to turn everything off and lock up when leaving.

Last year there were occasions when lights/ heaters left on or door left unlocked.

A working weekend agreed for 11th /12th March to get green ready for playing season.

Weather and Botham permitted it was hoped to open green early March.

2023 FIXTURES MEETING - March 18th @ 2.00pm