

HECKINGTON & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday the 30th November 2018 in the Methodist Chapel.

18 members were present. The meeting started at 7.30p.m.

1. Minutes silence

There was one minutes silence for the passing Jean Baker.

2. Apologies for Absence

These were received from Mary Brown, Marion Copley, Pat Needham, Don and June Wilson

3. Minutes of the 2017 AGM and Matters Arising.

These were proposed Christina and seconded by Hilda as an accurate account of the previous AGM. This was accepted by the meeting. A copy was put on the notice board in the clubhouse.

4. Chairman's report.

This has been an interesting year for the club. A website and a Face book have been created by Andy and Trisha. The green has bowled well in spite of it being a challenging year, weather-wise. The committee was thanked for making things happen, and we look forward to 2019 being an even better year.

5. Secretary's report.

The year started in hope rather than expectation. There were several new to newish members who were just or who had just started playing competitive bowls, along with one or two who were experienced bowlers, Also there were those who had been playing for the club a long time perhaps too long. Two new captains, two new teams.

Well at the end of the season all those who played had done the club proud, as the captains will tell you.

Off the green the social events were a success. New dos new ideas, very enjoyable.

The green was well looked after and bowled well, Bob did a very good job again in spite of a 1976 type dry spell. Bob is standing down, after several years as grounds man. I would like to thank him for all he has done for the club over the years and wish him well for the future.

We have two other people who are handing over their roles that I would like to thank. Hilda is stepping down as treasurer, vice chairman and social secretary. Thank you Hilda for all you have done, all that hard work, especially the barbeques and carveries held in your garden, a great success. And your work as treasurer, over the years, and of course she was and still is a trustee of the club.

Doreen is also handing over the reins running the bonus ball lottery, Thank you for all your hard work. This has raised thousands of pounds over the years. I would also like to thank you for the work carried out on the catering side of the Masons in the past, providing tea and biscuits after the league matches, and providing your home for various social events. Thank you to Laurie too.

Just a few more set of thank yous. Firstly to those people on the rota cleaning the club house. Thank you. The club house lasted well; Malcolm and Don as usual creosoted/painted the outside of the buildings that needed it. Thank you to you. The buildings, outside and inside need constant maintenance, if we keep doing this with club members help; the big jobs aren't quite as big when they come along.

Andy and Trisha with the help of others set up a club website, and a face book page. These have been a great success. Maybe one or two have things to say about comments on face book, but opinions are there to be expressed even though you might not agree with them. Just like old fashioned conversation.

I know there are many others who have contributed to the running and wellbeing of the club; I would like to thank you.

It is because there have been such a lot of the members getting involved that makes a club. If there are disagreements or different points of view that is fine too. If people look for perfection, it is not here, if you find it let me know.

Once again thank you for what you have all done. I for one am quite happy, enjoyed the season and am looking forward to next year.

6. Treasurer's report.

Hilda went through the accounts. The balance is now a very healthy £14064. We are carrying on with the Bond, which now stands at £7764. Of the major Expenses, £1285 was spent on rent and insurance, and the green and waste £2296.54. Major income, subscriptions £1042, the Bonus Ball £1110, social events £850 odd overall, and gift aid brought in £250. The Profit for the year was £137. Hilda thanked everyone for all their efforts.

7. Club Captain's/Leagues/Competitions report.

Paul, captain of the Coningsby league team, announced that we would not be entering the Sleaford league before giving his report on the past year. The season started with a game against Horncastle that had to be postponed because they did not turn up. When we finally got going we seemed to win away and lose at home in the league. In the Cup we had wins at Mareham, Donington, and Ruskington at home. This put us in the final at Sibsey where we defeated Kirton B by 60 shots to 56 shots. In the league we finished second just failing by one point to win it. Well done. It will be harder next year in Division three. Paul told us that it was a privilege to be captain.

Anne, as captain of the Woodhall Spa, thanked all those that played for the team which did well and came third in the league. Not bad at all.

8. Social Events

Hilda thanked everyone who ran events and helped. The events made some £850 this year. There were some new ideas this year which were well attended and very successful. Hilda thanked all those that made these events possible. She will be standing down this year as Social Secretary and we thank her for all she has done in the role.

9. Ground's man's report

Bob was disappointed with how things have gone this year. The weather was so hot for such a long time that the grass went very brown and all the hard work put into the green had come to naught. Bob is stepping down this year and we thank him for what he has done over the years.

10. Club Manager's report

John thanked everyone for their help on the cleaning side. The Rota has worked well. Malcolm and Don have again helped with creosoting the outside of the pavilion along with painting the window sills. The fire extinguishers and fire blankets have been checked and certified. The water heater has also been serviced and certified. Again the clubhouse is in good condition and has been well used for events etc. and no major work need completing at the moment.

Next year's League Entries (2019)

It was decided to enter a team in the Woodhall Spa League and the Coningsby league. There were new proposals for weekends and roll ups. Some roll ups need boosting. It is planned to play a friendly on a Sunday, several clubs are interested. The friendlies will give new bowlers the opportunity to play in a friendly team environment. This will help them gain confidence preparing them to play in competitive league games if they so wish.

Taster events would be advertised in the magazine and other outlets, at least two during the season, to help with recruitment. Malcolm also suggested recruiting people outside the COOP. The friendlies will give new bowlers the opportunity to play in a team environment and will help them gain confidence so that they will be ready to play league games.

11. Election of Officers for 2018/9 season

The following people were duly proposed and seconded and accepted by the meeting for the following positions in the club:

Chairman	Christina Davison
Vice Chairman:	Malcolm Spencer
Treasurer:	Anne Clayton
Secretary:	John Stevenson.
Social Secretary:	Mezz Inchley & Trisha Mellett Brown.
Captain Coningsby/Sleaford League:	Paul Inchley
Captain Woodhall Spa League:	Anne Clayton
Green manager:	Dave Marriott
Clubhouse Manager:	John Stevenson.

12. Bonus Ball

Doreen will be giving up in December after several years running the Bonus Ball. We thank her for all her hard work over the years. Andrew has kindly offered to take over from the 19th of December 2018.

13. Membership Fees.

Fees for forthcoming season 2019. It was proposed and seconded and agreed to raise the membership fees to £40, keeping social membership to £8. It was also agreed that the Match/Tea fee for each player remain at £1. Club Competition fees rise to £3 per person per competition. For away matches the car fees are £1 for less than 10 miles total journey, and £2 for games over 10 miles. Roll up fees will remain at £1, and friendly matches will have a £1 fee.

14. Constitutional Changes

It was proposed by Paul seconded by John that 4b reads: There shall be an

Honorary Chairman, Honorary Vice- Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Team Captain for each Club Team, Green Manager, and Clubhouse Manager. This was passed unanimously. The constitution is now in line with current practice.

15. Life Memberships.

Bob and Hilda were proposed but they declined as they thought they did not qualify.

17. AOB.

It was agreed to have the presentation evening on Friday 25th January 2019 at 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. at the Barge and Bottle. John will be running it. We will be using the Early bird menu. We need to pay John by the 10th of January 2019. Two courses are £12.95 and three courses are £15.95. Menus were handed out to those interested at the meeting; others not at the meeting will be contacted in due course.

Malcolm brought to the meeting a letter from the COOP and cheque from them for £37. The current scheme is closing and the COOP are introducing a new one. The club will progress this.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.