

Hesketh Arms Private Bowling Club

Annual General Meeting Monday 18th February 2019

Held @ Churchtown Conservative Club

1:- Apologies for absence.

Jason Chapman, Sue Andersen, Chris Porter, Jon Roberts, Liam Gregson, Barry Pursall, Janice Hobson, Alec Rimmer, Malcolm Hodge, Noel Morgans, Kevin McCormack, Irene Nowell, Margaret James, Wendy duffy, Bob Platt, Bill Bloor

2:- Minutes Silence.

A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of the following members who had passed away since the last AGM. Jim Finnimore, Don Rimmer, Eileen Curtis, Bill Coulton

3:- Minutes of 2017 AGM

The minutes of the 2018 AGM had been previously circulated and on web site, the meeting agreed to take the minutes as being read.

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Tony Wakefield and seconded by Dave White , The meeting passed the minutes.

4:- Matters arising:-

There were no matters arising.

5:- Chairman's report:-

The chairmen praised the contributions to the club of deceased members Bill Coulton and Jim Finnimore. Bill was instrumental in helping the club through very difficult times when it nearly ceased to be viable and Jim who started the weekly round robin and kept the green surrounds in good order.

The chairman expressed his thanks to BJP O'Malley for his continued financial support in funding the over winter maintenance of the green

The Chairman congratulated all of the clubs 11 team's on their achievements in the various leagues and thanked the captains for a job well done, especially as we had won the premier division for the first time for 25 years.

The Tuesday and Friday round robin had proved a great success and raised money for the club, the chairman thanked Peter and Lynne smith for organising these events.

The chairmen informed the meeting that the club competitions will be the same this year and the Ladies only competition would continue. One of the doubles competitions will be a pick your partner competition.

The chairmen informed the club of the need for increased security following the club being misused by vandals and a recent break in when £2000 worth of equipment was stolen. The committee are addressing this matter. We will be recompensed by the insurance company but no doubt our premiums will increase.

The chairmen informed the meeting of improved access to the club and the installation of a new handrail at the entrance.

The car parking restrictions will prove difficult for the club but we are currently in negotiation with the brewery to get concessions for the round robins.

The chairman expressed his thanks to the Committee including the secretary and Treasurer and green keeper, all the many volunteers and all the team captains who all contributed to a successful year.

The green was also used by the Southport Federation team in a who were impressed with the quality of the green.

Thanked members for supporting the Awards Evening.

Finally the chairman thanked all club members who without their continued full support we would not be the club we are and confirmed the date of the green opening would be Saturday 30th of March with the opening round robin on Sunday the 31st at 2.00pm.

The chairman asked for any questions on his report, none were forthcoming.

6:- Treasurers Report.

A detailed income and expenditure account was presented to the meeting. A surplus for the year was £800.36. Leo Tobin pointed out that without the support of Bernard O'Malley the club would have incurred a loss of over £800.

COMMENTS ON INCOME

☐ Subscriptions are slightly down due to a reduction in the number of social members – around ten.

☐ Match fees are up due to extra teams and the change in league formats – extra games.

☐ Money collected from the midweek round robins is up because of higher attendances due to good weather during the Summer.

☐ Prize money won by the Club's league teams in 2018 was £593. This following over £600 in 2017. This is a significant source of income although not one we can expect to achieve every year. Thank you to the teams who donate their winnings to club funds.

☐ The Awards Night raised £428.11 in 2018.

☐ Bernard O'Malley / Nationwide Produce contributed £1765.38 towards the end-season-work undertaken by Andrew Church.

COMMENTS ON EXPENDITURE

☐ Our major expenditure is on the maintenance of the green. Payments to Lancashire Turf Supplies (Andrew Church) were up by £285.20 in 2018, making a total of £2646.48. Extra work carried out due to weather conditions. As previously stated, the bulk (£1765.38) is paid by Bernard O'Malley for the end-of-season work but the Club paid the balance of £881.10 for various work carried out throughout the year.

☐ The costs of trophies and engraving are high this year as we paid for two years of awards in 2018 and purchased new permanent trophies for the Ladies' Championship and the Last Chance Cup.

☒ Tree surgery and removal was another expensive item this year but was considered necessary as the condition of the green was being affected.

☒ Maintenance and supplies (£825.56) includes a wide range of miscellaneous items of expenditure but the main ones were the boards around the edges of the green, requiring the purchase of timber and providing improved access to the green from the pub car park.

OVERALL POSITION

We ended the year with a surplus of £800.36, leaving us with total funds of £4755.16.

THANKS

☒ Bernard O'Malley for his continued support of the Club.

☒ our team captains for their work throughout the year collecting match subs.

☒ Peter and Lynne Smith for running the midweek round robins, and carrying out numerous other tasks at the green.

☒ George and Graham who have had a busy year arranging for jobs to be done at the Club and providing the necessary invoices and receipts.

☒ Our Auditors Leo and Mark for carrying out the annual audit.

☒ Finally, to George and Sue for all the work they put into the arrangements for the Awards Night, which this year made a surplus of just short of £400.

2019 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Committee met towards the end of last year and agreed on a proposal to maintain the subs at £40 for team players and £20 for social membership, with a view to looking at an increase next year. Since that meeting, we have had the break-in and although the insurance company are paying for the replacement of all the stolen items in full, we have undertaken a review of security and taken steps to make our storage facilities more secure. We can also expect an increase on our insurance premium. In view of these unexpected expenses, the meeting may wish to consider amending the Committee's proposal.

The accounts were proposed to be accepted by Richard Rawcliffe and seconded by Terry Corfield Passed by the meeting

The membership passed the accounts.

7 Auditors

The auditors L Tobin and M Rowlinson expressed the exemplary way in which the accounts were kept.

7(a) Subscriptions 2013.

The Treasurer and committee recommended that the subscriptions to remain at £40 full member £20 social member and £17.50 for Junior Playing Members Match subs 50p per player per match, Greenage fees of £2.00 per visit, limited to 5 visits.

Proposed by the Committee

An amendment was proposed by Graham Meadow and seconded by Jim Hallsall that "The Subs sub be £45 full member £25 Social Member

The amendment was passed by the meeting.

8:- League Reports

A brief report on the leagues and the only changes were that Burscough league would be 2 Divisions thus giving extra games to both of our teams.

9:- Election of Officers for 2013

President: - Sue Davies Proposed by Tony Wakefield Seconded Rita Stanley

Honorary Vice Presidents, BJP O'Malley and Richard Butterworth.

Chairman: - Chris Harding Proposed Ray Phil Kitchen Seconded Bill Nowell

Vice Chairman Bill Nowell Proposed Roger Van Beever Seconded Phil Kitchen

Hon Secretary G Hitchmough Proposed Terry Corefield Seconded Brian Mycock

Treasurer M Milne Proposed Tony Wakefield Seconded Sue Davies

Project Manager: - Graham Meadow Proposed Terry Corefield Seconded Pete Smith

Passed by the meeting

Team Captains:-

Eagles Chris Harding Proposed Fergal Wright Seconded Mike Milne

Falcons Jeff Brown Proposed Roger Vanbeever Seconded Phil Kitchen

Harriers Jason Chapman Proposed Mark Rowlinson Seconded Terry Corefield

Hawks George Hitchmough Proposed Dave White Seconded Leo Tobin

Hobbies Roger Van Beever Proposed J McCabe Seconded N Morgans

Kestrels Malcolm Hodge Proposed R Rawcliffe Seconded Bill McGreavy'

Ospreys Mark Rowlinson Proposed Terry Corfield Seconded Leo Tobin

Kites John Unsworth Proposed J Corfield Seconded P Kitchen

Merlins George Hitchmough Proposed D White Seconded Pete Smith

Owls Sue Davis Proposed Tony Wakefield Seconded Jeff Davies

Vultures Chris Harding Proposed Mike Milne Seconded Fergal Wright

Auditors Leo Tobin, M Rowlinson

All agreed and passed by the meeting

10:- Honorary Life Membership

The Chairmen presented certificates of Honorary Life Membership to Bill Nowell and Ray Sutton for their outstanding contribution and long service to the club

11:- A.O.B.

The was no further business.

12:- Closure of Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.50