

**Hesketh Arms Private Bowling Club**  
**Annual General Meeting Monday 2nd February 2015**  
**Held @ Churchtown Conservative Club**

**1:- Apologies for absence.**

Sue Davies, John Stennett, Marg Antrobus, Judith Farrell, Mike Burrill, Peter Jackson, John Roberts, Irene Nowell

**2:- Minutes Silence.**

A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of the following members who had passed away since the last AGM.

Barry Coates, Shelia Tobin, Bob Gardner, Ron Sumner, Brian Cragg, Pat Ratcliffe

**3:- Minutes of 2015 AGM**

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were read by the secretary.

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Dave Whit and seconded by Bill Nowell, The meeting passed the minutes.

**4:- Matters arising:-**

There were no matters arising.

**5:- Chairman's report:-**

The chairman expressed his thanks to the President Ray Sutton and his wife Francis for their running of the Presidents Day.

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 expressed his thanks to Richard and Julie Butterworth, landlords of the Hesketh Arms for their continued support for the bowling club

The chairman expressed his thanks to the Committee including the secretary and Treasurer.

The Chairman detailed the clubs achievements in the various leagues and thanked the captains for a job well done.

The club competitions were well supported as were the weekend round robins. The chairman thanked Mike Milne for his running of the competitions.

The Tuesday and Friday round robin had proved a great success and raised money for the club, the chairman thanked Jim Finnimore for organising this event.

The chairman expressed his thanks to all the members who had helped out with the odd jobs around the green.

The Chairman commented that the Green had been in excellent condition for the whole of the 2015 season, and he thanks the green keeper Stuart. We had had brilliant feedback and praise for our green from visiting bowlers.

Last years Race Night was a great success thanks to the support of the members, the chairman hoped the same support would be given for the 2015 Race Night.

The club was now running 8 teams, LV3, Aughton League 2, Southport Vets, Burscough League, and Parks League.

We have entered 2 new teams in Maghull and Burscough League

The newly introduced youth competition was well supported and he thanked Ian Gill and Graham Pickavance for their help in promoting the competition.

The club are looking to run an open competition in 2016, for members and non members.

The Tuesday and Friday round Robins produced a number of new team bowlers and new members for the club.

The chairman reminded members that we try and communicate with them on a regular basis through emails and the web site and we now have a face book page. The club intends to use these avenues of communication and he urged members to ensure we have their email addresses or that they check on the web site and Face book on a regular basis.

The chairman explained to the meeting that a decision had been taken by the committee following requests from members to proceed with the building of a toilet. He was pleased to confirm that the project would be completed for the opening of the green. He thanked Graham Meadow for his work in overseeing the project. A pathway to the toilet would also be completed prior to the green opening.

The chairman thanked all those who attended our awards and race night evenings which were good social evening as well as raising funds for the club.

The chairman also requested that members actively seek advertisers we can sell our around the green advertising

The chairman thanked the committee members for their work and input into the running of the club.

Finally the chairman thanked all club members who without their continued full support we would not be the club we are.

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

## **6:- Treasurers Report.**

The treasurer gave his thanks to:-

- 1:- The team captains for help in collecting annual subs and match fees
- 2:- Mr Bernard O'Malley for his financial help in paying for the end of season work. £1300.
- 3:- Jim Finnimore for running the Round Robins which raised £600
- 4;- Everyone who helped with the Race Night
- 5:- The Auditors Leo and Mark

## **EXPENDITURE**

The main expenditure was for the new toilet and £ 7645.04 was accounted for in 2015.

It is expected that the total final figure will be £10k

## **Deficit**

The deficit for the year was £ 4440 , giving us funds as at the end of 20145of £ 4632.41

The club is in a good financial position.

The accounts were proposed to be accepted by Brian Mycock and seconded by Dave White 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.

## **8 Subscriptions 2013.**

The Treasurer and committee recommended that the subscriptions be £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 Richard Rawcliffe Seconded by Brian Sutton. Passed by the meeting

Proposal for the alteration of the structure of the management Committee.

“It was proposed that the committee consist of 6 people, made up as follows:- Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, {Project Manager, and Committee Member” Proposed by Leo Tobin Seconded by Ray Sutton. Passed by the Meeting

## **9:- Election of Officers for 2013**

President:- Ray Sutton Proposed John Catherall Seconded Graham Meadow

Honorary Vice Presidents, BJP O'Malley and Julie & Richard Butterworth Chairman: - Chris Harding

Chairman:- Chris Harding Proposed Mark Rowlinson Seconded Dave White

Vice Chairman Bill Nowell Proposed Dave White Seconded Phil Kitchen

Hon Secretary G Hitchmough Proposed Richard Rawcliffe Seconded Graham Steve Mann

Treasurer M Milne Proposed Richard Rawcliffe Seconded Dave White

Project Manager :- Graham Meadow Proposed Jim Hallsall Seconded Steve Mann

Committee Member:- Ray Sutton Proposed John Graham Meadow Seconded Bill Nowell

Passed by the meeting

It was agreed that a separate meeting would take place of all team captains with the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer present to ensure communication with the main committee. At least 2 meeting per season

Team Captains:-

Eagles Chris Harding

Falcons Ray Sutton

Harriers John Stennett

Hawks George Hitchmough

Kestrels Richard Rawcliffe

Ospreys Kevin Leddy

Kites Brian Mycock

Merlins            George Hitchmough

Maghull League:- Sue Davis

Auditors            Leo Tobin, M Rowlinson

All agreed and passed by the meeting

**10:- Team Reports**

All leagues are commencing in April 2013.

**11 Resolutions**

No resolutions

**12 Any Other Business**

Green will open March 25<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)

Tuesday and Friday Round Robins will commence 5<sup>th</sup> April

Meeting closed at 9.00