

# BRADENHAM BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting to be held on  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
at 2.00pm

## MINUTES

**Chairman to open the Meeting.** The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. Those in attendance were Trevor Nelson, Peter Clements, Marie Ramm, Phil Hayward, Rosie Hall

Apologies for absence received from: John Wright & Simon Hillier

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Confirmation of true account of the minutes: Proposed by: David Henderson  
Seconded by: Rosie Hall

### 1. Matters Arising.

- a) 5a) Internal Post Box-Treasurer said the box was up and running and was helpful during the playing season in enabling league captains to drop rink fees & receipts off for collection and payment.
- b) 5b & c Benches will be moved eventually & Foldaway tables- Treasurer handed out some print outs of quotes for prices of foldaway for the committee to peruse over. He said the Village Hall could make use of our fixed table in the future certainly for the Village fete. He said of the two, they're both heavy duty showing prices for 6' x 2' x 1 & 4' x 2' x 6 (All reviews have positive and negative points) The chairman asked about the table in the VH. (They're produced by a company called Gopack, of various sizes, more expensive but are not foldable only the legs foldaway) The committee agreed that the Treasurer to source and purchase the table as required.
- c) On a separate note the Sec/Treasurer welcome Marie back after her recent hospital stay.

### 2. Correspondence:

- a) Breckland Council Recycling-Refund of £127.03
- b) Marie Ramm-Letter of thanks
- c) Richard Woolf-Standing down as Club Competition Capt. & submitting monthly notices to the Mardle, Website & Bradenham Community Hub.
- d) Tony Moore-Standing down as V/Chairman, Club Captain, Green Keeper, ACL Capt.
- e) Pat Ward-Resignation Letter

**3. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman said it was sad to hear of those leaving us for various reason and hoped these positions can be filled at the AGM. He said the season has gone really well.

### 4. Secretary's Report:

- a) Secretary said he was pleased with how the club has progressed this season, the membership is up on last year, the results in the leagues and competitions have improved on previous years, in addition, attendances at Drives have increased too. He wished every success to the teams at the DL Presentation Day, the MNL Cup this weekend, the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the Ashby Shield next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

- b) He thanked the committee for the hard work and dedication throughout the playing season which includes the Closed season activities of last winter and for your continued support as we look ahead to this winter.
- c) He mentioned with Tony & Richard standing down and Pat resigning he hoped that a suitable replacement will be come forward at the AGM and suggested to members of the committee to consider seeking a replacement within the membership by canvassing members with a view to taking on these roles.
- d) He mentioned he'd be happy to continue in both Hon Sec & Treasurer positions, if voted in at the AGM.
- e) With Tony's announcement in standing down as Greenkeeper, he canvassed all members with three options as to how move forward in maintaining the green. The option we're currently at is volunteers were sourced to operate the machinery and empty the barrows of grass cuttings. Primarily we need two each time, one to cut and one to empty the barrow. Of which we had four come forward to the learn how to operate the mower, and we a had a few who offered help in the barrow work. Not all members replied or offered help which is disappointing. He said was conscious and aware that some members are more abled bodied than others and accept that. But this will be addressed at the AGM.
- f) He thanked Rosie & Pauline who came up to the Pavilion earlier in the week and cleaned the toilets and other area in readiness for the DL Presentation Day.
- g) Congratulations go to all members of the ACL (B) for being top of their section and for become runners up at Horsford in a Champions playoff.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Since the last Committee Meeting, we have received income through:

- a) Rink Fees, Drives, Football Cards, BDC Glass Recycling of £127.03 & Lottery

We've had expenditure through:

- a) Maintenance of the Green which includes Compost, Fertiliser & Petrol for Tony & Ralph.
- b) Greenkeeper fees for June £130, Jul £180 & Aug £150
- c) Electricity, since May, after receiving a subsidy from the Government Energy Bills Discount Scheme (£150) our bills have been in credit where that credit has slowly reduced and as of today, we are showing a credit of 13p. The latest bill is due very soon.
- d) Catering for the purchase of milk & biscuits for matches, the price of Jammie Dodgers is on the increase.

As of today's meeting, we have cash in hand @ £372.56 and our Current Account stands at £10,512.88 giving us a Grand Total of **£10,885.44**

6. **League and Fixture Report:**

- a) Club Captain & Age Concern League (A): TM – In Tony's absence The Chairman said ACL (A) team had played 12, won, drawn 1 and lost 8 coming 6<sup>th</sup> in the league.
- b) Fixtures Secretary & Ashill Triples: PW – In Pat's absence the Sec/Treasurer said after being promoted last year we finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams in the league. He said that due to a shortage of female payers and the requisite to have a female player in each block he's recommending that we don't subscribe to that league next year. To be addressed at the AGM
- c) Dereham League & Age Concern League (B): TN – In the DL after challenging for 2<sup>nd</sup> spot we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> as per last season. In the ACL we did very well coming top of the league followed by coming runners up in the section play offs at Horsford. A satisfactory season with something to build on.

- d) Mid Norfolk League: Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> from bottom this year, a good 2<sup>nd</sup> half to the season won 5 & lost 5. MNL Cup final on Sunday at Whissonsett.
- e) Leagues for next season were discussed. TN happy to run the DL, PH if we can get enough to buy into it then yes to MNL. TN said we had two teams in the ACL, if we can get enough players interested, we'd look at how many teams we put forward. To be addressed at the AGM but the final decision will be made by the committee prior to the pre-season meeting.
- f) If it's agreed to pull out of the A3's league, discussions took place as to which league, we could enter.

#### 7. **Report on Green: PC & PH –**

- a) A small team of people came together PC, TN, PH & RF and after some instruction from Ted to operate the mowers, the green has been cut a few times, all seems to be going well. Ideally two people required one to cut and one to empty the wheelbarrow of cuttings.
- b) Treasurer has been in contact with Mark Keysell, from Origin Amenity Supplies and has agreed to supplying materials and providing a contractor to scarify, lay loam and reseed the green in mid-October. Date to follow.

#### 8. **Fund Raising:**

- a) Closed season social events 2023/24 – Proposed dates and events was discussed where a suggested list of events was handed out, noticeable absence was the Beetle Drive which due to limited space when everyone is seated. It proved difficult for people to change seats between games - Recommended it wasn't added – All agreed. - Treasurer suggested playing in house Bingo in lieu.
- b) Regarding the other activities apart from Bingo, the general consensus was it proved difficulty with an air of reluctance in providing a cooked meal whether it being soup, jacket potatoes and fillings as a result decision could not be made for each event. It was suggested that we run the normal events like Game of Hoy, various quizzes, in house Bingo and those that come to each event to bring a plate of food for a lower charge.
- c) **(After thought, not recorded)** Social functions have always been held with the emphasis of maintaining contact by bringing members together to meet up and socialise during the closed season. When a cooked meal is provided it always attracts more interest than when a plate of food is advertised/provided. Noticeably in previous these events have generated more funds for the club rather than asking for plate of food. All funds raised goes towards to the upkeep and running of the club.
- d) The Sec/Treasurer to speak to Simon Hillier regarding his view on providing Hot Dog lunch in light of these discussions. The Treasurer met with Simon & Katy on 22<sup>nd</sup> September who said they were happy to provide catering for **a)** the Tidy up day with Sausages & Bacon, the club pays for this which is aimed to bring people in to help in the tidy up. **b)** Soup & Dessert for one of the social function dates and **c)** Hot Dog Sausages & Cakes for another date. Other dates members to be asked to bring a plate of food.

#### 9. **Any other business**

- a) Dereham Presentation Event TN – 2 blocks of three to play.
- b) Greenkeeper from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023-Already discussed.
- c) Review of Membership, Rink, & Drive fees for 2024.- Discussed and recommended to remain. Membership to be informed at the Pre-season meeting.
- d) A suggestion was made for a notice to be displayed regarding defibrillator and the use of what three words. **What three words location for Bradenham Bowls Club is:**

[///worms.attracts.areas](http://worms.attracts.areas)

**10. Forthcoming Dates:**

- a) Finals Day Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- b) AGM-Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm
- c) Tidy Up Day – 10.30am Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- d) Christmas Bingo – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

11. **Date of next meeting:** 2.00pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
2.00pm Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023  
2.00pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

12. There being no further business the meeting closed at: 3.23pm



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