

Minutes

of the Annual General Meeting of
 Bradenham Bowls Club held on Thursday 6th October 2022
 at 7.30pm at Bradenham Bowls Club

Members Present: Chairman Simon Hillier, Hon Treasurer Peter Clements, Ray and Rosie Hall, Tony Moore, Mick Findlay, Marie Ramm, Ted and Jean Savage, George & Pat Davison, Pauline Middleton, Trevor Nelson, Phil Hayward, John Eames, Ralph Kingsley, David Henderson, Pat Ward & Bob Parry.

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	The Chairman opened the meeting , welcomed and thanked everyone for turning out and attending and the it was good to see a large number there.
1.	Apologies of Absence were received from Richard Woolf, Greta Parry, John Wright, Gordon Ramm, Alan & Steff Hubble
2.	Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 3 rd October 2019, having previously been circulated, were adopted as a true record after being proposed by Trevor Nelson and seconded by Tony Moore and unanimously agreed.
3.	Matters Arising: Trevor, said the since the last AGM Bill Shingfield had passed away.
4.	Chairman's Report: Simon said he was very pleased as to how the season had gone and that new members had settled in. He thanked Tony for his hard work and the many hours he'd put in to keep the green in such great condition, particularly during the dry weather. He thanked the Treasurer for the many jobs he does he's undertaken for the club which is greatly appreciated. Noticeably the time he spent in arranging for the kitchen to be stripped and refitted plus additional shelving to display the numerous trophies. Thanks to Roly & Luke Findlay in supplying and fitting the under-sink water heater of which Roly waived his fee. All club Captains for the hard work throughout in putting fixtures together and running their leagues the season, noticeably Trevor & Phil who took on their role for the first time this year. To Richard for running the club comp and keeping the club focused on the local media. To everyone else who helped and supported the club in numerous ways whether it's setting up prior to and after matches, making tea, washing up or providing food. All very much appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed.
5.	<p>Act/Secretaries Report: Peter said before he goes onto the Treasurers Report, he thanked Simon for his support as Chairman, plus his help and assistance in many ways in keeping the club running. He is standing down as Chairman tonight and hoped he continues to be part of the club; we look forward to seeing you on the other side.</p> <p>As Simon has touched on a few points Peter apologised if I repeat anything in his report but being without a Club Secretary since 2018, he gave a bit of a roundup of the past 12 months.</p> <p>Back in October 2021 we were relieved that the restrictions imposed on us because of Covid-19 we're being eased and that life in general was getting back to some form of normality.</p> <p>We observed a few moments of silence to reflect on the passing of Club members Bill Shingfield, Ronnie Cafyn & Gordon Rosher, apologies if I've missed anyone out.</p>

The Winter Social calendar of 2021/22 got off to a rocky start due to numerous members having Covid or the Super Cold virus doing the rounds, as a result the Quiz night was cancelled.

The Christmas Bingo went ahead in early December with an excellent turn out of people from local and surrounding areas. Other events followed which was Game of Hoy, Quiz with Hot Dog lunch, all well supported.

Our thanks must go to Tony for his continued hard work in maintaining the green throughout the closed & playing season. His role as Greenkeeper takes up much of his time and you can't fault Tony on his commitment. He does receive a nominal payment from the club for his work and we're looking at increasing this to reflect the increase in fuel costs which will be back dated.

The autumn tidy up day of 2021 and spring tidy up day of 2022 was well supported with many hands making lite work, reciprocated at the end with Sausages & Bacon rolls with the sausages supplied by Simon & Katy. It is planned to hold another tidy up day soon which will announced later in the meeting. Sausages & Bacon rolls included.

This year saw Ted Savage taking a step back from cutting the outer green due to health reasons, our thanks go to Ted for his support. Thanks also go to Bob who has kindly stepped up to the mark to follow in Teds footsteps or shall we say the Honda mowers tracks.

Various discussions were had in relation to spending some of the Covid grants we'd received by making improvements. At the last AGM it was mentioned we were proceeding with the installation of Bifold doors along the front however, due to the difficulty in finding a reliable & availability of the workforce along with the associated costs, it was decided to cancel that plan and have a rethink. We decided upon upgrading the kitchen area and with the help of a local villager who holds a trade account with Howdens we drew up plans and submitted our requirements to Howdens who very kindly donated the kitchen free of charge. The kitchen has since been installed and the deposit for the Bifold doors was refunded.

League & Fixture meetings went ahead and thanks to Tony in managing the Age Concern League, Pat the Ashill Triples & fixtures, plus Phil for the Mid Norfolk League & Trevor the Dereham League. You'll hear their league reports later in the meeting

We had an Open Day, and everyone was pleased to be back on the green. Thanks to all those who contributed food etc

Inter Club Competition went ahead this year in a slightly different format. In the absence of Richard Woolf this evening due to Covid. Richard had submitted a report which Peter read out little later.

On the 26th August, we hosted a Touring group from Hedge End which went well. The outcome was a draw 93 to 93 – thanks to all for making it an enjoyable afternoon

The mid-season fun day on Sunday 17th July was cancelled due to the extreme heatwave but the end of season fun day & finals day went ahead and was well supported. Thanks, go to all contributors for the food supplied.

- The Spyder was won by Roly
- The Drive was won by Rosie & Pete
- 50/50 board £30 Phil Hayward & £20 Trevor
- Bowls in the Bucket Challenge - Roly (we now need a new bucket)
- Bowls in the Hole - Mick Findlay
- Target Bowls – Mick Findlay
- Roy MacDonald-Jackson Shield – Bob Parry

- Club Comp-Mixed Single Cup -Mike Findlay

A raffle was held, and it appears that Mike Findlay had a grip on the tickets, as he won most of the prizes. A good day was had by all.

Peter gave a special thank you to our unsung heroes who often go unmentioned but are always there to help and support the Bowls Club. They are our wives, husbands and or partners, plus friends in the village etc. Their support and assistance are very much appreciated.

Finally, Peter thanked Richard for his continued support in reporting on the Club's website, the Mardle and the Bradenham Hub. He knows that some members don't use these platforms, but it is a way of advertising the club and is read by many out there.

Your committee works hard all year round to ensure the smooth running of the Club along with social events in the winter. If anyone feels they could contribute to the Committee in pushing the club forward into the future, you'd be more than welcome to join us.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Peter said he'd circulated copies of the accounts along with a full breakdown of our income and expenditure for the last two years.

Our membership for this season is 29 which includes 2 life members & 1 Associate member.

From October 2021 we conducted a small number of closed season social activities in the form of a Christmas Bingo, Game of Hoy & Lunch and Hot Dog Lunch & Quiz etc. All enjoyed by those who attended

Our income for this year saw an increase in:

- Rink fees, Drives & Subscriptions
- Fund Raising also benefited which saw an increase in the Christmas Bingo, Bonus Ball Lottery, Football Cards, Raffles and Winter Social Activities.
- Bradenham Fete
- Bottle Bank Rebate from Breckland District Council.
- Sale of club items & green machinery
- Refund for Bifold doors & kitchen refurbishment items
- A £150 donation from Littleprouds the Funeral Directors

As with income, expenditure is closely followed, and this year is no different which attributes itself too:

Maintenance of the Green continued throughout, and thanks go to Tony for his commitment in ensuring the green was kept in excellent condition which is the envy of some visiting club's. The inevitable servicing of the mowers and sprayers etc along with fertilizer, soluble iron, top dressing, petrol, and other consumables to enable Tony to continue with the maintenance of the green. The biggest outlay was for a 3 in 1 mower which at the same time enabled us to off load other machinery for a refund.

You'll notice an expenditure for the Kitchen & Pavilion refurb. Although the kitchen was donated by Howdens the vast bulk of the expenditure was for:

- Purchase of a under sink hot water heater
- Plumbing fixtures and fittings
- An electrician to rewire cabling and install electrical sockets

- Purchase electrical consumables i.e., cabling, sockets and plugs etc
- Splashbacks for the kitchen area
- Shelving & supports in the ladies & gent toilet
- Shelving & supports in the main pavilion to display trophies etc.

Prior to the work commencing the area had to be stripped back and made good before the installation took place. My thanks go Howdens for supplying the kitchen, my neighbour who negotiated with Howdens and helping me in the work. To Roly & Luke Findlay for all their plumbing work. Roly waived his fee but did ask for Luke's fee to be paid of which I was more than happy to do so.

- To the electrician for the rewiring, the installation of sockets and testing. All who provided a service at a discounted rate.
- To Rosie & Ray in lining the trophies on the shelf and putting everything back in the cupboards and drawers on completion of the work.
- And finally, to Mike Findlay who by default took on the role of Project Manager he would suddenly appear when the kettle was boiling.

Anglian water issued us with an improvement notice on the outside stop tap by the green to conform with water regulations. Roly & Luke Findlay sourced the fixtures and fittings and completed the work for us which was passed by Anglian Water.

Donations of £300 for labour costs as agreed by the committee for the kitchen and pavilion refurbishment. £60 Village fete

In conclusion, on the 30th September 2022 we had cash in hand of **£264.24** and **£13,309.09** in the Santander current account giving us a Grand total of **£13,573.33**. He said the reason for holding so much as cash in hand was due to change was needed for the Christmas Bingo. This amount will reduce after the event.

That completed the Treasurers report, he allowed time for any questions.

- A question was asked as to why we'd not paid Ground rent & water rates to our tenants the Bradenham Football club (BFC). Peter said due to the amount of water we used we would no longer pay a set amount of £170 per. They (BFC) would bill is accordingly on usage. To date since 2019 (BFC) have not submitted a bill, even after repeated calls to do so. Peter also said that on this day he had a bill via email from (BFC) which will show on the next AGM accounts.

There being no further questions the meeting was asked to adopt the accounts as a true record.

- Proposed by Rosie Hall and seconded by Trevor Nelson and was unanimously agreed

7. **Club Captain's Report:** Tony Moore thanked everyone who played this year and was impressed by the standard of the new players. He thanked Phil, Trevor & Pat for their work on their leagues and fixtures. We unfortunately lost the Ashby Shield this year but hoped to regain it next.

Tony mentioned he was doing a lot of work on the green to put it to bed with treatment for moss, spiking, loam and seeding but should see the benefits after the winter. Tony's view was he'd like to see the green opened.

He mentioned he'd been approached by some clubs with a view to holding some friendly matches later next year to fill gaps around August time.

8. **League Captains Report:**
- **Dereham League: TN** – Played 16, won 9, drawn 2 & lost 5 our final position was joint 3rd with Aldiss Park. Thanks to everyone who contributed towards playing in the league. We hosted the Dereham league Presentation Day on Saturday 10th which was a good day . Proceeds for this day went to Dereham Hosp. Thanks to Phil and John Wright who covered for Trevor a couple of times on matches.
 - **Mid Norfolk League: PH** – Not the same success as other leagues, played 10 games won 2, lost the last three heavily. Finished bottom of the leagues. WE didn't have many people subscribe to this league and a discussion to be had as to whether we continue in the MNL.
 - **Age Concern League: TM** – We've done all right, finished mid table placed 3rd out of six teams. He said two other teams will be joining the league next year.
 - **Ashill Triples: PW** – Finished 2nd in the league

9. **Club Competition Report:** In the absence of Richard, Peter read out a report from Richard regarding the club competition:
- “During the past season a new format for the Inter Club Competition was trialled. It was based on a ‘round robin’ consisting of four groups with a maximum of five players in each group.
- Unfortunately, during the competition four players withdrew but the overall spirit of the competition was undaunted.
- On completion of the round robin stage the winner and second in each group entered a quarter final, semi-final, and final stage by virtue of a knockout format. The result of every game was determined by the first person to 11 shots. The fewest number of ends taken to achieve this was four and the most 16. The average number of ends was 9. Overall, the competition ran smoothly with most matches finished as per the schedule. I appreciate members expressed concern with games being played at the same time as a roll up on Sundays and detracting from the purpose of roll ups. Nevertheless, I feel some time might be allocated on Sundays during the month of August for matches to be completed in a timelier manner.
- From discussions with participants, I felt the competition was a success and one I propose should be continued next year. However, if members feel we should revert to the previous straight knockout format I would be happy to undertake organise that as well.”
- Peter said that Richard will be invited to a committee meeting prior to the Pre-Season Meeting to decide on the format for 2023.

10. The election of the committee was undertaken and agreed as follows:

Election of Committee:		Proposer
Chairman	Trevor Nelson	Phil Hayward
Vice Chair	Tony Moore	Pat Ward
Hon Secretary	Peter Clements	Jean Savage
Treasurer	Peter Clements	Marie Ramm
Club Captain	Tony Moore	Trevor Nelson
Ashill Triples Captain	Pat Ward	Tony Moore
Age Concern League Captain	Tony Moore	Pat Ward
Dereham League Captain	Trevor Nelson	Marie Ramm
Mid Norfolk League Captain	Phil Hayward	Peter Clements
Fixtures Secretary	Pat Ward (with Trevor)	Marie Ramm
Club Competition Captain	Richard Woolf	Marie Ramm
Green Keeper	Tony Moore	Mick Findlay

	Committee Members	Rosie Hall David Henderson Simon Hillier Marie Ramm	All agreed to sit on the Committee for another year
11.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a. Membership: Mick Findlay was unanimously voted in as a Life Member.</p> <p>b. Club Website: In Richards absence it was discussed to have it updated with more contact details on the website.</p> <p>c. Subscriptions: to remain as £30pp, Rink fees as £2pp, Drive fees £1 for member £2 for non-members. All agreed</p> <p>d. Fund Raising: To continue with the lottery, 50/50 board, Football cards & raffles.</p> <p>e. Tidy Up Day: Agreed as Sunday 16th October at 10.00am. Sausages & Bacon rolls supplied</p> <p>f. Winter Social Activities: Programme of event was distributed and asked for support at these events.</p> <p>g. Christmas Bingo: Friday 2nd December 7 for 7.30pm - Raffle & Bingo Prizes was asked for and given to any committee member in the village at the latest by Friday 25th November 2022</p> <p>h. Christmas Lunch: Was requested, Peter to arranged with Kings Café.</p> <p>i. Members photograph: John Eames asked if we could have a group club photograph, it was agreed, and the ideal time would be at the Open Day next year in club shirts.</p> <p>j. Younger members: The possibility of encouraging your members into the club was discussed particularly on fete day – the difficulty is retaining new younger in an older person’s sport. The introduction to Carpet Bowls during the winter is a good steppingstone.</p>		
12.	The next AGM will take place on Thursday 5 th October 2023		
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm		

Signed:
Chairman

Date: