

**Minutes of the 96th Tendring Hundred & District Bowling
Association Management
Annual General Meeting held on 7th November 2019**

Present

Dave Watts, Ernie Goodyear, Clive Pettican, Mark Hale

Delegates

Nigel Foulkes Brantham, Brian Hobbs Clacton, Ron Spendlove Dovercourt, Dave West Frinton, Brian Ward Happy Valley, Jim Tank Holland on Sea, Frank Quinn Kirby, Peter Andrews Mistley & Manningtree, Terry Stevens Thorpe, Ron Bennett Wivenhoe

The President opened the meeting with a minutes silence for those members who had passed away since the last AGM.

Apologies for their absence were received from Adrian Mann and Phil Armstrong.

The minutes of the AGM held on 8th November 2018 were approved and signed by Dave Watts.

There was no matters arising from those minutes.

Secretaries Report

Clive explained that we had largely a new committee this year and thanked the clubs, their members and the delegates for bearing with us whilst we all learned and came to terms with our new roles.

Clive thanked Gary Robinson, the departing Web Master, and welcomed his replacement Ron Bennett.

Clive announced that Ray Hunt would not be standing for re election as Match Secretary and thanked him for his time and commitment in the role and to show the committees appreciation Mark Hale proposed that Ray become a Life Member of the Association which was passed unopposed.

Clive explained that this year he had attempted to obtain new sponsorship from Stena Shipping Line but was not successful. Clive asked that if any clubs or delegates had any ideas in this area he would be pleased to hear from them and would vigorously pursue any leads.

Clive said that Wivenhoe's letter to Phil Armstrong on 10th August regarding an incident on What's App was discussed by the committee and it was agreed the incident had been satisfactorily dealt with and no changes were required in the current use of this new tool which generally worked very well during the season.

Clive explained that the presentation dinner/dance at the Clacton Gold Club was in itself a success except that only 46 tickets were sold and the Association just about broke even. Clive explained that the Association was not in the business of making a profit but we did need to at least break even and if prices increase next year this may not be possible. Clive said the committee would endeavour to publicise next years event more effectively but would ask the delegates to take this message back to their committee's who would, hopefully, emphasise to their members that the event was in danger next year.

The committee would discuss in January the details of next years dinner/dance including the venue and the cost.

League Secretaries Report:

Phil Armstrong has resigned from this post and in his absence Ernie Goodyear reported that he had

completed the Windsor League fixtures and had produced drafts for the Premier and Stanford leagues dependent on the outcome of the vote below.

Competition Secretaries Report

Due to Phil Armstrong's absence there was no report

Match Secretaries Report

Outgoing Match Secretary Ray Hunt sent a report which Clive Pettican read out. Ray said that with the help of the clubs and members all match commitments were fulfilled during the season.

During Ray's years as Match Secretary we had achieved 100% turnout.

All outdoor games had been allocated on a rota basis bringing in extra cash for those clubs involved.

Ray thanked the clubs caterers and green keepers for their efforts without whom there would not have been any games.

Ray was surprised when he heard that a nomination had been received for the position of Match Secretary, however, to save any embarrassment Ray decided he would not go forward for re-election.

Treasurer's Report

In Adrian's absence due to his wedding anniversary he sent in a report which Clive Pettican read out.

Adrian thanked everyone for their support in his first year as treasurer and thanked Ernie for checking the books.

There had been extra expense this year on pennants, lapel badges £482.34, bowls stickers £61.33, Umpire £50, 100 more first time badges £284.94, however all of these will last us for a number of years.

Adrian reiterated Clive's comments on the dinner/dance.

Adrian said we could do with more company's coming forward to advertise in our handbook so if anyone knew of any companies who might be interested please let Clive or himself know.

Adrian thanked Peter Halliday for his continued support and OPS UK Ltd who had come forward this year.

Adrian said he is still waiting for the competition fees from Phil Armstrong and had asked Phil to send these to him.

Several proposals were voted on and here are the results.

From Frinton.

All clubs in the Premier League to submit their 12 (genuine) A team players prior to the start of the season, these players would then be ineligible to play in the Windsor League. Any unnamed player playing 2/3 times for their Premier League A side would also become ineligible to play in the Windsor League.

For 3, Against 7

Wivenhoe Bowls Club is keen to have a mixed league and we propose that we have a mixed league with 2/3 rinks per team. Every rink to have one person of each gender. We suggest Monday evening as this inconveniences the least Players.

For 3, Against 6

Suggestions raised at the last delegates meeting to be voted on.

Tendring Two Wood competition to be a one day event at one Club.

For 9, Against 1

It is too late to implement this for 2019 but Clive will contact all clubs to ascertain who is interested in holding this and convenient dates and the revised Two Wood competition will run from 2020.

Knockout Trophy/Plate to remain as the current format.

For 1, Against 8

The committee will discuss the new format for implementation in 2020.

Ladies to be able to play in the Windsor League should any club need to use them.

For 3, Against 5

In view of the above result a proposal was received from Peter Andrew of Mistley and Manningtree and seconded by Jim Tang that the Windsor League games consisted of 3 teams instead of 4.

For 2, Against 7

This result prompted further discussion and it was explained that Mistley and Manningtree only have 10 men available to play in the Windsor League and would need to resign from this league if they were not able to make up the numbers from their ladies. It was agreed that an exception could be made for Mistley and Manningtree to make up any shortfall by using their ladies for next season only after which the situation would be reviewed. A proposal was received to this effect.

For 9, Against 0

Two down from the Premier League and one up from the Stanford League.

For 9, Against 1

Wednesday evening matches with meals to be dropped. This was discussed in some detail and it was agreed that there was no issue to vote on.

Election of Officers

President Ernie Goodyear

Vice President Terry Stevens

Immediate Past President Dave Watts

Secretary Clive Pettican

Treasurer Adrian Mann

League Secretary Ron Bennett

Competition Secretary Phil Armstrong

Match Secretary Mark Hale

Committee Member Peter Halliday

There is a vacancy for one committee member so if the club secretaries could let their members know and anyone who is interested please contact the secretary Clive Pettican.

Any Other Business

Ernie Goodyear will liaise with new League Secretary Ron Bennett regarding the league fixtures.

The outgoing President Dave Watts closed the meeting at 21.20