

## **Minutes of the 97th Annual General Meeting held at Brightlingsea Bowling Club on 25th November 2021.**

### **Present.**

Terry Stevens, Clive Pettican, Mark Hale, Peter Halliday, Ron Bennett, Dave Watts.

### **Delegates.**

Nigel Foulkes Brantham, Connor Mathers Brightlingsea, Brian Hobbs Clacton, David Barnard Dovercourt, Alan Wilcox Frinton, Peter White Happy Valley, Keith Ashman, Kirby, Peter Andrews Mistley and Manningtree, Brian Hopkins Thorpe, Mick Toole Wivenhoe.

The Vice 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 Ernie Goodyear.

The minutes of the AGM held on 7th November 2019 were approved and signed by Clive Pettican.

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

### **Secretaries Report.**

Clive explained that the clubs had returned to something like normal with all three leagues operating, together with the Inter Club Knockout Competition and the Tendring Competitions. However, socialising after games was restricted and it remains to be seen if this will return to something like normal in 2022.

All clubs returned their league entry forms for 2022 and there were nine teams entered in the Premier League and six for the Stanford. Therefore, as previously discussed two teams were relegated from the Premier League, Kirby and Clacton B and Holland on Sea were promoted from the Stanford.

Seventeen teams were entered in the Windsor League, Kirby A were relegated from the Windsor A League and Wivenhoe B were promoted from the Windsor B. One new team was entered, Frinton B and they were put in the Windsor B League. Therefore there are eight teams in the Windsor A League and nine in the Windsor B League.

There was an increase in the number of entries for the Tendring Knockout Competitions to eighty eight players. Due to Phil Armstrong not standing for re election as Competition Secretary and no nominations being received for this position we have decided to split the Competition Secretaries role within the committee between Peter Halliday and myself, Peter will handle all the on field duties on semi final and finals day whilst I will do the admin behind the scenes.

2023 is the centenary of THDBA and we are pleased to announce that agreement has been reached for a game against the Chelsea Pensioners and hopefully another one against Bowls England, further detail will be announced in due course.

The idea of holding our meetings at different clubs appears to have gone down well and we intend to continue this in the future.

### **League Secretaries Report.**

Ron Bennett explained that the league season had gone smoothly and he was looking forward to 2022. Ron explained that the publication of the league fixtures would be delayed next year as he waited for Essex Competition dates to try and reduce the amount of clashes.

### **Competition Secretaries Report.**

As this post is vacant please see Clive's comments above.

### **Match Secretaries Report.**

Mark explained that he had arranged the Tendring fixtures for 2022 and asked that more players put their names down for games.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

In Adrian's absence due to having to work he sent in a report which Clive Pettican read out.

Adrian said that he had prepared the accounts which were checked and verified by Clive and any questions which were not answered on the night could be E Mailed to him. The account balance sheet was handed out at the AGM.

Adrian thanked the committee for not putting any expenses in this year which was a great help with income being reduced.

Adrian said that there would be increased expenditure with the centenary in 2023 with two prestige games being arranged, both of which had to be paid for in advance.

Adrian said we need to decide if the committee are going to purchase Tendring shirts and how we would recoup that money if we went ahead.

Adrian said we had lost four sponsors this year and encouraged players to think if they knew anyone who would be interested in placing an advert in the handbook or sponsoring the Tendring shirt purchase.

Adrian said the association's financial assets were £2,745.93 at the year end.

Several proposals were voted on, here are the results.

From **Wivenhoe**.

Propose that the Tendring Two Wood competition is played to 21 ends and that it is played on one day down to the last four players who then enter the competition at the semi final.

This would bring the competition into line with the National and County Two Wood competitions.

**For 10. Against 0.**

Wivenhoe Bowls Club proposes that the Windsor League should remain as three rinks of triples for the following reasons.

1. With 3 rinks, 2 teams could play on the same green allowing clubs to enter more than 2 teams. It would allow any one club the option of entering a maximum of 4 teams ie 36 players as opposed to the current restriction of 24 players.
2. There may be clubs that do not have 12 regular players but could find 9 players.
3. This format would allow greater flexibility for both small and large clubs.

**For 6. Against 4.**

Brantham's proposal of going back to 4 rinks in the Windsor was not voted upon as the Wivenhoe proposal was received first and proposals are voted on in the order they were received.

From **Clacton**.

- **County 2 Wood Day.** No league games played so that players may enter.
- **County Semi Finals.** No league games played so that players can go and support teams.
- **County Finals.** No league games played so that players can go and support teams from our area.

At this stage Peter Halliday asked Brian Hobbs ( Clacton Delegate) if he could add a supplementary proposal 'that if any Tendring players were playing in the Middleton Cup any league games affected could be rearranged by right and not need the agreement of both clubs involved. Brian agreed to this as the forth proposal.

Proposal 1. **For 10. Against 0.**

Proposal 2. **For 9. Against 1.**

Proposal 3. **For 9. Against 1.**

**Proposal 4. For 7. Against 2. Abstentions 1.**

Finally an emergency motion from the committee appertaining to the Windsor League.

Following our recent discussion around ladies playing in the Windsor League in accordance with our decision on the 10th April 2021 to allow such action pending review we the committee propose the following.

“ That the Windsor Leagues remain open to the selection of ladies be it out of necessity or merit for the coming season and furthermore if this is deemed successful and acceptable through our delegate meetings proposals will be put forward at next years AGM to address any constitutional changes that need to be made to make this a permanent change to the Windsor League’s format.”

The committee have submitted this emergency motion as the anticipated motion from the delegates has not been received and the outstanding matter of ladies playing in the Windsor Leagues needed to be resolved.

**For 8. Against 2.**

#### **Election of Officers.**

President Terry Stevens.

Vice President. Brian Hobbs.

Immediate Past President. Ernie Goodyear.

Secretary. Clive Pettican.

Treasurer. Adrian Mann.

League Secretary. Ron Bennett.

Competition Secretary. Vacant.

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.

As the Windsor League is remaining at three rinks any clubs wishing to enter more teams need to let me know by 31st December. Any additional teams will go into the Windsor B League. An equalisation process will be applied to ensure the leagues remain equal.

**Any Other Business.**

None.

The President Terry Stevens closed the meeting at 20.50.