

Minutes of the 99th Annual General Meeting held at Thorpe Bowl Club on 24th November 2022

Present

Terry Stevens, Brian Hobbs, Ron Bennett, Adrian Mann, Mark Hale, David Watts, Clive Pettican, Peter Halliday, Brian Hopkins, Thorpe, Peter White, Happy Valley, Ian Johnston, Holland on Sea, Bryan Humphrey, Kirby, David Barnyard, Dovercourt, Graham Dansey, Brightlingsea, Nigel Foakes, Brantham, Alan Wilcox, Frinton, Karen Thompson, Mistley & Manningtree, Martin Toole, Wivenhoe, Albert Twells, Wivenhoe, Derek Emms, Wivenhoe, Nigel Harridge, Wivenhoe, Ken Clarke, Wivenhoe, Ken Vivash, Holland on Sea, Barry Cooper, Holland on Sea, Norman Morgan, Clacton, Phil Armstrong, Frinton, David West, Frinton, I Clarke, Mistley & Manningtree, T Henman, Mistley & Manningtree, R Dunn, Holland on Sea, Derreck Parry, Brantham, Steve Dansey, Brightlingsea

Apologies

Nil

The President opened the meeting with a one minutes silence in respect of those members who had passed away since the last AGM.

The President then thanked all those present, due to the poor weather conditions, for attending this AGM. He thought it could have been the highest attendance he had known. He also like give a big thank to the Officers and Members of the Association for all their work done during the season.

The minutes of the AGM held on 25th November 2021 and were approved and signed by the President.

There were no matters arising from the minutes

Hon. Secretary Report

The Secretary informed the meeting that Bowls England would not be sending a team to play Tendring for our centenary celebrations but that the Chelsea Pensioners would be attending in May. There would be a cost for this game but it has already been allocated. He then went on to inform the meeting this would be his last as Secretary so he thanked everybody for making his office an enjoyable one and thanked Ron Bennett for his help and best of luck to him if he is voted in as the new Secretary.

There would be no refunds for players pulling out of competitions.

Election of Officers & Committee for 2022/2023

President	B. Hobbs (Clacton)
Vice President	P. Halliday (Happy Valley)
Past President	T. Stevens (Thorpe)
Hon. Secretary	R. Bennett (Wivenhoe) Proposed P.Halliday Seconded A. Mann (Thorpe) Carried
Hon. Treasurer	A. Mann (Thorpe)
League Secretary	R. Bennett (Wivenhoe)
Competition Sec	P. Armstrong (Frinton) Proposed P.White Seconded D.Barnard Carried
Match Secretary	M. Hale (Thorpe)
Assistant Team Capt	B. Hopkins (Thorpe) Proposed P. Armstrong Seconded P.White Carried

At this stage of the meeting T. Stevens, President and C. Pettican, Hon. Secretary stood down.

The League Secretary thanked everybody from Officers to all bowlers for last season. There were a few problems but they had been sorted out very quickly. Fixtures will be available as soon as possible. A big thank you was given to Clive for all his help in the hand over.

Hon. Competition Secretary

The Competition Secretary thanked the League Secretary for all his help in running the competitions. There had been 85 players during the season so he was hoping that there would be an increase this forthcoming season. He felt the competitions had run very smoothly. Wivenhoe stated that this was not the case as some Windsor games had been organised for two a week and that the mixed pairs and pairs competition had the same dates. The Competition apologised for this, and every effort would be made to make sure this did not happen again. Refunds would not be given to players if they pull out of any competition.

Hon. Match Secretary

There are still 2 indoor games to be completed. Women will be allowed to play in these games. Sheets will be distributed to clubs. The Chelsea Pensioners Centenary game is going ahead and will have to be paid for by the League. £300 had been forwarded to this where the Treasurer had run 4 raffles at matches. He proposed that the match fees have to be increased due to rise of providing food at games. He would speak to the players regarding this.

Hon. Treasurer

The Treasurer reported we were £600 down but felt there was no reason to increase membership fees for the forthcoming season. Could Clubs please enter their name on any cheques sent into the Treasurer. The cost of pennants had gone up by 25%. Engraving, website and officials' expense was still to be finalised.

At this moment in time pennants were presented to winners: Premier League Happy Valley, Stanford League Thorpe, Windsor A Dovercourt, Windsor B Frinton.

Proposals

Wivenhoe and Brightlingsea had both asked for more games to be played on a Wednesday. The meeting was reminded that Clubs could change any Saturday game to the following Friday as long as both Clubs agreed to it and as per rule.

Brantham proposed that Ladies could play in the Windsor A. They were informed that the Windsor League would be run as per the season just gone.

Proposal from Dovercourt asking the Windsor League teams be increased to four triples per team instead of the current three triples. After a discussion it was decided that, like the Brantham proposal, the League would be run as per the current season.

Wivenhoe proposed and seconded by Brightlingsea that the rule regarding league games to be cancelled when club members were selected to play in the Middleton cup. This was not carried.

Dovercourt had asked that the current three triples be increase to four triples. There was no seconder so the proposal was lost and the competition would continue as three triples. Not carried

P.Halliday, on behalf of the Committee, proposed wording change to Rule 6.

If a Match is not played BOTH clubs must inform the League Secretary immediately. If the reason for Abandonment or Postponement have come about through reasons other than those in Rule 8g (i, ii, iii) the offending side will be deducted 10 points (carried over to the next year if relegation ensues) and 30 shots from their shot total and the Opponents will be awarded 5 points and 30 shots to their total. (Continue paragraph as written)

Proposed wording change to Rule 8 Postponement or Abandonment

(a) Teams must adhere to the dates agreed as Fixtures. No Postponements or Abandonments being allowed except on account of:

(i) Adverse Weather Conditions (Temperatures of 30 degrees or above, Waterlogged Green or Lightning).

(ii) Insufficient Daylight.

(iii) Unfit green.

(b) The decision for Postponement or Abandonment from the above causes (8a i,ii,iii) will be made by the Home Team Captain in consultation with the away Team Captain who must be present at the Green with their Squad. No weather-related Postponements will be made by Phone or before 1 hour before the game is due to proceed. (Continue paragraph as written)

Both proposals were carried

Teams will be allowed to select female players as per this season just completed. It was proposed that we contact the Tendring Ladies. Carried

Wivenhoe proposed that the Windsor games be restricted to one game a week and that the number of teams in each league be reduced to accommodate this so if a third league is required then is should be established. A close watch on this would take place depending on how many teams there are. Carried

Any other business

There was no other business

The President thank, once again, all present for turning out and closed the meeting at 2050.