



FRIENDS OF ENGLISH BOWLING

MINUTES OF 2nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st AUGUST 2008 AT BEACH HOUSE PARK, LYNDHURST ROAD, WORTHING, SUSSEX

1.00 PRESENT

The Chairman opened the meeting which was attended by 61 members and all members of the Committee as follows:

Graham Clark (Chairman), John Durston (Hon.Match Secretary), Kath Lloyd (Acting Treasurer), Mike Poole (Acting Membership Secretary), Tony Allcock MBE, and Roger Carter (Hon.Secretary)

2.00 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from David Mitchell Gears (Vice Chairman), John & Freddie Austin, John O'Shea (Oxford), Howard Pryse, Derek Francis (Wilts), Don Fox, Philip Clewes Garner (Herts), Charles Frederick (Cambs), Bryan Fox (Gloucs), John Percy (IOW), Roy Briscoe (Worcs), David & Vi Richardson (Bucks), Ken Boobyer (Devon), John Marshall (Berks), Roger Kirkpatrick (Leics), Mike Rich (Hants), Geoff Wilkinson (Notts), Peter Cast, Tony Dodge, David Wetherell (Somerset), Pat Geary (Beds) & George Brennan (Hunts).

3.00 INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN (Graham Clark)

The Chairman, Graham Clark, welcomed all present to the second Annual General Meeting of the Association and presented his report that had been tabled at the meeting. Graham drew the attention of the meeting to the severe illness of the Vice Chairman, David Mitchell Gears, over the past several months. David was sent the best wishes of the Association for a speedy and complete recovery.

4.00 MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2007

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23 August 2007 at EBA Headquarters were proposed as a true record by Mike Newth (Sussex), seconded by Ian Morrill (IOW) agreed by the meeting and signed accordingly by the Chairman.

5.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES AGM 23.08.07

There were no matters arising

6.00 MINUTES SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 01 DECEMBER 2007

The Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 01 December 2007 at New Connaught Rooms, London were proposed as a true record by Dennis Taylor (Herts) seconded by Adie Lloyd (Wilts) agreed by the meeting and signed accordingly by the Chairman.

7.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES SGM 01.12.07

There were no matters arising

8.00 REPORT FROM HON.SECRETARY (Roger Carter)

8.01 The Secretary reported on the Friend's efforts over the past year including sponsorship of the Ladies Champion of Champions event where letters of thanks had been received.

8.02 The Secretary reported that the database of members was currently up to date including Email addresses of members where known. This was proving useful in keeping records of subscriptions and sending out items by electronic mail so reducing on postage costs.

Members were asked to advise the Secretary of any changes of address etc.

8.03 Newsletters had been sent out to members in November 07 and July 08 and had been very well received.

8.04 The Secretary was thanked for his report and efforts over the past year.

- 9.00 REPORT FROM ACTING MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Mike Poole)
- 9.01 Mike Poole presented his report for the year following the resignation of John Austin and the current situation regarding membership. He had sent out letters to 40 reluctant payers and the majority had rejoined and subscriptions had been received.
- 9.02 Members were asked to encourage new members within their Counties which would help the Association to sponsor more events.
A flyer was to be produced that could be circulated at all County Dinners, BE Dinners, BE President's Matches and FEB matches and also for general circulation.
- 10.00 REPORT FROM ACTING TREASURER (Kath Lloyd)
- 10.01 Kath Lloyd presented her report for the year having taken over following the resignation of John Austin and reported on the current situation. Kath gave details of income and expenditure for the year and presented the balance sheet. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Keith Wilson (Essex), seconded by Chris Leake (Suffolk) and agreed by the meeting.
- 10.02 The Treasurer recommended that subscription remain at their current level for the next year. This was proposed for acceptance by Ian Morrill (IOW) seconded by Mike Newth (Sussex) and agreed by the meeting.
- 11.00 REPORT FROM MATCH SECRETARY (John Durston)
- 11.01 The Match Secretary reported that matches had been played or arranged during the 2008 season against Dorset CBA at Gillingham, the annual match against Bowls England competing for the Ian Woodcock Trophy in July at the Borough of Eye BC with the Friends regaining the trophy, a match against Bowls England Ladies President's Teams at Leamington, the Bowls England President's Select Team at Worthing following the AGM, Three Counties BA, the Runner-Up Club of the Year Prittlewell BC in Essex and Yorkshire CBA at Kingston BC Hull.
- 11.02 A number of matches are being arranged for next season against the Bowls England President's Teams, the Bowls England Select Team at Worthing, the Metropolitan Police (Bushey) BC and the Runner-Up Club of the Year together with possible games against Bedfordshire CBA and Wiltshire CBA.
- 12.00 BOWLERS DRAW.
The Chairman reported on the sale of draw tickets which appeared to be progressing satisfactorily and thanked John Austin and Howard Pryse for their assistance in driving the draw to its current state. 50% of the monies raised by the clubs selling tickets would remain with the club for the benefit of their "grass roots" bowlers.
The draw would close and be made at the Ladies Dinner in November. A decision regarding whether, or not, to continue the draw into 2009 would be taken when the results of the 2008 draw were known.
- 13.00 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
The Secretary reported on the nominations that had been received for positions on the Executive Committee. It was noted that David Mitchell Gears, John Austin and Howard Pryse were not standing for re-election and their past efforts were much appreciated and thanks recorded.
Following the nomination received the following persons were elected as Officers and Committee for 2009 as follows:
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| Chairman - Graham Clark (Hunts) | Vice Chairman – John Durston (Somerset) |
| Hon. Secretary - Roger Carter (Herts) | Hon. Treasurer - Kath Lloyd (Wiltshire) |
| Hon. Match Secretary – Adie Lloyd (Wiltshire) | |
| Hon. Membership Secretary – Mike Poole (Herts) | |
| Committee: Tony Allcock MBE (Gloucs) | Allan Gray (Somerset) |
| Barry Donovan (Essex) | John Tolley (Worcs) |
| Angela Harris (Gloucs) | |
- 14.00 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 14.01 Chris Leake (Suffolk) noted the achieved of the Friends since its inception which was generally along the lines of his original conceptual ideas on formation. He also asked for ideas to support bowlers such as possibly helping bowlers with their expenses for attending events where they are not given time off work by their employers and also possible help and support at County Shows to encourage outside sponsors to support County Associations. He was thanked for his comments which were noted by the Committee.
- 15.00 VOTE OF THANKS
A vote of thanks to the Committee was given by Bowls England Mens President Cliff Waterman which was endorsed by the members present.

16.00 NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Secretary announced that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2009 in the BE Headquarters commencing at 2.00pm

17.00 CLOSURE

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 2.55pm.

Signed as a True Record of the Meeting date

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