

## **Knowl Hill Short Mat Bowls Club**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

The Chairman welcomed twenty members to the AGM.

#### **1. Present**

Robin Phillips, Sandra Phillips, Margaret Docking, John Nicholson, Doris Nicholson, Glenice Woodhouse, Chris Russell, Arnie Hornsey, Bob Farmer, Ken Docking, Michael Stocks, Pearl Taylor, Ian Taylor, Liz Kushin, Mike Dandridge, Margaret Burke, Carol Bailey, Tom Bailey, Susan Tootill and Paul Tootill.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Doreen Compton, Carole Couchman and Betty Walter.

#### **3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM**

Approved by John Nicholson and Michael Stocks. Seconded by Ken Docking and Bob Farmer.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

This has been another steady year. We have four potential new members who have visited or joined recently. We are now close to needing the third playing mat on Mondays.

The Club website set up last year had very few "hits" and has not helped in recruiting any new members. Mick Stocks has volunteered to update information on the web site with competition and AGM information.

We visited the Mill at Sonning in May to see Gypsy.

In July we enjoyed Bourne End's hospitality for a friendly afternoon of bowls. In October we hosted a return match.

Our Christmas lunch on the 11<sup>th</sup> December was again held at the Shire Horse and our thanks go out to all members who attended and made it a most pleasant afternoon.

In February this year we enjoyed the hospitality of Charvil, retaining the Challenge Cup. We will be hosting a return match in November.

I would like to thank all the members for their continued attendance and support of the club.

Margaret Docking is standing down as Treasurer. Margaret will however remain as a signatory. My special thanks go to Margaret for her service as Treasurer since taking over from Betty Walter in 2017.

#### **5. Secretary's Report**

Continuing to send out the birthday cards and purchasing the provisions for break time and winning team chocolates.

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

Margaret explained the balance sheet to the Committee. There are sufficient funds in the account should the need arise to replace/update any bowling equipment. The insurance cost has reduced slightly. There is no change to the cost of the hall rental.

#### **7. Subscription/Playing Fees**

It is proposed that the subscriptions stay at £10 for the year. (Now payable.) Playing fees will remain at £1.50 per session, paid ten sessions in advance. Seconded by Ian Taylor and Mike Dandridge

#### **8. General Data Protection Regulation Review**

Privacy policy on the reverse of the Renewal Application Form.

#### **9. Health and Safety**

We do not currently carry out any sort of safety checks or risk assessments. We need to look into first aid procedures should they be necessary. Ian Taylor will put together a risk assessment programme.

John Nicholson is on the Knowl Hill Village Hall committee and will bring up the possibility (necessity?) of having a defibrillator in the hall.

**10.     Social Events and Trips**

It was suggested that we look into having a skittles evening. Also the possibility of a coach or theatre trip.

**11.     Club Competitions External Matches**

Bowls matches will continue to be organized with other clubs. The Pairs Competition will go ahead again if enough members are interested.

**12.     Election of Officers**

Robin Phillips – Chairman – nominated by Arnie Hornsey and seconded by Glenice Woodhouse.

Sandra Phillips – Secretary – nominated by Bob Farmer and seconded by Chris Russell.

If the Committee are in agreement, Michael Stocks will take over the role of Treasurer from Margaret Docking. Michael Stocks will become an authorized signatory to both the current and deposit accounts and all bank correspondence will be sent to his home address.

Nominated by Glenice Woodhouse and seconded by Margaret Docking. All agreed.

**13.     Co-option of Officers to the Committee**

Glenice Woodhouse, Betty Walter, Margaret Docking and Ian Taylor.

**14.     Any Other Business**

We said a fond goodbye to caretakers Esme and Jim. They were presented with a cheque in appreciation of them looking after the Bowls Club so well for many years.

New caretakers (Andy and Sheila) have now moved in but as they both work full time we haven't had much contact with them.

Robin thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 15.30.