

Knowl Hill Short Mat Bowls Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 19th May 2025

The Chairman welcomed sixteen members to the AGM

1. Present

Robin Phillips, Sandra Phillips, Glenice Woodhouse, Doris Nicholson, John Nicholson, Carole Couchman, Margaret Burke, Betty Walter, Arnie Hornsey, Liz Kushin, Carol Bailey, Tom Bailey, Ken Docking, Margaret Docking, Mick Stocks and Ivy.

2. Apologies for Absence

Chris Russell, Paul Tootill, Susan Tootill, Ian Taylor and Pearl Taylor.

3. Minutes of the 2024 AGM

Approved by John Nicholson and seconded by Ken Docking.

4. Chair's Report

Robin thanked the members for attending the AGM. He also welcomed Ivy who most recently has played at Charvil.

The past year has again been a steady one for the Club. Monday remains our busiest meeting day, with the need for three playing mats becoming more regular.

Mick Stocks continued to maintain and expand the Club Website and our location is now on Google Maps.

John Nicholson liaises with the Village Hall Committee and reports that a defibrillator has now been installed at the Hall (placed outside the main entrance).

We had a home game with Charvil on the 3rd October 2024 with a return away match on the 23rd February 2025 and we have retained the winners cup.

Betty Walter arranged both a skittles evening with fish and chip supper on the 19th October 2024 and a coach trip to Hastings on the

11th June 2024. A fish and chip lunch was enjoyed by most of those who went. We were lucky with the weather as it stayed dry until just before it was time to get on the coach for the return journey.

Christmas Lunch was again held at The Shire Horse, Maidenhead where we had the very cosy room to ourselves. We have already booked again for this year's Christmas meal.

We had an opportunity to replace our ageing playing mats at a potentially reasonable cost. Unfortunately the mats had been stored in a damp location and were no longer fit for purpose.

The Charvil Club are also looking to purchase new mats. They are hoping that they can "try" some mats before a possible purchase. If this can be done Knowl Hill will see if they can go along too.

We have recently had four players (possibly five after today) from Charvil join our Club for the Summer. Charvil shut for the Summer as most of their members play outside.

Betty Walter has been an active supporter and player with the Club for many years, serving both as Treasurer and Social Secretary. In light of this the Management Committee have pleasure in making her a Lifetime Member.

5. Secretary's Report

I continue to collect any monies on a session basis and then pass on to Mick Stocks for banking.

If everyone is happy with my choice of biscuits and "prize chocolates" I will continue to do the purchasing. I continue sending the birthday cards.

The biggest outlay is the coloured bowls stickers.

6. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the accounts was given to Members.

The summary shows a balance of £7,551.88 compared to £6,773.89 the previous year. The breakdown being £2,734.77 in the deposit account and £4,812.53 in the current account. Petty cash £4.48.

There has been more deposit account interest this year, although still

not a lot. I propose that a transfer of £2,000 is made from the current account to the deposit account.

We did consider changing banks but most now charge for charity/club accounts (Santander don't). There is also limited choice due to the requirement of two signature accounts.

Using a card reader to reduce the handling of cash is still under consideration.

There have been slight increases in insurance and expenditure of provisions and equipment. The balance sheet shows a rent increase but this is due to the fact that we played more days in 24/25 not that the rent itself has been increased.

7. Subscription/Playing Fee

It is proposed that the subscriptions to play all year round stay at £10 for the year. Members who join the Club to only play during the summer and those who join to only play in the winter will pay half the subscription fee (£5). Subscriptions are now payable.

8. Club Constitution Review

The Club Constitution section Membership (d) has been amended to cover the paying of subscriptions for different members.

9. General Data Protection Regulation Review

The privacy policy is on the reverse of the renewal application form.

10. Health and Safety

The tubes that the mats are rolled on to are now stored horizontally under the tables when not in use. This follows an incident when they fell when stored upright in the corner.

Ian Taylor to put together a risk assessment programme.

11. Social Events and Trips

Christmas lunch has been booked for Monday 15th December.

Betty Walter has kindly passed over her contacts for some of the events she has organized in the past. At present we do not have a Social Secretary.

12. Club Competitions

Bowls matches will continue to be arranged with other Clubs. We will look again at running the Pairs Competition. However players taking part will have to be prepared to play on a Monday and Wednesday to allow the games to go ahead.

13. Election of Officers

Robin Phillips – Chair, Sandra Phillips – Secretary, Mick Stocks – Treasurer. Proposed by John Nicholson and seconded by Ken Docking.

Co-opted members are Glenice Woodhouse, Margaret Docking and Ian Taylor.

A vote of thanks to the Committee for the work done for the Club was given by Tom Bailey. All members present were in agreement.

With no other business the meeting closed at 15.00.