



BRIMFIELD AND LITTLE HEREFORD BOWLING CLUB

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CHAIR: Mrs Barbara Griffiths

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

7pm on Friday 28th October 2022

REMEMBERANCE 2022

Sadly, this year, we have lost three dear friends and members of Brimfield Bowls Club, our President Cyril Edwards, Kay Sutton and Carol Powell. They are fondly remembered.

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

29 Present: Jim Allen, Lynne Allen, Barbara Beale, Peter Bloomer, Jennie Cole, David Copson, Susan Copson, Brian Draper, David Evans, Ian Ferguson, Chris Ferguson, Bob Hughes, Ray Mew, Ian Morris, Michael Owen, Eileen Powell, Pauline Preece, John Richards, Clive Sheridan, Rosie Sheridan, Howard Turberfield, Doug Turner, Cyril Wait, Sue Webb, Craig Webb, Bill Wheatley, Marian Wheatley, Janet Williams, Phillip Williams.

9 Apologies received: Barbara Griffiths (Chair) Richard Griffiths (President), David Cole, Susan Northwood, Helen Skinner, Alec Tandler, Karen Tandler, Graham Wilkinson, Valerie Wilkinson.

Due to the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, Sue Webb, took the meeting.

1) MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

- a) Minutes of the AGM held on 29th October 2021 were agreed:

Proposed by Eileen Powell

Seconded by Lynne Allen

- b) There were no matters arising, not covered by the Agenda

2) ELECTION OF OFFICERS, to serve until the next Annual General Meeting

It was agreed all posts with nominations would be voted on, on-mass.

OFFICERS POSTS (11 posts):

Chairman:

Vice Chairman:

Club Secretary:

Treasurer:

Club Captain:

Vice-Captain:

Men's County Representative:

Ladies Captain & County Representative:

Fixtures Secretary:

Membership Secretary:

Welfare Officer:

NOMINATIONS:

Barbara Griffiths

Sue Webb

Vacancy

Craig Webb

Dave Evans

Brian Draper

Alec Tandler

Karen Tandler

Bob Hughes

Jennie Cole

Eileen Powell

VOTE: This was carried – 29 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

No propositions were received from the floor for the proposal of Club Secretary, so Sue Webb volunteered to fill part of the Club Secretary vacancy

Proposed: Dave Evans

Seconded: Jim Allen

3) **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** to serve until the next Annual General Meeting

It was agreed all posts with nominations would be voted on, on-mass.

Sports Club Representative	Susan Northwood
Coach	Bill Wheatley
Club Competitions Secretary	Vacancy
Marketing and Press Secretary	Dave Evans
Social Secretary	Sue Webb
Plus	
Groundsman (non-elected):	Richard Powell

Ray Mew was proposed as the Club Competitions Secretary

Proposed: Howard Turberfield

Seconded: Jennie Cole

VOTE: This was carried – 29 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

4) **RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORTS:** The meeting received and noted the Chairman's Annual Report and the Accounts for the year ended 31st October 2022. In addition, the meeting received a report from the Club Captain

4a) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:2022

Since the end of last season there has been a tremendous amount of work on the Green. The boards around the edge of the green have been replaced and covered with artificial grass and we thank Stan Beale, Brian Draper and Alec Tandler for their hard work and to Jennie Cole for securing funding for this project from Herefordshire Sport. There was lots of tidying up, painting and gardening done, so I thank all those Members who helped. The Green looked beautiful for our opening day due to the green teams' hard work all through the closed season and we have had numerous complimentary comments about the green throughout the season. Our grateful thanks must go to Cyril Wait, Richard Powell and the 'Dream Team' for all their hard work.

We had a very special weekend in August when we hosted the National Mixed Pairs and the National Mixed Fours National Regional Finals. We were one of four clubs in the country to be chosen to host these. I can only say how proud and filled with admiration I was for everyone who helped in anyway, be it preparation beforehand, parking, scoring, catering, bar, photography and of course the green. It all went exceptionally well, and Bowls England were so suitably impressed they asked if we would host the event again another year. Again, my thanks to everyone who made it such a success.

We hosted three special matches this season including the invitation to the County Presidents to bring a team and it was lovely to see several of our newer members joining in. We held a Men's County match and my thanks to Craig Webb, for making the meat pies they enjoyed for their tea, the ladies, Lynne Allen, Shirley Evans, Marian Wheatley, Eileen Powell and Sharon Mew, for helping serve it and to Bill Wheatley and Richard Griffiths for covering the Bar. Finally, we had a mixed County match against Gloucestershire with some of our members playing. My thanks go to Ian Ferguson and Bev Price for cooking Chicken Chasseur for their tea, again the ladies, Sharon Mew, Eileen Powell, Shirley Evans and Marian Wheatley for helping and Bill Wheatley and Richard Griffiths on the Bar.

We have 80 members of the club including social members and thank you, Eileen Powell, for collecting the fees and making people welcome. It is great that we cater for all –

Be it just coming for a roll up and cup of tea at Strollers, which was well organised by Sue Northwood and helpers. Thank you.

Playing in friendly matches under Club Captain Dave Evans, ably assisted by Shirley Evans. Thanks also to Pauline Preece for organising the raffles, not only at the matches, but all events. Thank you. Or competing in the Club, County or National competitions. The club competitions were well supported, and it was nice to see some new faces entering and gaining success. Our thanks go to Lynne Allen, assisted by Jim Allen, for organising these.

At National level Jennie Cole, Lynne Allen, Barbara Griffiths and Karen Tandler qualified for Leamington in the Fours and the Senior Fours, and Jennie Cole qualified in the Two -wood Singles.

In the County Jan Williams was Runner-up in the County Singles and the County Senior Singles.

Susan Northwood, Sue Webb and Eileen Powell were Runners-up in the Benevolent Triples.

Susan Northwood, Sue Webb, Rosie Sheridan, Sharon Mew, Val Wilkinson, Bev Price and Ali Bloomer were Runners-up in the Kington Shield.

Jan and Phil Williams won the Millennium Pairs with Sharon and Ray Mew reached the Semi-finals.

Our men's team won the Wednesday night Herefordshire League.

We have had several ladies playing for the for the Ladies County and it's good to know that there are now six men playing for the Men's County team.

Congratulations to all.

My sincere thanks go to all the committee who work so hard all year round.

To our Club Secretary, Barbara Beale, who has done a sterling job and keeping me in line.

To our Treasurer, Craig Webb, for looking after our finances and keeping the bar well stocked for us all to enjoy a drink after matches.

To Sue Webb, your Vice Chair and Social Secretary, for organising all our special lunches and social evenings.

To Jennie Cole and Alec Tandler, our County representatives, for keeping us up to date on County matters.

To Brian Draper, our Vice Captain and also part of the green team.

To Doug Smurthwaite for starting to arrange our fixtures for 2023 but sadly having to give up due to moving away from the area and not being well enough to travel over for meetings.

To Bill Wheatley and your new Club President, Richard Griffiths, who are your representatives on the Sports Club committee.

My thanks go to you all for giving your time and efforts to ensure this club goes from strength to strength.

"Winter well"!

Barbara Griffiths, Chair

4b) TREASURERS REPORT

Craig Webb distributed the end of year accounts and answered any queries that arose.

	2020/2021	2021/2022	Notes
Subscriptions	£3,140.00	£3,200.00	
Annual Functions	£1,295.00	-£424.10	<i>£1,402 debit carried over from 2020/21</i>
Match Fees	£292.28	£304.00	<i>Post Covid</i>

Raffles	£518.20	£1,245.50	<i>Post Covid</i>
Bank Interest	£0.32	£1.34	
Competition Entries	£159.00	£191.00	<i>Increase in membership</i>
County Income	£328.30	£470.57	
Men's League	£86.50	£196.00	
Strollers	£388.37	£929.53	<i>Price increase in 2022</i>
Uniform/Clothing	-£408.77	£42.70	<i>Shirts in stock</i>
Sundries	-£288.06	-£233.34	
Stickers/Badges/Key Rings	-£160.50	£22.00	
Social Events	-£100.25	£135.00	
Skittles Night	£0.00	£0.00	
Bowling Green	-£1,613.03	-£3,526.53	<i>£1,500 Green borders; £1,700 Fertilizer</i>
Trophies & Engraving	£0.00	-£514.69	<i>Post Covid 2 years Honours board engraving</i>
Match Teas	£100.12	£323.31	
Affiliation Fees	-£448.00	-£496.00	
Printing & Postage	-£25.50	-£113.66	
Sports Club	-£585.00	-£560.00	
County Entries	£0.00	-£10.50	<i>Covid previous year</i>
Bowls England Insurance	-£120.00	-£126.00	
Bowls England National Event	n/a	-£150.00	<i>One off event</i>
Lawnmower	-£332.61	-£124.55	
Donation	£8,553.00	£479.59	<i>Volunteers man hours in 2020/21</i>
Advertising	-£107.51	-£15.59	
Grant funding		£1,000	<i>For Green borders</i>
Total	£10,671.86	£2,266.58	
Opening Balance 20/21	£25,998.04	£11,958.17	<i>Opening 2021/2022</i>
Flood Work	-£14,759.32		<i>n/a this year</i>
COVID	£719.45		<i>n/a this year</i>
TOTAL	£11,958.17	£14,224.75	
Current Account	£7,610.54	£9,299.16	
Deposit Account	£3,074.94	£3,076.28	
Petty Cash	£1,272.69	£1,849.31	
	£11,958.17	£14,224.75	Carried forward to 2022/2023

The Accounts are currently being audited.

Craig Webb, Treasurer

4c) CAPTAINS REPORT

I'd like to start by saying that I've really enjoyed my first year as Club Captain and would like to say a big thank you for all the support I've received. I haven't had to chase people to play and everyone without exception turned up - it's made my job so much easier. So, briefly, some facts and figures

from the season. We played 24 friendlies and by my rough estimate more than 40 members have played at least one game. Playing mostly triples we competed well throughout the season and had some very pleasing wins. The President's Invitation Match proved one of the highlights of the season for me, with six rinks turning out on the night. Like all our home friendlies, we gave our visitors a warm welcome, such a key part of the wonderful world of bowls.

In June we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a tea and a fun afternoon of target games - more good memories. This Season, I have noted how successful our Strollers sessions have been. These twice weekly sessions seem to be moving from strength to strength and provide a great introduction to the game for new players.

Moving on, I think I watched every club final this year and the high standard of play and sporting behaviour on the green typified the spirit of our club. The Tandler Pairs in particular, was a magnificent game of bowls. Congratulations to our men's League Team, on winning League Two and getting back into Division One where they belong. Good to see that there will be two men's teams competing at County level next season. Our ladies too, can always be relied upon to give their best at County level, demonstrating time and again the variety of opportunities available to Club members, from informal roll ups to stepping on to the national stage at Leamington.

Captain's Day proved another highlight, and it was good to be able to pass on a donation to the Alzheimer's Society on the day.

In August, towards the end of what has been a very interesting season for me, the Club hosted the Bowls England Regional Finals. It was a huge honour for us, and a huge amount of hard work, but I felt it showed the Club at it's very best with everyone working together to ensure the event was a great success.

I'm immensely proud of this Club and it's been lovely to see it develop and grow over the last 30 odd years.

Finally, in all the years that I have been a member I can't remember our green looking better or bowling better, and that's despite one of the hottest summers on record. Our green is one to be proud of, an absolute credit to the dedication and hard work of our green keeping team.

Thank you everyone
Dave Evans, Captain

- 5) **APPROVE THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:** To increase the Annual Subscription from £55.00 to £65.00 for playing members, Junior and Social members to remain at £10.00 (this incorporates the Sports Club Fee, currently at £5.00 but expected to rise to £10.00 for next season)
It was also agreed that the Committee consider regular small increases in membership rather than a large increase several years apart.

VOTE: This was carried – 28 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstained

- 6) **COMMITTEE PROPOSITIONS** – to consider proposals from the Committee:

6a) Approve the change in the Constitution from 'the Election of President is yearly' to read 'the post of President be a lifetime in office'

VOTE: This was carried – 28 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstained

6b) Approve the change in the Competition Rules 'Tandler Pairs consists of 21 ends' to read 'Tandler Pairs consists of 18 ends'. Jennie Cole explained that the National and International rules had

changed Pairs competitions from 21 ends to 18 ends to enable more rounds to be played in one day. As we play under the Bowls England rules it was felt that the Club should consider this for the only pairs competition played by the BE rules, all other 'in-house' competitions being played with drawn partners. Following a discussion, it was proposed that the ends remain as they are.

VOTE: This was NOT carried – 3 For, 25 Against, 1 Abstained

7) PROPOSITIONS FROM CLUB MEMBERS:

7a) Proposed that the Club Competition Rules remove the word 'novice' where it is mentioned in the Millennium Plate and add 'open to members who have not won any singles at any bowling club or played in any County matches for any County'.

Proposed: Ray Mew

Seconded: Sharon Mew

After much discussion Ray Mew withdrew his proposal. He felt it would affect too many people in different ways. It was felt that it was set up initially for people who were new to bowls, to compete in a competition that was not against the more experienced players. However, it was felt that there was a need for a competition for Novice players. Following discussions on the wording Jennie Cole proposed the word 'Novice' remain. If it was not settled at the AGM it would have to go back to Committee and return at the AGM next year. It was agreed that 'Novice' remain and the meaning of 'Novice' to be clarified in the Millennium Plate rule to read 'a maximum of three years playing experience, members who have not won any singles at any bowling club or played in any County matches for any County' be applied for eligibility. This amended proposal was voted on.

VOTE: This was carried – 23 For, 6 Against, 0 Abstained

7b) Proposed that the Club Competition Rule 2 includes: 'All names entered on the list by the appropriate date, must be included in the draw. In the event of over subscription either a) There is a preliminary round, which is to be played on the same day as the competition itself or b) In the case of drawn pairs or triples and there are surplus names after the draw has been made, those people are offered reserve places.'

Proposed: Ray Mew

Seconded: Sharon Mew

VOTE: This was carried – 25 For, 1 Against, 3 Abstained

7c) Proposed that 'Each Club Competition play through to a conclusion on the set day or weekend, thus negating the need to hold a 'Finals Day' or 'Finals Weekend'.

Proposed: Karen Tandler

Seconded:

Karen Tandler was unable to attend the AGM but had submitted the following explanation to support the proposal and her reasoning for the change: 'Every year there are one or two bowlers who have a particularly good run in the competitions and end up in a lot of Finals. This creates an enormous problem for the Competitions Secretary in trying to organise the Finals Itinerary. When this happens, it can be too many matches for these bowlers to play on one day or on one weekend, especially in the longer matches. Playing a competition through to the conclusion on the set day/weekend will enable bowlers to enter a competition, knowing that they would not necessarily have to be available to play the Final at the end of the season if they were to get that far. This will potentially allow more entries into the competitions. Each competition can be allocated a day or weekend on which to play the final stages, e.g., Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final, depending on the length of the games, with preliminary rounds being played by play-by dates if there are substantial number of entries. Finals Day very often clash with other County Competitions. If we don't have Finals days this will be avoided.'

This proposal was fully discussed, but it was unanimously agreed to keep Finals Day/Weekend as it stands.

VOTE: The proposal was NOT carried – 0 For, 29 Against, 0 Abstained

8) To note the following members have kindly volunteered to be co-opted for specific duties on behalf of the Committee:

Strollers (Outdoor 2023)	Susan Northwood and Val Wilkinson
Strollers (Indoor 2023)	Peter Bloomer
Indoor/Outdoor League (2022-2023)	Sue Webb & Craig Webb
Crown Green	Dave Evans
Tony Allcock	Karen Tandler
Men's Hereford Times Cup, the Men's Top Club and Men's Double Rink	Phil Williams
Men's Wednesday League Team 1	Howard Turberfield
Men's Wednesday League Team 2	Peter Bloomer
Website Administration	Jennie Cole
Club Raffles	Pauline Preece
Kitchen supplies	Susan Northwood

A volunteer is still required to manage 'Special Match Catering' and someone to run the 'Friday Night League'.

More volunteers are also required for the 'Mowing Rota' to ensure that individuals don't have too many weeks to cover. Training is provided if required.

9) Updates (any other business to be discussed but not voted on):

- Presentation dinner future: Keep the same or Change to a Saturday/Sunday lunchtime or not continue with a presentation event? This would be a discussion for the Committee as there were valid points for all options.
- The Bowls Club entered The National Club of the Year Awards and have been shortlisted for the Bowls Club of the Year category. Jennie Cole is to attend the Club of the Year Awards Night in Leicester on 16th November 2022 on behalf of the Club. [*Note: We were not successful. 10 clubs were shortlisted, and Penn Bowling Club won the award*]
- Jennie Cole had bid on behalf of the Club for bowls items used at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. All items will be free to successful bidders. We will know if the bids have been successful by the 31st October 2022. [*Note: We have since been informed that we were not successful*]
- The new Committee will meet at 4.30pm on Tuesday 15th November 2022

The AGM was closed at 8.40pm