



# BRIMFIELD AND LITTLE HEREFORD BOWLING CLUB

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CHAIR: Mrs Jennifer Cole

## MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021 7pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### **REMEMBRANCE 2021:**

Sadly, this year, we have recently lost two of our long serving members, John Culver and Joe Allen and Rosemary, wife of our President, Cyril Edwards. They both will be fondly remembered.  
Jennie Cole, Chair

### **APOLOGIES AND ATTENDEES**

23 Present: Jennie Cole (Chair), Lynne Allen, Barbara Beale, Stan Beale, Brian Draper, David Evans, Bob Hughes, Ian Morris, William Pate, Eileen Powell, Pauline Preece, Helen Skinner, Alec Tandler, Karen Tandler, Lynne Thorn, Howard Turberfield, Doug Turner, Cyril Wait, Philip Watts, Josie Ward, Alan Westwood, Bill Wheatley, Marian Wheatley.

25 Apologies (of which \*8 due to Covid isolating) were received from: Jim Allen, Lester Bennett, Sheila Bennett, David Cole, Barbara Griffiths\*, Richard Griffiths\*, Jane & Peter Howsam, Alex Lowe, Peter Martin, Susan Northwood, Maureen Owen\*, Michael Owen\*, Carol Powell\*, Richard Powell\*, Andra Proctor, Brian Proctor, Clive Sheridan\*, Rosie Sheridan\*, Doug Smurthwaite, Liz Smurthwaite, Craig Webb, Sue Webb, Jan Williams, Philip Williams.

### 1) **MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:**

a) Minutes of AGM held on 30th October 2020 were agreed:

Proposed: Bill Wheatley      Seconded: Helen Skinner

b) There were no matter arising, not covered by the Agenda.

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

It was proposed that [for this meeting only] both Agenda Items 3 (Election of Officers) and Agenda Item 4 (Committee Members) be voted on on-mass for those Posts that have Nominations, as no posts have more than the required nomination.

Proposed: Alec Tandler      Seconded: Stan Beale

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

<b>OFFICERS POSTS (10 posts):</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS:</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	Barbara Griffiths
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Philip Watts
<b>Secretary</b>	Barbara Beale

<b>Treasurer</b>	Craig Webb
<b>Club Captain</b>	Dave Evans
<b>Vice-Captain</b>	Brian Draper
<b>Ladies Captain &amp; County Representative</b>	Jennie Cole
<b>Men's County Representative</b>	Alec Tandler
<b>Fixture Secretary</b>	Doug Smurthwaite
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Eileen Powell

- 3) **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**, to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

<b>Sports Club Representative &amp; Club Coach</b>	Bill Wheatley
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Eileen Powell
<b>Club Competitions</b>	Lynne Allen
<b>Marketing &amp; Press Officer</b>	Dave Evans
<b>Committee Member &amp; Mowing Rota</b>	Richard Powell
<b>Social Secretary</b>	Sue Webb
<b>Plus Groundsman (non-elected)</b>	Cyril Wait

- 4) **RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORTS:** The meeting received and noted the Chairman's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2021. These papers were circulated to members prior to the meeting:

**4a) CHAIR'S REPORT:**

*Thinking back to last year, the autumn and winter months were very much focussed on finishing off the 'Flood Snug' work, funded by Sports England, and the 'Severn Trent' Disabled Toilet whilst the Green Dream Team worked continuously to improve the quality of the Green. Not having received any Covid funding we were totally dependent on the generosity of our members. The numbers that were involved during this period was amazing and ensured the Club could open for the start of the 2021 season with a Coffee Morning. Many thanks go to everyone involved, from the many painters to the coffee makers, the Flood Snug team ably led by Alec Tandler and David Cole and to Stan Beale for building the Disabled Toilet.*

*During this time the Clubhouse remained closed but thankfully the weather held at the start of April, and we were able to distance ourselves outside by using the Snug kitchen. Strollers provided the norm in what was continuing to be a second season affected by Covid. Thankfully Richard and Barbara Griffiths and Liz and Doug Smurthwaite continued to maintain some semblance of normality. Thank you to all involved.*

*The first matches were held, all had to be Triples in line with Covid-19 regulations. There were reduced numbers or last-minute cancellations. Our thanks to Doug for all the additional hours worked to contain disruption to the schedule.*

*All the hard work of the Green Dream Team was finally fully appreciated by every single bowler that played on that Green, as never before had a green*

*played so well at the start of a season. We watched, with great satisfaction, as visiting teams' woods whizzed into the ditch leaving experienced bowlers quite dumbstruck. The quality of our Green is entirely down to the Green Dream Team led by Cyril Wait, Richard Powell and Philip Watts. Their success led to the unusual request from the County President, Phil Williams, to host the County Finals at Brimfield. Despite the weather it was an excellent day that was enjoyed by so many from across the County. Even the worms were unable to control the outcome, ably dispatched by Philip Watts.*

*Cyril Wait and the Green Management Team have worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure the Green has been well maintained. On behalf of all members thank you to everyone involved!*

*Three special matches were arranged, an invitation to the Bowls Herefordshire Presidents to bring a team to play against us. This was probably the first match when many of our newer members experienced a full six rink game. The second match was against Croydon Tourists. An interesting afternoon to say the least. Our third match was when the Ladies County selected our Club for a County game against Warwickshire. Our thanks to Barbara Griffiths for organising these and the many members involved behind the scenes. All these matches provide important income to the Club.*

*At this point, I must say a big thank you to all the Committee who stepped up and Captained matches whilst we had a vacancy for Club Captain. The captain's job is not easy. Despite having lots of members, many are not always available to play in friendly matches.*

*The membership of a bowl's club is made of several different types of bowler: those that love a social afternoon with friends on a regular weekly basis, those that enjoy playing other Clubs in friendly matches, those like to compete at various levels and represent the County and those that are lucky enough to be able to do it all. Our thanks to Eileen Powell for monitoring and maintaining our membership throughout the closed season and ensuring membership numbers are maintained. We end the year with 75 members in total, despite a loss of 10 not returning because of the continued presence of COVID, similar to 2020 with 73 and 77 in 2019. Thankfully many re-joined, despite Covid concerns, financially supporting and ensuring the future of the Club.*

*I think it's fair to say that Brimfield were once again very well represented at the County Finals and the Nationals this year, taking many of the top titles at County level:*

- Jennie Cole, Singles Champion, with Barbara Griffiths runner-up.*
- Barbara Griffiths, Two wood Singles Champion, with Jennie Cole runner-up.*
- Jennie Cole, National Senior Singles County winner.*
- Helen Skinner, Lynne Allen, Barbara Griffiths and Jennie Cole, Fours Champions.*
- Dave Evans, Brian Drapper and Stan Beale runners-up in the Triples*

- *Jane Howsam, Barbara Beale, Liz Smurthwaite and Eileen Powell runners-up in the Senior Fours*

*Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 restrictions, only the winners represented the County at the National Championships at Leamington this year.*

*At County level:*

- *Jennie Cole won the County Champion of Champions*
- *Barbara Griffiths won the County Senior Singles*
- *Pauline Preece, Rosie Sheridan and Jennie Cole won the Benevolent Triples*
- *Barbara Beale, Sue Webb and Eileen Powell were runners-up in the Benevolent Triples*
- *Jim and Lynne Allen runners-up in the County Mixed Pairs*

*Congratulations to all the competitors and to the ladies who retained to County Top Club for the 7th year in a row.*

*Next year the Commonwealth Games will be held at Leamington and so it will only be the winners competing in the Nationals again next year. Good luck to all those participating.*

*The Club Competitions were well attended, it was lovely to see lots of new faces entering and many new names reaching the Club Finals. Our thanks to Lynne Allen for organising these through the season and the Finals Days plus all the engraving and polishing for the Presentation Dinner. Congratulations to Philip Watts, the recipient of the Captains Trophy. What a wonderful evening that was, many thanks to Sue Webb. I'm sure everyone that attended highly enjoyed the Presentation Dinner and the superb meal provided by Heather Hamer. A fitting end to the end of the season.*

*Sue's role as the Social Secretary has really taken off this year. We look forward to seeing most of you at future events planned. A big thank you to Sue Webb for sourcing our new uniforms. The fabric is very comfortable to wear whatever the temperature. Many thanks to all those that have bought and donated clothes. Any additional income keeps the Treasurer very happy.*

*Thankfully many of the bowlers supported the changes at the Sports Club EGM and stepped forward and we are now resolving a lot of issues. I can assure you that you are ably represented by Bill Wheatley and Richard Griffiths.*

*This is my last year as Chair and my last Report. I need to focus my attention on the Sports Club to ensure its survival and being Chair of both does create a conflict of interest. At this point I must say a huge thank you to everyone on the Committee and all members, new and old. Everybody has, in a wide variety of ways, ensured the future of Brimfield and Little Hereford Bowling Club. You all make this a very special Club.*

*Thankfully, we have all survived a second year of Covid! Fingers crossed for normality next year! My best wishes to the new Chair and the Committee for the future.'* Jennie Cole, Chair

#### 4b) TREASURER'S REPORT:

Unfortunately, the Treasurer was unable to attend the AGM.

Jennie distributed the end of year accounts and answered any questions – see notes. Hopefully there will be a full written report from the Treasurer next year.

As at 29 October 2021	Balance 2018/2019	Balance 2019/2020	Balance 2020/2021	Notes
Subscriptions	£2,770.00	£2,728.00	<b>£3140.00</b>	75 members incl. social and Hon
Match Fees	£617.24	£0.00	<b>£292.28</b>	
Match Teas	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£100.12</b>	
Strollers	£296.10	£0.00	<b>£388.37</b>	
Stickers/Badges	£8.77	£0.00	<b>-£160.50</b>	Stock in hand
Uniform/Clothing	-£64.00	£0.00	<b>-£408.77</b>	Stock in hand
Competition Entries	£321.36	-£469.50	<b>£159.00</b>	
County Income	£453.00	£0.00	<b>£328.30</b>	
Men's League	£0.00	-£10.00	<b>£86.50</b>	
Annual Functions	£325.50	£338.25	<b>£1,295.00</b>	No January Lunch (Covid impact)
Social Evenings	£34.23	£145.00	<b>-£100.25</b>	BBQ for members 20/21 - Covid impact
Raffles	£1,005.50	£401.00	<b>£518.20</b>	20/21 - Covid impact
Donation	£285.00	£150.40	<b>£8,553.00</b>	Volunteer labour winter 20/21
Bank Interest	£7.53	£3.87	<b>£0.32</b>	
Tour Account	£94.50	£0.00	<b>0.00</b>	Every 5 years
Green Management	-£4,615.57	-£2,808.96	<b>-£1,613.03</b>	Pesticide, Fertilizer, Weed Killer, Training, Green Management
Lawnmower	-£1,035.62	-£57.80	<b>-£332.61</b>	
Affiliation Fees	-£440.00	-£186.00	<b>-£448.00</b>	Bowls England & Bowls Herefordshire
Sports Club	-£585.00	-£430.00	<b>-£585.00</b>	£250 Section Fee plus £5 per member of Sports Club
BE Insurance	-£118.00	-£120.00	<b>-£120.00</b>	Annual Public Liability Insurance
County Entries	-£83.50	£0.00	<b>£0.00</b>	Entries carried forward from 2020
Trophies & Engraving	-£200.41	-£164.00	<b>£0.00</b>	None in 2020. 2021 shows in 2022 accounts
Advertising	£28.60	-£23.50	<b>-£107.51</b>	Big Bowls Weekend, banners
Printing & Postage	-£97.52	-£94.20	<b>£25.50</b>	
Sundries	-£45.28	£0.00	<b>-£288.06</b>	Snug equipment/umbrellas etc
Total balance	-£1,037.57	-£597.44	<b>£10,722.86</b>	
Carried forward	£5,867	£5,270	<b>£15,993</b>	Excludes Grant Funding/Expenditure
			<b>£11,958</b>	Carried forward

The Accounts are currently being audited but have been scrutinised by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

4b) Endorse the Annual Accounts

Proposed: Lynne Allen    Seconded: Philip Watts

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

5) Approve the Annual Subscription – Remain at £55.00 for Playing Members, £10.00 for Junior and Social Members (incorporates £5.00 Sports Club Fee)

The Committee were loath to raise the Membership Fees this year as members have been so supportive during the Covid period, continuing to pay Fees to ensure the maintenance of the Green could continue. However, it is expected that there will need to be an increase required in Membership Fees in 2022/23.

The Sports Club have not yet released, or yet agreed to release, any Covid funding to the different sections.

Proposed: Alec Tandler    Seconded: Marian Wheatley

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

6) To consider any propositions from the Committee:

6a) Approve an increase in the Competition Entry Fees. The £1.00 entry fee has been in existence for many years and needs to be increased to £2.00 to cover the increase in costs for engraving and prize money.

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

6b) Approve an increase in the cost of Teas. The £2.00 for Home and £1.00 for Away matches have been in existence for many years and needs to be increased to £3.00 for Home and £1.50 for Away Matches to cover the increasing costs.

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

7) To consider any propositions from the Club Members – non received

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

Barbara Griffiths	<i>Special Match Teas</i>
Susan Northwood, Philip Watts & Richard Griffiths	<i>Strollers (Outdoor 2022)</i>
Barbara and Stan Beale	<i>Stroller back up team</i>
Peter Bloomer	<i>Strollers (Indoor 2021)</i>
Sue Webb	<i>Indoor/Outdoor League 2021/22</i>
Dave Evans	<i>Crown</i>
Stan Beale & Karen Tandler	<i>National Club Competition: 'Tony Allcock'</i>
Stan Beale	<i>Men's Hereford Times Cup</i>
Stan Beale	<i>Men's Top Club/Double Rink</i>
Jennie Cole	<i>Website Administration</i>
Pauline Preece	<i>Club Raffles</i>
Susan Northwood	<i>Kitchen (Tea/Coffee/Biscuit supplies)</i>

8a) The Committee are looking for a volunteer to run Friday Night League (Roebuck Cup and Millichamp Trophy) if it is to run next year.

8b) Volunteers were encouraged to support both the Mowing Team and the Tea Rota

8c) The running of the Men's Wednesday Night League will be confirmed following the Men's vote after the AGM.

9) **Updates:**

Before the AGM closed the Chair reminded members of future events and updates:

- What had been agreed here tonight along with the date of the 2022 AGM on the last Friday of October 2022 will be published on the website.
- The first meeting of the new Committee will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm.
- There will be a Ladies Coffee Morning/Meeting on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am.
- All social events are on the website and tickets are available for the next three events.
- There has been a request to consider a lunchtime for the Presentation Dinner. Members were asked to indicate their preference. 21 of the 23 members present would prefer an evening event.
- Plans for the Platinum Jubilee weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, were discussed. Dave Evans explained the 'Big Lunch' on the Sunday. Any suggestions to Sue Webb and Dave Evans.
- The date of the Play Bowls Weekend was announced – 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 when the Club will hold an Open Day.
- Jennie took this opportunity to reiterate her thanks to the Committee Members and the Club Members, thanking them for the wonderful presentation of the Liquidambar Tree. It has been registered and planted as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy. The company that grew the Tree have also presented Jennie with a highly detailed book of trees that members are very welcome to borrow.

Jennie thanked everyone for attending the AGM and closed the meeting at 19.50

*(Note - A vote by the men present to inform Committee was held after the closure of the AGM. The Chair nominated two members prior to the vote to undertake the count, which was a confidential paper vote by the men present)*