



BRIMFIELD AND LITTLE HEREFORD BOWLING CLUB

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CHAIR: Mrs Barbara Griffiths

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

7pm on Friday 27th October 2023

REMEMBRANCE 2023

Sadly, this year, we have lost six dear friends and members of Brimfield Bowls Club, Don Bradford, Brian Fox, Maureen Owen, David Russell, Jean Smith and Dorothy Wall. They are fondly remembered.

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

39 Present: Barbara Griffiths (Chair), Lynne Allen, David Ball, John Bates, Ali Bloomer, Peter Bloomer, Miranda Brown, Jennie Cole, David Copson, Susan Copson, Brian Draper, Ashley Edwards, Ian Ferguson, Chris Ferguson, Bob Hughes, Glyn Lloyd, Kevin Mann, Peter Martin, Ray Mew, Sharon Mew, Ian Morris, Michael Owen, Eileen Powell, Richard Powell, Pauline Preece, John Richards, Rosie Sheridan, Alec Tandler, Karen Tandler, Lynne Thorn, Howard Turberfield, Doug Turner, Cyril Wait, Craig Webb, Sue Webb, Alan Westwood, Bill Wheatley, Graham Wilkinson and Val Wilkinson.

24 Apologies received: Richard Griffiths (President), Francis Addyman, Jim Allen, Lester Bennett, Sheila Bennett, Jacky Draper, David Cole, David Evans, Shirley Evans, Chris Ferguson, Barbara D Griffiths, Jane Howsam, Peter Howsam, Dennis Knowles, Kim Milford, Susan Northwood, Clive Sheridan, Helen Skinner, Doug Smurthwaite, Liz Smurthwaite, Pauline Suffield, Marian Wheatley, Janet Williams and Phil Williams

1) MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

- a) Minutes of the AGM held on 28th October 2022 were agreed:

Proposed by Lynne Allen

Seconded by Eileen Powell

- 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:

Peter Bloomer

Val Wilkinson

Susan Northwood

Lynne Thorn

Dave Evans

Brian Draper

Alec Tandler

Lynne Allen

Bob Hughes

Jennie Cole

Eileen Powell

VOTE: This was carried – 39 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

Proposed by Lynne Allen

Seconded by Ali Bloomer

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	Ray Mew
Marketing and Press Secretary	Dave Evans
Social Secretary	Marian Wheatley
Plus	
Groundsman (non-elected):	Richard Powell

Proposed: Brian Draper

Seconded: Alec Tandler

VOTE: This was carried – 39 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 2023.

4a) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023

There is always a tremendous amount of work that happens through our closed season not only on the green but all the surrounding areas so that on opening day it is a pleasure to see everywhere looking so beautiful. We must thank our hard working green team Richard Powell, Phillip Watts, Cyril Wait , Brian Draper and their helpers. To Peter and Jane Howsam for looking after the flower beds, Shirley Evans for the planters and Dave Evans for mowing the grass. We have had many compliments throughout the season on our green and how welcoming it looks when players arrive. Well done everyone.

We hosted two special matches this season a Three Counties Presidents match and a Men's County match and my thanks go to Ian Furguson and Ali Bloomer for cooking the meals and to Lynne Allen, Shirley Evans, Eileen Powell, Sharon Mew, Jan Williams, Marion Wheatley and Pauline Preece. for serving the meal and Bill Wheatley and Richard Griffiths on the bar.

We have 84 members in the club and more application forms have been sent out so thank you to Jennie Cole our Membership secretary for collecting the fees. I say this every year but I think it is great that we cater for all – be it social members that can come and watch and have a cup of tea, play strollers on Monday and Thursday well organised by Susan Northwood and Graham and Val Wilkinson, play in matches under club captain Dave Evans, compete in club competitions organised by Ray Mew or enter County and National competitions. Our thanks go to you all.

At National level our ladies qualified for the Leamington National Finals in the Senior Fours and reached the semi-finals, very well done to Helen Skinner, Rosie Sheriden, Sharon Mew, Janet Williams and Lynne Allen our congratulations to you all. The men did well on reaching the county finals in the fours and triples but just missed out on Leamington but well done to Bob Hughes, Ray Mew, Craig Webb, Glyn Lloyd, Alec Tandler and Phill Williams. It is nice to see more members playing County Matches and entering the competitions.

We celebrated the Kings Coronation with afternoon tea, The Presidents match and Captains day bringing an American Tea. It never ceases to amaze me with the variety of food we have and always delicious. Thank you to everyone.

Now my sincere thanks go to all the committee members who work hard all year round to keep the club going.

Club Secretary. Susan Northwood has done a great job after taking over at short notice from Susan Webb, who had also done a great job.

Club Treasurer. I took over for the interim from Craig Webb and he has been more than helpful.

Club Captain. David Evans who's done a brilliant job making sure we had a team for the matches and to Brian Draper, his Vice Captain and to Pauline Preece for organising the raffles.

Lynne Allen and Alec Tandler, your county representatives, for keeping us up to date on all county matters. Also to Karen Tandler who started the season but unfortunately had to resign.

Fixture Secretary, Bob Hughes, who is doing a marvellous job trying to arrange all the fixtures for next season.

Membership Secretary, Jennie Cole, and Welfare Officer, Eileen Powell, Coach and Sports Club Representative, Bill Wheatley and Green Keeper Richard Powell and his dream team.

We are extremely grateful to all of you for your time and efforts to ensure the club goes from strength to strength.

Finally I want to thank you all for your support of the club.

Barbara Griffiths, Chair

4b) TREASURERS REPORT

Barbara Griffiths distributed the end of year accounts and answered any queries that arose.

	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Notes
Subscriptions	£3,140.00	£3,200.00	£4,210.00	
Annual Functions	£1,295.00	-£379.10	£110.53	
Match Fees	£292.28	£304.00	£355.00	
Raffles	£518.20	£1,245.50	£701.00	
Bank Interest	£0.32	£1.34	£20.23	
Competition Entries	£159.00	£191.00	£229.50	
County Income	£328.30	£470.57	£864.84	<i>County President year at Brimfield</i>
Men's League	£86.50	£196.00	£21.13	
Strollers	£388.37	£929.53	£686.96	
Uniform/Clothing	-£408.77	£42.70	-£156.28	
Sundries	-£288.06	-£233.34	-£121.93	
Stickers/Badges/Key Rings	-£160.50	£22.00	-£9.75	
Social Events	-£100.25	£135.00	£111.81	
Skittles Night	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Bowling Green	-£1,613.03	-£3,526.53	-£1,897.29	
Trophies & Engraving	£0.00	-£514.69	£0.00	<i>C'fwd to 2024</i>
Match Teas	£100.12	£323.31	£60.55	
Affiliation Fees	-£448.00	-£496.00	-£512.00	
Printing & Postage	-£25.50	-£113.66	-£133.95	
Sports Club	-£585.00	-£560.00	£1,080.00	
County Entries	£0.00	-£10.50	£56.00	
Bowls England Insurance	-£120.00	-£126.00	-£132.00	
Bowls England National Event	n/a	-£150.00	n/a	<i>One off event</i>
Lawnmower	-£332.61	-£124.55	-£611.24	

Donation	£8,553.00	£479.59	£73.89	
Advertising	-£107.51	-£15.59	-£24.79	
Grant funding		£1,000.00	n/a	
Total	£10,671.86	£2,311.58	£2,437.96	
Opening Balance 20/21	£25,998.04	£11,958.17	£14,269.75	Opening 2022/23
Flood Work	-£14,759.32			<i>n/a this year</i>
COVID	£719.45			<i>n/a this year</i>
TOTAL	£11,958.17	£14,269.75	£16,707.71	
Current Account	£7,610.54	£9,344.16	£13,552.71	
Deposit Account	£3,074.94	£3,076.28	£3,096.51	
Petty Cash	£1,272.69	£1,849.31	£58.49	
	£11,958.17	£14,269.75	£16,707.71	Carried forward to 2023/2024

The Accounts are currently being audited.

Barbara Griffiths, Treasurer

5) APPROVE THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

It was agreed to increase the Annual Subscription by £5.00

This incorporates the £5 increase in the Sports Club Fee, from £5 to £10, made at the last Sports Club AGM. Membership Fee would increase from £65.00 to £70.00 for playing members, and £10.00 to £15.00 for Junior and Social members

VOTE: This was carried – 39 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

6) COMMITTEE PROPOSITIONS – to consider proposals from the Committee: None

7) PROPOSITIONS FROM CLUB MEMBERS:

7a) CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION - It was agreed to change the Constitution that states that the Annual General Meeting 'to be held on the last Friday in October' to read that the Annual General Meeting 'to be held in October'

Proposed Susan Northwood

Seconded Jennie Cole

It was agreed that the Committee would consider moving the AGM to day light hours such as a weekend avoiding half terms to encourage better attendance.

VOTE: This was carried – 39 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

7b) SMOKING AND VAPING - It was agreed to change the No Smoking Rule past the Gate to include Vaping and notices to be put up around the Green

Proposed by Ray Mew

Seconded: Sharon Mew

VOTE: This was carried – 38 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstained

7c) CLUB COMPETITION ENTRY FORM - It was agreed that a Club Competition Entry Form be available for members to be able to enter Club Competitions at the time of renewing their Club Membership at the end of January.

A list of everyone that has pre-entered will be provided to the Competitions Secretary prior to the start of the season. Members will have the opportunity to add or delete as necessary, by the

deadline but will not be refunded any fees. Members will still be able to enter Club Competitions in the traditional way at the start of the season, by the deadlines set, with collection of fees on the day.

Proposed Kevin Mann

Seconded Jennie Cole

VOTE: This was carried – 33 For, 0 Against, 6 Abstained

7d) MILLENNIUM PLATE – The proposition was to play the Millennium Plate by ‘play-by’ dates. Following a discussion it was agreed that it would be more suitable for new members to play on a fixed date when experienced bowlers could be there to assist.

Bob Hughes to source a suitable date for the Millennium Plate.

Proposed by Ray Mew

Seconded: Sharon Mew

VOTE: This was NOT carried – 2 For, 31 Against, 6 Abstained

7e) TANDLER PAIRS – The proposition was to play the Tandler Pairs by ‘play-by’ dates. Following a discussion it was agreed that it would be played by ‘Play by’ dates, with the agreement of Karen And Alec Tandler, but the Semi Finals would be played at the same time on a fixed date.

Bob Hughes to source a suitable date for the Tandler Pairs Semi-Final.

Proposed by Ray Mew

Seconded: Sharon Mew

VOTE: This was carried – 39 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

8. UPDATES

8a) TARMAC LEAGUE – The Club have committed to playing in the Tarmac League for 2024. Dave Evans is the Club Captain and these matches as well as the Friendly matches will fall under his responsibilities. Bob has spent a lot of time arranging all of these fixture to provide a good range of opportunities for everyone to play. You need to put your name down on the sheet to ensure selection.

8b) MENS’ WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE - The Club have committed to playing three teams in the Wednesday Night League in 2024. The following will take responsibility for each team:

Men's Wednesday League Team 1

Phil Williams

Men's Wednesday League Team 2

Peter Bloomer

Men's Wednesday League Team 3

Dave Ball

8c) VOLUNTEERS – Barbara noted the following members who have kindly volunteered to be co-opted for specific duties on behalf of the Committee and thanked everyone involved:

Volunteers for the Bar -

Susan Northwood, Jim Allen

Weekend Café -

Jennie and David Cole, Susan Northwood,
Rosie Sheridan

General Maintenance -

Brian Draper and Cyril Wait, David Robbins
and Clive Sheridan

Marketing and Fund Raising -

Jennie Cole, Susan Northwood, Clive and
Rosie Sheridan, John Stirling

Strollers (Outdoor 2024)

Susan Northwood and Val Wilkinson

Strollers (Indoor 2024)

Peter Bloomer

Crown Green

Dave Evans

Friday Night Roebuck Cup

Susan Northwood

Tony Allcock	Phil Williams
Men's Hereford Times Cup, the Men's	
Top Club and Men's Double Rink	Phil Williams
Website Administration	Jennie Cole
Club Raffles	Pauline Preece
Kitchen supplies	Val Wilkinson

NOTE:- A volunteer is still required to manage 'Special Match Catering'

8d) John Bates has arranged for Sid Barcus to run a Race Night here at the Club. Barbara has also handed over the electronic Race Night equipment for use by the Club.

Reminders –

January Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 21st January 2024 when Membership Fees are due
2024 Open Day/ Start of the Season will be on Sunday 14th April. Fixture Cards will be available at the January Lunch.

Thanks were made to Barbara for all her hard work as Chair and as a Committee Member for many years.

The AGM was closed at 8.10pm