

FLEET SOCIAL BOWLING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 6TH 2022

Opening Remarks: Lou opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first AGM since Oct 2019. Normally the meeting is held in October but has since been aligned with the Social Club so that financial data can also be aligned. Monthly payment and VAT reclaims are at the end of the financial year.

1. Apologies: Received from: John Bunter, Margaret Hankin, Len Holton, Gary Burkey, Ron Hasted, Ian Shrimpton and Betty Hood. There were 37 present. Lou then asked for a minutes silence to remember those who had passed away since the last AGM. These were: Jim Lyons, Bob Alexander, Bee Nuttall and Andy Mulley.

2. Minutes of the Previous AGM

The minutes of the last AGM were proposed by Bill Moore and seconded by Janice Fleuty. There were no matters arising from the 2019 AGM minutes.

3. President's Address

Lou reflected on the past two years and the effect of Covid on bowling over that period. In 2020 there was no play until June and restrictions in force thereafter. Mike Gilbert ran a very successful league competition and there was also a pair's competition during the latter part of the season. In 2021, numbers on the green were restricted at the beginning of the season, but despite this most matches were played and at the end of the season we had more members than we have had before, although only men joined. He congratulated the A&D teams and gave thanks to Bill and Bob for their organisation of the teams. Thanks to the Committee and to Chris for all his work on the green. Thanks also to Bill and Stephen for the fund raising and the plants; to Judy and Peter for replacing the green baize and all those who helped to get the green and its surrounds at both front end and back end of the season. Thanks also to Mike W and team for his work mowing the green.

4. Secretary's Address

Maggie thanked the Bowls Committee for their help, for Audrey for dealing with the ladies matters and also to Chris for his help. We remain affiliated to: Bowls England, Bowls Hampshire, Aldershot and District Bowling Association, the Stan Hardman league and the Blackwater Valley. Competitions were entered with varying degrees of success. Members were reminded that although it is now too late for the County competitions, there is still time to enter the A&D competitions. Congratulations to all who entered the Club competitions, entries can be made at enrolment evening on Feb 15th. Finals weekend is Sept 17 and 18th. Drawn triples will be on Saturday 9th July.

Members were reminded to volunteer to play in the friendly matches and the Stan Hardman matches; list will be on the board outside the Club. It is not expected that there will be refreshments served after matches in future.

Information is sent out by e-mail, please do let me know if you don't receive any.

5. Treasurer's Report

Tim Kite has taken over from Stephen and the accounts provided cover a 15 month period. Following the receipt of the VAT and the final payment for the green work, we start the season with £3800, in the bank. Based on a rough calculation, it is anticipated that there will be no fee increase this year. A major source of income are match fees, so captains are reminded to collect these. If possible members are asked to pay on line as there are bank charges for all transactions except online payments.

Members are asked to print off the enrolment form and either scan it and send to Tim, or bring it to the enrolment evening. There will also be spares at the evening.

6. Club Captains report

Chris provided his report to members in advance of the meeting. He reported on the green improvements and gave thanks to Bill for the fund raising which had helped to buy some equipment and also to the Bowls Club Committee for all their support. He wished everyone good bowling in the future.

7. Lady Captains Report

Janice thanked all the ladies for their continued support despite the lack of numbers. We managed mid table on the Blackwater Valley league despite not being able to field a full team on several occasions. We took part in the County and North Hants competitions, Margaret reached the semi final of the 2-wood and Maggie, Janice and Judy reached the quarter finals of the Benevolent triples. The ladies supported the Stan Hardman league, and one of the main stays was Bee who we shall sadly miss. She thanked everybody for their hard work and Chris for all his work. He will also be missed.

8. League Matches

Bob thanked all who played in the A team and although only half the matches were counted this year, all were won and first place was only lost due to a point count. Bill thanked all the bowlers and thanked Jeff and Mike G who set up an online system to check availability. Again in the B team all matches in the second half were won and Bill had collected the winner's shield which was on show at the meeting. He reported that next season will be 18 ends, and it is expected that no food will be provided.

Maggie reported that we finished mid table on the Stan Hardman league and all but 1 match had the required 3 ladies. It was at times a struggle to get a team so she encouraged all to put their names forward whenever they can.

9. Fundraising Report

Bill reported that in 2019 we had a float of £706. Since then he had added amounts from plants, skittles evening and the annual diner. Money spent included score cards, sanitizer and ditch mats. A balance of £469 is now held with the Treasurer. The end of season dinner went well with probably the best meal that we have had at the Lismoyne. Thanks to Len Holton for giving a bottle of wine for each table.

10. Fixtures and Competitions

Fixtures are now in place for the friendly matches, for the A&D league and the Blackwater Valley. We are waiting the fixtures for the Stan Hardman League. Members are reminded that enrolment evening is when competitions can be entered.

11. Election of Club Officials.

There was a vacancy for Club Captain and Bill Moore offered to fill the post. He wanted a Vice Captain and Steve Pape agreed to take on this role. Roger Peck offered to captain the Stan Hardman League. Tim Kite had taken on Treasurer and Mike Gilbert had agreed to take on the role of communications. Dave Bacon also agreed to take on responsibility for membership. All other posts remained the same; proposed and seconded and confirmed after putting to the meeting. Ben Holt offered to take on Fund Raising.

Officer Posts are confirmed as follows:

President- Lou Foulger
Vice- President- Judy Brown
Secretary- Maggie Marsh
Treasurer- Tim Kite
Fixtures Sec: - Margaret Hankin
Club Captain- Bill Moore
Ladies Captain- Janice Fleuty
Comminications- Mike Gilbert
Membership- Dave Bacon

Non Committee Posts:

The A&D league will be run by a committee consisting of Ben Holt, Bill Moore, Jeff Davis and Mike Gilbert.

Stan Hardman League -Roger Peck

Fund Raising – Ben Holt

12. AOB

Kathy asked if anything was planned for the Centenary Celebrations in 2023. Mike G is working with the Social Club Committee to agree events. Currently it is planned to have a Bowls Day inviting other clubs on the July weekend. Bob suggested inviting the A&D. Several people volunteered to form a sub-committee to arrange events. They were Trevor Bromelow, Michael Ankers, DaveBacon, Mike Gilbert and Jameson Robinson.

John Eade asked if Open Day could be advertised better. This year we are going to have Open Weekend on the Big Bowls weekend as advertised by Bowls England on Sat 28th and Sun 29th May.

Mike Wilkins asked if members can help more with the removal of grass, particularly in the summer to avoid a build up.

Stephen reported that he would not be doing plants this year. Dave Bacon offered to do some, mainly Veg. If anyone has spare plants please do contribute.

Tim Kite asked if members wanted the internal Club League to continue. Some had found it too many games. If it runs, and this can depend on numbers at enrolment, we will do it earlier, with an earlier final.

Peter Luff offered to help Lou with the U3A.

The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.