

## **HYTHE SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 2.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 in the HBC Clubhouse**

#### **1. PRESENT**

Chairman	Lawrence Harvey
Treasurer	Bob Luckhurst
Secretary	Moira Whybrow
Committee members	Margaret Maris, John Ryan, Madeline Ryan, Peter White

Plus 16 Playing Members

**APOLOGIES**    None

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 25 April 2019 were approved and signed. It was noted that due to the suspension of the Club under Covid restrictions these Minutes were of little relevance.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the 2019 Minutes.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman confirmed that play was suspended due to Covid lockdown on 19 March 2020 and did not resume until the start of the 2021/22 season in October 2021. This season has seen a restricted number of players per session with only 2 mats in use. Membership is around 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of pre-pandemic levels.

Thanks were given to the outdoor Club for making the Clubhouse available as and when needed on a fixed reduced fee basis.

The change to a single fee with no cash charge per session has proved popular and a continuation of this next season will be debated, together with a decision on whether two or three mats is the preferred option, which will have an impact on fees charged.

The Chairman ended by wishing all members a healthy and happy summer with the hope next season will see a return to some sort of normality.

There were no questions.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A copy of the Accounts was circulated prior to the meeting and were signed off by Patrick Flanagan as independent examiner. Two half-season fees of £25 were charged with no individual session fees, this being made possible by a reduced Clubhouse hire charge for which Ken Sherwood, HBC Treasurer, was thanked. Income from fees totalled £1,851.00 with 40p bank interest. The net result was a modest loss of £218.20. Reserves currently total £6,970.63. The main item of expenditure was for refreshments and Madeline Ryan was thanked for organising the purchase of these during the season.

Thanks were given to Patrick for verifying the Accounts.

## **6. PRESENTATION OF PRIZES 2020**

The Singles were won by Margaret Maris, runner up Brenda Walsh.

The Pairs were won by Frank Trimmer and Ken Sherwood

Runners Up John Ryan and Suzanne Cassingham.

No Triples Competition was possible as play was suspended prior to the completion of this.

## **7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman Lawrence Harvey, Treasurer Bob Luckhurst, Secretary Moira Whybrow were all unopposed and were duly re-elected.

Club members Margaret Maris, Madeline Ryan and Peter White were all willing to stand again and were duly re-elected.

Members present were asked if one or more would be willing to be co-opted on to the Committee as the preferred number is 8.

There were no offers.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The main debate, raised by Patrick Flanagan, was how next season might be run as this year's reduced numbers with two mats had seemed popular.

The downside to this is that competitions are not possible and there have been a few sessions when members have been turned away.

Currently there is a more social element to play and less competitiveness.

This will be considered by the Committee pre-season, along with setting the fees. It was suggested additional sessions might be considered, either a morning or afternoon. The merits of this will also be debated.

The meeting closed at 2.50pm and tea and cakes were served.