

# HOLWELL SPORTS BOWLS CLUB



Founded 1917

Minutes of AGM held at The Club, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray on Friday October 14th, 2022, at 7.00pm.

**In attendance:** A & B Broadberry, H Cramp, C Cregan, M Cuffin, V Darling, M Dyer, E Faulconbridge, J & P Francis, S & S Hall, A & H Hardy, D & V Hopkinson, B & V James, B Kurth, J Ladkin, R & S Lemon, G Marshall, S Moore, P Orridge, J Reynolds, G Robertson, G & J Rudkin, C & M Thompson, F Thorpe, A Tipper, E Underwood.

1. **President Sue Hall** opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending.
2. **A Minutes Silence** Ian (Chalky) White whose funeral was held following our last AGM and Frank Fielding whose funeral was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2022.
3. **Apologies:** J Butcher, M & J Cregan, P Farrow, C Hollis, J Orridge, W & P Paterson, T Reynolds, K Tween, C Underwood, A Whittaker, A Wright.
4. **Minutes of Meeting** held on the 15th of October 2021 were taken as read.
5. **Adoption of Minutes.** Proposed as a correct account by Simon Hall and seconded by Byron James and duly signed by President Sue Hall
6. **Matters Arising** None
7. **President's Report Sue Hall**

I began my Presidential year in my official role, by joining other members of Holwell Sports in a Guard of Honour at the funeral of the well-loved Chalky White and ended it with a Guard of Honour for the equally loved Frank Fielding last week.

But, as in The Circle of Life, Holwell Sports Bowls Club have been so blessed with several wonderful newbies, mostly joining the club following our Open Day. It's so lovely to have watched these guys seamlessly and enthusiastically joining in with club events this season, such as Chummies on Mondays and the Coaching Sessions on Friday evenings aimed at folk that work in the week. Along with the competitions and friendly games and doing so well in them too!!

My President's Day was a hoot with a Commonwealth/Queens Platinum Jubilee theme. We dressed up in red, white, and blue and enjoyed a smashing Afternoon Tea prepared by Sara Groome and a Presidential Cake created by my daughter Mary. The game was a bit non-descript so no need to report on that.... But I can report that we have given a donation of £50 to the local Parkinson's Group from proceeds received on the day.

The President's Tour to Great Yarmouth began with members of Holwell, Melton and Oakham clubs standing in trepidation at The Springfields Shopping Village in Spalding.... For some it was because the coach needed a new battery, or something technical, however for me it was because I'd bought a pair of shoes and forgotten my Springfields Loyalty Card! No discount for me that day...Gutted....

The coach went on to be a little temperamental but Jeff the driver coped well under the strain so that we were never late. Jeff also proved to be a good bowler when he joined us at Bradwell BC in Great Yarmouth. This was also where I met Mervyn King, apparently a good darts player. Well, that's what he said when I asked him if he was good, having never heard of him before in my whole life! He's also a bit good at bowls.

It was smashing to meet up with Clare and Paul Clarke, who were former members of this club, when we visited Marram's BC in Cromer. We also visited Norwich County Arts BC. The weather was perfect for bowling and I think we all had an enjoyable week away. Thanks again to Arthur for his great organising skills. I think he took us all from Plan A to Plan K at times. Well Done You!

Presentation Night, held at The British Legion, seemed to me to be a great venue and Byron and Bob facilitated the evening with their usual finesse. It was great to see new members amongst the trophy winners too.

Congrats again to all the trophy winners, both official and unofficial!!

Thanks to the committee, and you guys, for all the encouragement and hard work that you've put in, to make this such a friendly and inviting club in 2022. I am also very touched with the generous gifts that I have received during the year. Thank you.

I wish Peter all the best for next year as he takes over the reins into 2023.

#### **8. Secretary's Report** Sue Lemon's was as follows:

Sadly, we have lost two stalwarts and great friends of the club Ian (Chalky)White and Frank Fielding both life members and in the case of Ian a well-respected and liked county bowler, with a fire power that left players in awe. Frank was better known for wanting to dig up most of the greens we played on. A guard of honour was provided at both funerals. They will both be missed but will live on as we share the memories, they left us.

It has been a busy year for all the committee including myself, but it has been rewarding and interesting. The commitment of the committee to supply a safe environment, good facilities, a well-managed club, and a calendar of events of interest to the members never changes and it is hoped that we have achieved this. We are always open to suggestions in fact we welcome them. For example, we took on board changes to our club shirt and jacket put forward by members earlier in the year. Our new stock reflects these changes.

I have brought our Constitution in line with the recommendations of Bowls England, and it is hoped to have it adopted tonight. I have circulated it via email. I do struggle to keep everyone informed when there is no email address I can use. I try to contact everyone by phone and hope that the notices are read on the board.

We would like to take a vote on adopting the Constitution as read unless anyone has an amendment they wish made. There will be an opportunity to do this later.

Our achievements throughout the year will be covered in the Officers reports so I will not duplicate this.

The Committee are honouring 5 of our members tonight with Life Membership. They have all gone an extra mile for the club over many years and we want to recognise this and thank them.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their commitment and hard work but most of all for their friendship and good humour. I also want to sincerely thank all our members who come together to help and support the club. We have a great club spirit, and everyone helps in one way or other.

Finally, I would like to thank President Sue for her bright and fresh approach as President which has delighted us all and welcome our incoming President Peter. I will do all I can to help him to enjoy what will be a great year.

#### **9. Treasurers Report:**

Club funds at the start of 2022 were £8,345. As of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, funds stand at £9,893.

The only major outstanding bill for the year is for electricity which I estimate will be around £500. This would mean the Club funds finishing the year at around £1000 higher than at the start.

Total income for the year was £7,419. As usual the majority of this was from membership fees. However, bar profits, match day income, raffles and social events produced half the total income.

Bar income was particularly strong this year at £1,331. Match day income held up (£995) in spite of the replacement of meals with tea and biscuits.

Total expenditure for the year was £5,871. As usual maintaining the green and clubhouse formed the major spend.

Water use was over twice that of previous years (£1,150) due to the dry weather. Electricity usage was also high as the water needs to be pumped to the irrigation system. Fertiliser constituted half the non-water spend (£1,166).

We look to be in a strong financial position going into 2023, particularly if the new members who joined this year return.

**HOLWELL SPORTS BOWLS CLUB ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET 2022**  
**11 OCTOBER 2022**

<b>STARTING BALANCE (1/1/2022)</b>	<b>£8345.21</b>	
 <b>INCOME</b>		
CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS (note 1)	£3,370.00	45%
BAR PROFITS	£1,330.95	18%
MATCH DAY INCOME (Tea and biscuits)	£995.72	13%
RAFFLES	£931.46	13%
MISC INCOME (note 2)	£402.56	5%
SOCIAL EVENTS (note 3)	£389.00	5%
 INCOME TOTAL	 <u>£7,419.69</u>	
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
GREEN/CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE	-£2,399.01	41%
WATER (Note 4)	-£1,150.46	20%
OTHER EXPENSES, RECRUITMENT, DONATIONS, GIFTS (note 5)	-£736.32	13%
CAPITATION/AFFILIATION & COMPETITION FEES	-£678.00	12%
INSURANCE	-£662.27	11%
CAR SHARING DRIVERS REIMBURSEMENT	-£245.00	4%
ELECTRICITY (yet to be calculated)		
 EXPENDITURE TOTAL	 <u>-£5,871.06</u>	
 <b>CLOSING BALANCE (11/10/2022)</b>	 <b>£9,893.84</b>	

**CATEGORY NOTES**

- 1) DONATIONS – Includes Jubilee bench fund.
- 2) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME – Sale of clothing, Easy Fundraising Cashback, Melton League competition win, cake stall.
- 3) SOCIAL EVENTS– Chummies, Quiz night etc
- 4) GREEN UP KEEP – Very high consumption this year due to the dry weather.
- 5) OTHER EXPENSES – Includes publicity materials for recruitment drives (£308), Club donation to Parkinson’s charity, gifts to club members (flowers etc), unsold club shirts etc

**10. Fixture Secretary Report:**

**Ladies** -The Fixtures Secretary Anne Whittaker.  
 No report.

**Men** -The Fixtures Secretary Sue Lemon's report read as follows: "

"We had 13 Fixtures and the Alex Whittaker Trophy played on a Saturday, 2 Sunday Fixtures, and 6 Mid-Week Fixtures which included the game arranged against Colchester by our incoming VP Bob Penny. We also had 6 Melton Triples League Fixtures and 4 Kings Cup. Our Open event took place over a weekend and incorporated a Men v Ladies game.

Bowls Leicestershire Men held the Men's Fours Quarter Finals and Semi Finals at the club. Everyone hailed it as a great success. We will certainly be happy to supply rinks in the future. The Regional Final of the National Men's 2 Fours was also held at the club. We received compliments from the organisers of both events both on our green and our hospitality.

We held a Coaching Workshop on a Saturday morning which was well attended, and we will be offering the green for another event next season. Martin Shipley has said he would also do an evening for our members next season which will be arranged.

The Australian Pairs League once again provided excitement to the very end with the Wombats being declared winners with Newbies in second place. The Pebble Boys picked up superhero awards. An eighth team may be joining in next season and if anyone not in a team would like to play let me know.

Our chummies on a Monday afternoon and Friday evening have been popular with all our members new and I hesitate to say old. The bar on a Friday evening has been a gathering place at the end of play which is nice to see."

**11. Competition Secretary Report:** Byron James report was as follows: " 2022 was a good year for the club's competitions and to see the membership rallying around to support me plus the club in this season's competitions was great. Unfortunately, illness both personally and within the family meant that some members had to withdraw from the competitions. I hope all are well and on the road to a full recovery.

The season's first competition was the Alex Whittaker Memorial Trophy which was a great day out and well supported by the clubs membership. I'm sure we can all look forward to another great event next season.

I believe the season went well for all competitions and all competitors had a great time win or lose. The finals took place over a weekend and all competitions were completed. It was fantastic to see players and supporters having such a good time. The wearing of whites made it a special event as they had not seen the light of day for some time. On a personal note, I would like to congratulate all the winners and my commiserations to the runners up.

Thank you to all members that entered the competition, without your support it would not happen.

I have agreed to continue as competition secretary in the next season (2023). I am looking for an understudy to take over the comp's sec role for the following season (2024), please give it some thought and if interested let me know.

Playing competitions is a great way to tone your skills and socialise with fellow members, so please let me encourage you all to enter and have a go - its great fun.

Once again, many thanks to the committee and members for all your support throughout the season."

**12. Green Keeper Report:** Bob Lemon said

" Some good comments on our green this year from both inside and outside the club. Sometimes I think it is more by luck than judgement but what it does do is reflect the many hours of work put in by all the people involved. They know who they are, and I know that the club wholeheartedly thanks them.

**13. Saturday Captain Report:**

**Saturday Captain:** Arthur Broadberry reported that although it had been an average season for results it had been an enjoyable one and he had been glad to see our new members coming on board and putting their name down for games. The club had won 4 matches, lost 6 and 3 had been cancelled. At the beginning of the season, we had played Brookfield and had a great win 91 – 38, however towards the end of the season at Loughborough Brush one of the largest greens in the county which is known for needing a good back swing to get bowls to the end of the rink we lost 38 – 72. It was very difficult. Our players will have appreciated how well our green runs in comparison. Arthur thanked the players for supporting the games and turning out to play throughout the season and said he looked forward to 2023.

#### **14. Club Captain. Melton Triples and Kings Cup League:**

Peter Orridge opened by saying we had had a pretty good season. The club had won the Melton Triples League and were runner up in the Kings Cup. He had been really pleased to take the Melton Triples League cup to Presentation Night and have it on display. The cup will be returned but the plaque will be displayed in the club.

Peter said that he had hoped that he could give all players interested in playing in the Leagues an opportunity to do so. He had not expected players to hold back from making themselves available until the last moment. Hesitating to put their name on the availability sheet on the Notice Board giving him advance information on who could play. He had to make sure the team was selected, and players notified in good time before the match. Players who delay in making themselves available restrict their chances of selection. Peter asked that everyone think about this. Match dates and times are known well in advance, and he would be delighted if he could have more names to select from.

#### **15. Mid-Week Captain Report:** Sue Lemon's report read:

The committee covered the mid-week games throughout the season in the absence of a captain. All were enjoyed by the players. The Colchester game resulting in a decision to make Essex the venue for our tour in 2024. Our results at the end of the season reflected our friendly approach 3 wins and 3 losses. Willoughby proved to be an enjoyable evening game and we look forward to their visit to us. There are just 5 matches played mid-week and we would welcome a nomination from the floor tonight for a mid-week captain.

#### **16. Ladies Captain Report:** Janet Reynolds report read as follows:

"We played 6 games:

Won against Sileby, Soar Valley and Keyworth and lost against Fosseyway, Kegworth and Shepshed away.

Our game against Shepshed at home was abandoned due to heavy rain and game against Kegworth away was cancelled because of rain.

Our games against Belvoir Vale and Loughborough Phoenix were called off as they could not get players. Loughborough Phoenix wanted us to play a mixed match but said it could be mostly men which Anne and myself thought was unfair as it was supposed to be a ladies friendly match.

Keyworth had a good afternoon and asked if we would be happy to make this a regular fixture going to Keyworth next year and Holwell the following year. I said this sounded like a good idea and would speak to Anne.

Sue Lemon, Glenise, Evelyn, and Viv James took part in the Benevolent fun charity day and came runners up. Well done ladies.

We had five new players playing this year and they all did extremely well having only bowled for a few weeks. Thank you ladies and I hope you enjoyed your first season.

We are hoping to enter a team for the unbadged double rinks next year and need 8 players at least. So far, I have 9 players but the more players we have the better. Please let me know if you are interested.

Looking forward to next year."

#### **17. Sunday Captain Report:** Anne Whittaker's report read as follows

All Friendly games cancelled.

#### **18. Bar Manager's Report:**

After having a very slow start managed to take an average of £80-£100 at home matches. The County Men's Four Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals made a staggering £290. Quiz night was a great success with £130 taken at the bar plus the 34 bottles of red wine £51.

One beer stood out- Doombar and I purchased 170 cans which doubled any other beer

sold. Altogether over 750 cans bought of which approximately 700 have gone to the Leics & Rutland Air Ambulance Appeal.

A few cans, bottles of wine and soft drinks are available for the AGM at a reduced price otherwise I am pleased with the stock left.

Takings being £2230.60 less stock purchased £890.05 making a profit of £1330.95 plus any sales at AGM.

**19. Social Committee Report:** Sue Lemon's report read:

Sue Lemon reported our social events are annual occasions starting in January with our Social Night at the Stute to make sure we pay our fee and have fun. Signing on Night when we get together and have a raffle, President's Day, Friday evening suppers, lunches at events during the season, bring and share which goes with all we do, Chummies, the very popular Quiz Night hosted by Tom and Janet and ending with our Presentation Evening. All our socials have one thing in common great food whether it is Bob's Curry, Bring and Share, Wine and Cheese, Tea and Biscuits with the odd cake thrown in and a memorable crumble which if supplied again we will have custard for. We want to thank all our members old and new for contributing to these. Please don't stop. The committee have organised all the social events and would welcome help with this. If a sub-committee could be formed of interested members, this would be very welcome. Please contact me if you would be willing to help.

**20. County Delegates Reports**

**Gent's Delegate Report:** Arthur Broadberry reminded the meeting that there were members of the club who play competitively throughout the season in the County and National Competitions. Arthur said that he played in many of the County Friendly games and had done so for many years. He went on to report that, when possible, he attends County meetings. He was disappointed to say that the County Executive is experiencing difficulties currently and that it is hoped these difficulties will soon be resolved.

**Ladies Delegate Report Sue's report read:**

Glenise and Sue enjoyed County games during the season and went through to the Quarter Finals of the pairs. We had more ladies entering the county competitions and this will continue next year from the entries we have; this is good for the players and the club. At the last county meeting it was agreed that if clubs are more than 20 miles apart a neutral green can be arranged to play a competition tie.

**21. Recruitment Report (omitted on the night)**

This bowls season has probably been our best yet in terms of recruitment of new members. The open weekend together with contact through our website resulted in us attracting thirteen new members most of whom have fully integrated themselves into the club, joined in the follow up sessions as well as Saturday games, Kings Cup and Triples league matches. Our new members have become very active and supportive members of the club.

An enormous amount of thanks must go to everyone who helped with the market cake stall, distribution of leaflets, placing of advertising posters and help and assistance during the open weekend. Follow up sessions with our coaches and helpers proved to be pivotal in making our new members welcome and valued. This was a fantastic Holwell team effort.

**22. Life Membership Award:** Arthur Broadberry, Beryl Kurth, Jean Ladkin and David & Esther Reek.

President Sue reflected that when we talk about the number of years these individuals have given their time to Holwell Sports BC, we are talking about 10, 20, 30 years and more.

Arthur Broadberry - Has been actively involved in the club for many years as President, Fixtures Secretary, LBA Delegate, County Player and undertaking Captain roles, as well as organising many infamous Tours.

Esther Reek - has been Lady's President & County Delegate well respected throughout the county and, as with all our ladies, helped with teas for a long period of time. With David she was part of the group who set up our club house in its form today.

David Reek - has handled the maintenance and repair of our club house since it was built and helped with the building too. He has been our representative on the Stute Board for many years. If David was asked for help, he gave it, including collecting the shopping from the Cash and Carry. He has been a committee member extraordinaire.

Beryl Kurth - has been Lady and Club President and Club Secretary and if that wasn't enough has helped with teas throughout many years. Serving on the committee and helping organise club events. Always with a smile.

Jean Ladkin - has worked enthusiastically for the club throughout the years. Helping in the kitchen and organising the teas for the friendly games which down the years have been appreciated by all the clubs who came to Holwell. She has been Lady President & Ladies Captain and is always the first to offer help when it is asked for.

Honorary Membership Certificates were presented to each of the members by President Sue. Esther and David Reek were unable to attend due to health reasons and the Secretary will make their award presentation at their home.

23. **Election of Officers:** President Sue presented incoming President Peter with his badge and the chain of office. President Peter assumed the chair and passed on the VP badge to incoming Vice President Bob Penny and welcomed him to the committee.

24. **President Peter declared all seats vacant. All post were unopposed other than the two vacant positions. The committee was voted in on bloc unanimously by a show of hands from members attending.**

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
President	Peter Orridge	Bob Lemon	Peter Farrow
Vice President	Bob Penny	Sue Lemon	Cliff Thompson
IPP	Sue Hall	N/R	N/R
Secretary	Sue Lemon	Sue Hall	Janet Reynolds
Financial Secretary	Simon Hall	Eric Faulconbridge	Janet Reynolds
Fixture Secretary Men and Mixed	Sue Lemon	Sue Hall	Alan Tipper
Fixture Secretary Ladies	Anne Whittaker	Glenise Marshall	Sue Lemon
Club Captain Saturday	Arthur Broadberry	Bob Lemon	Sue Lemon
Club Vice Captain Melton Triples and Kings Cup	Peter Orridge	Sue Lemon	Alan Tipper
Ladies Captain	Janet Reynolds	Sue Lemon	Simon Hall
Ladies Vice Captain	Sue Moore	Janet Reynolds	Simon Hall
LCB Delegate Ladies	Sue Lemon	Sue Hall	Byron James
LCB Delegate Men	Arthur Broadberry	Sue Hall	Peter Orridge
Mid-Week Captain	Fred Thorpe	Peter Orridge	Bob Lemon
Sunday Captain	Anne Whittaker	Sue Lemon	Glenise Marshall
Competition Secretary	Byron James	Bob Lemon	Alan Tipper
Green Keeper	Bob Lemon	Byron James	Simon Hall
Assistant Green Keeper	Dennis Hopkinson	Bob Lemon	Simon Hall
Bar Manager	Viv Hopkinson	Eric Faulconbridge	Alan Tipper
Assistant Bar Manager	Alan Tipper	Sue Hall	Byron James

Recruitment	Pat Francis	Alan Tipper	Sue Lemon
Safeguarding Officer	Glenise Marshall	Sue Lemon	Peter Orridge
Safeguarding Officer	Mel Bass	Viv Hopkinson	Glenise Marshall
Stute Representative	Bob Lemon	Sue Lemon	Janet Reynolds

Two members volunteered to fill the vacant positions from the floor. Mid-week captain Fred Thorpe and Stute Representative Bob Lemon. Their offer was accepted unanimously by the meeting.

**25. Incoming President's Remarks:**

President Peter said that it was a great honour for him to be President of the club and although nervous he was looking forward to the year knowing he had the support of the committee and the members. He was looking forward to his tour in September and he was pleased to say he had 50 booked to travel. He thanked everyone for attending the AGM and wished them well.

**26. Honorarium:** Status Quo.

Sue Lemon had proposed that AOCB be dropped from the AGM Agenda. Propositions to be put forward to the AGM by members in advance of the meeting. Seconded by Phil Hardy and agreed unanimously at the AGM 2021.

**Dates for Diary 2023.** (May be subject to change)

- a. All Stute memberships must be paid by end of January 2023 otherwise our club membership cannot be accepted. If unpaid by the 31st of January, the Stute are imposing an additional £5 levy.
- b. Social Night and Supper on the 20th of January at the Stute. Curry Supper and alternative for those who do not like Bob's Holwell Curry.
- c. Fee Paying Night (Simon's Night) – Friday 3rd March 2023 7pm to 9pm
- d. Tea Rota Meeting -TBA
- e. Cleaning Days - TBA
- f. Opening of the Green - Saturday 22nd April 2023 at 2pm
- g. Presentation Night Friday 6th October 2023. British Legion. TBA
- h. AGM Friday 13th October 2023 at the Club.
- d. President's Tour 2023. September 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. 50 going. Waiting list opened.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

A short committee meeting followed to agree date of first meeting. 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 10am. At Club House unless otherwise notified.