

HOLWELL SPORTS BOWLS CLUB



Founded 1917

Minutes of AGM held at The Stute, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray on Friday October 26th 2018 at 7.00pm

In attendance: President R Batsford, A & B Broadberry, H Cramp, Simon Hall, P Hardy, D & V Hopkinson, N Jackson, B James, B Kurth, J Ladkin, R & S Lemon, T Moss, W & P Patterson, E Pearson, D & E Reek, G Robertson, G Rudkin, M Thompson, A Tipper, A Whittaker.

1. **President Richard** opened the meeting
2. **Apologies:** M Cramp, V Darling, F Fielding, Sue Hall, V James, G Marshall, D Pearson, B Rippin, J Rudkin, C Thompson, K Tween, A Wright.
3. **Minutes of Meeting** held on the 13th October 2017 were taken as read.
4. **Adoption of Minutes** . Proposed as an accurate account by R. Lemon and Seconded by Simon Hall and duly signed by President Richard
5. **Matters Arising** None
4. **President's Report** Richard Batsford's report was as follows: "Members I would like to thank you all for keeping the club going and I hope you all have enjoyed this season along with the tour. I hope you will support Beryl in her coming season. Thank you all."

7. Secretary's Report Sue Lemon's was as follows:

My role as Secretary is to ensure the administration of the club runs smoothly and to support and assist the members of the committee, and I hope I have succeeded in doing this. Our committee work well together sharing ideas and working in a good natured spirit. We feel the goodwill within the club is something to be proud of and to preserve.

It has been a busy and productive year for us all. With President Richard being unwell it has fallen on VP Beryl and IPP Anne to step in when needed. VP Beryl has done as much as she could but has had family bereavement and illness to cope with. IPP Anne, as in previous years has been there whenever needed, and this year was able to bowl too, a bonus. Sincere thanks to both ladies and our very best wishes to Richard who we hope will see an improvement in his health very soon.

We have had a glorious summer, the weather has been extraordinarily hot and sunny and this led to us having an over abundance of rape seed beetles who took a particular fancy to our bright shirts. White shirts became the order of the day whilst they were about. Dare I say it we were too hot at times but our daily intake of vitamins must help us through the winter months.

We have welcomed new members throughout the season and will continue in our efforts to encourage more to join us. To this end we had a Cake Stall on Melton Market to advertise our Open Weekend. Our Open Weekend was up against pretty stiff competition with the Royal Wedding and the Cup Final on the Saturday but we overcame this with the help of Tony Wright who lent us his portable TV. We also took part in the Asfordby Village Fete in June which was an ideal opportunity to meet with local residents. The cake stall was a great success and we have been asked to provide the same again at a Halloween event on Sunday 26th of October. We ran a target bowls in June and presented the prizes at the club shortly afterwards to the winners. Enthusiasm on the day did not result in any new members but we intend to continue with our involvement and hopefully it will bear fruit.

We had a birthday bash in August a celebration for our members who had a significant birthday during the year (and whose birthday is not significant). We held a crazy bowls afternoon followed by a buffet tea for this.

Cliff Thompson made us two pieces of equipment to add to our collection - many thanks Cliff. The afternoon was such a success we intend to have another during our open weekend next year.

President's Day was held without Richard. VP Beryl and the committee ensured the day went ahead and was hailed a success. I was unable to attend so I cannot give a firsthand account.

Due to Richard's illness our tour was bereft of a President. Club members and friends enjoyed 4 days in Somerset before visiting Chippenham Park who had brought a touring team to Holwell in May. Friendly games were played against Winscombe, Burnham on Sea and Nailsea with non bowlers able to take in local sights and amenities whilst the games were played and everyone had the opportunity to drive through the Cheddar Gorge. Thanks to everyone who came and took part so happily.

We have had a number of members unable to play due to health reasons, family illness and bereavement and missed them on the Green. Richard our President, Beryl our incoming President, Tony Wright, Barry Claypole, Leon and Tina Dawson, and Alan Graves. Brian Rippin has also been unwell in recent weeks along with Reg Freeman's daughter Julie. We were so saddened by the loss of Reg Freeman a much loved member and friend, and we were proud to provide a guard of honour at his funeral. Especially we think of Margaret his wife who has had so much to cope with since his death and Julie's illness.

On a happier note we have welcomed Pauline and Bill Patterson, Viv and Byron James, Angela Hardy, Eddie Pearson, Ian Pritchett, Josie and Geoff Rudkin, Jordan Butcher, Tim Warrenner, Glen Robertson and Vince Darling to the club.

Those of you attending tonight will have missed Frank Fielding. When I phoned to speak to him yesterday I found that he had been admitted to hospital however his grandson Oliver is hopeful he will be well enough to return home very soon.

Presentation Night on the 19th of October was a well attended evening attracting 40 guests....well 39 as Sue Hall was unable to come as she was unwell. VP Beryl as host and Arthur Broadberry as Master of Ceremonies ably assisted by Anne Whittaker ensured the evening ran smoothly and the raffle at the end of the evening raised £91 for the Club - your contributions were very much appreciated. Live music followed the presentations provided by U3A Generation Gap and once again was a great success. The group said we were the best audience they have and enjoyed the evening as much as we did with some very questionable humour being thrown in from time to time. The catering was done by Joe Breward, as Sara Groom was on holiday, and was excellent.

I want to thank President Richard and all the committee members for all their help and support throughout the year. A special thank you to Anne Whittaker who has been so helpful and always with a smile.....ready to assist when President Richard was unable to be with us, including marking the finals... I would also like to thank Sue Hall and Alan Tipper who have been my right arm on a lot of occasions. Our green keeping team (The Monday Club) are a focus of my attention during the season and I know how much work they do as I am Bob's wife.... thanks to them all. They and the committee pull so well together and long may it continue. Thanks everyone!

8. Treasurers Report:

Simon Hall was as follows: Balance Sheet attached.

The Club account balance was £4143.78 on 31 October 2017. The account balance as of 24 October 2018 was £6395.53. These figures do not include the final bill for putting the green to bed which is likely to be in the region of £1000. We are likely therefore to finish the season with a balance above £5000.

Income and expenditure for this period is summarised in the following table. Transactions have been grouped into categories for ease of presentation but detail is available for anyone interested or with a specific query. Notes on some categories are appended.

It is useful to note that match day teas, social events, bar and raffle produced 54% of club income compared with 32% from member subscriptions, which emphasises the importance of the social side of the club.

Maintaining the green and clubhouse costs around 50% of club funds and therefore maintaining membership numbers and participation in matches and social events is essential to the health of the club.

CATEGORY NOTES

- 1) SOCIAL EVENTS - Skittles evening, Birthday Bash, Quiz night, Round Robin Comp, Fish & Chip Supper etc
- 2) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME – includes Cake Stalls, Donations as well as £250 from the Bowls development fund

- 3) GREEN UPKEEP – I have included water as most of this goes on the green. The final figure for green maintenance will be around £3000 which will approximately 50% of club expenditure
- 4) ELECTRICITY – Appears high but includes 2017 bill which was not paid till this year.
There were no questions and the balance sheet was accepted.

9. Fixture Secretary Report:

Ladies -The Fixtures Secretary Anne Whittaker's report read as follows: " I am still trying to sort out all the 2019 Fixtures and hope to get them out next week."

Men -The Fixtures Secretary Sue Lemon's report read as follows:" We had 14 Saturday Fixtures, 4 Sunday Fixtures which included the Greenwood Cup, and 10 Mid Week Fixtures which included the Chippenham Park Touring Team. The first week of the season was busy but after that it evened out. We also had 6 Melton Triples League Fixtures and 4 Kings Cup. In addition we held a Round Robin Competition, The Alec Whittaker Trophy and a Crazy Bowls afternoon on a Saturday.

We have introduced a Saturday Home and a Saturday away captain to reduce the work load for one individual and to help each other out to cover games.

We are experiencing difficulty with our mid week fixtures as several have had to be cancelled as we did not have enough players. The clubs we play against ask for numbers no later than a week before the game and we have not been in the position to respond despite the availability sheets being on display for up to a month before. The reason for the week's notice is outside catering requirements and it something we as a club must be aware of and do something about.

We can reduce the mid week games from 9 to 7 by playing St James and Abbey Park on a biannual fixture rather than home and away in the same season. As Fixture Secretary I would like to know how our members feel about this? *A discussion followed and it was agreed to try to reduce the games as suggested.*

The mid week captain's position has no nomination. Ken who has done a sterling job this year but is unable to stand for personal reasons although he is willing to help if available. If there is someone out there who feel they would like to get involved please say so. *No response.*

The Club has had success at County level this year with Chris Rodgers winning the County Four Wood Singles. We intend to enter a team for the Men's Double Rink and the Greenwood Cup in 2019 the first a National Competition the second a County Competition."

10. **Competition Secretary Report:** Anne Whittaker's report was as follows: "Beryl and I were pleased the way most of the competitions went. We've enjoyed doing it for the past two years and we wish all the best to the next Competition Secretary."

11. **Green Keeper Report:** Bob Lemon said it had been a difficult summer with the hot weather but we got through. Our contractor was late with the end of season renovations but we hope all ok for next year." He thanked all the green helpers for their help.

12. **Saturday Captain Report:** Saturday Captain (Away) Sue Hall reported read as follows:

"This has been my second year as Captain, in my third year of membership with Holwell Sport BC.

It has been a steep learning curve although with the team commoradary and commitment from club members it has been a rewarding time.....though not in results....we've only won one game!! But we've had lots of fun, discovering parts of Leicestershire and eating nice food. 2019 is a new season and the only way is UP!

There have been no cancelled matches due to the weather or lack of players (occasionally with help from the opposing team) and I'd like to thank everyone that signed up to play. It makes a captain's life a whole lot easier. It's great to have a reserve list too, so I'd also like to thank everyone who offers to play "if absolutely necessary" ...Glenise..."Have sandwiches will travel"

Thank you to the people that offer to drive as well. Less people are willing to drive long distances so you are a real blessing and truly appreciated. Just a note to say that the travel sweet tins will continue next year. If you have any particlur faves please let me know. Thank you everyone"

Saturday Captain (Home) Dennis Hopkinson reported:

8 Home matches. First game cancelled with Syston due to rain, 6 matches played in the glorious sunshine we had this year. Last match played in drizzle. The green played well all season.

I would like to thank all players new and old who helped to make it an enjoyable season even though we lost more games than won.

Club Captain. Melton Triples and Kings Cup League: Sue Lemon reported "The teams representing the club were runners up in the Melton Triples with Oakham taking the title. Tony Wright was unable to continue as captain after his health declined and Bob and Sue took his place doing the selection and providing refreshments for the remaining games. Thanks to all the players who came forward. Newer players certainly benefitted from playing with the more experienced."

13. Mid Week Captain Report: Ken Tween was unable to attend the meeting. He had enjoyed his year but had found it frustrating when he could not get sufficient players in time to confirm the games with the opposition. He reported he felt the Fixture Secretary Report had covered his main concerns.

14. Ladies Captain Report: Jean Ladkin's report read as follows " We played nine games this year. The first two were cancelled. We won 3 and lost 6.

I would like to thank everyone and put their names down which is a big help. I was able to give £277.75 to the club raised from the games.

We collected £37.64 from the Ladies Sale Table which paid for the drinks for the Green keepers. I have a balance of £7.65 for the start of next year."

15. Sunday Captain Report:

The game against Grimsby Touring Team went ahead. Arthur will no longer be organising the tour but the team will be back again next year. The games with Belvoir Vale and Stanton were cancelled, the latter due to bad weather.

16. Bar Manager's Report: Alan reported

Alan spoke on behalf of Tony who was unable to attend the meeting. A total of £801 profit from the bar during the year. Down on last year but the club did not have the celebration games which increase bar usage. Alan said he had done a stock take and any items which would go out of date he would repackage for raffle prizes at the presentation evening.

17. Social Committee Report: Anne Whittaker's report read as follows "

"We had quite a few things going on this year. We had a cake stall at Asfordby Summer Fete which Glenise, myself and Jean manning the stall. Sue Lemon, Alan Tipper and helpers organised Target Bowls.

Janet and Tom Reynolds organised a Quiz Night at the Bowls Club with a supper and it went very well.

The Birthday Bash went very well with a lovely buffet afterwards.

We also had a Quiz Night at the Stute but not many people attended. It was on the Saturday after we came back off tour.

Tomorrow Saturday 27th of October 12 noon to 4.00 pm Jean, Alan and myself are at the Asfordby Village Hall with a cake stall. Thanks to all of you who are making cakes."

18. County Delegates Reports

Gent's Delegate Report: Arthur Broadberry said that there was nothing to report.

Ladies Delegate Report Sue's report read:

" Both myself and Glenise Marshall have had County games this year. We have also had more success in the county comps succeeding to win a round or two before being knocked out. It would be lovely if more ladies from the club would consider playing in County Competitions to gain more experience. There will be an entry in the Unbadged Double Rink in the coming season and in the Benevolent."

19. Life Membership Award: None

21. **Election of Officers:** All Offices were declared vacant:

22. **Immediate Past President Anne asked for a Nomination as President.** Beryl Kurth Proposed by Sue Lemon and Seconded by Bob Lemon. Beryl assumed the Chair.

The following Officers were appointed on bloc.

Position	Officer	Proposer	Seconded
*President	Beryl Kurth	Sue Lemon	Robert Lemon
*Vice President	Arthur Broadberry	Alan Tipper	Anne Whittaker
*Secretary	Sue Lemon	Alan Tipper	Dennis Hopkinson
*Financial Secretary	Simon Hall	Alan Tipper	Glenise Marshall
*Fixture Sec. Men	Sue Lemon	Janet Reynolds	Anne Whittaker
*Fixture Sec. Ladies	Anne Whittaker	Viv Hopkinson	Glenise Marshall
*Saturday Captain(H)	Dennis Hopkinson	Alan Tipper	Cliff Thompson
*Saturday Captain (A)	Sue Hall	Anne Whittaker	Sue Lemon
*Vice Captain Melton 3s and Kings Cup	Arthur Broadberry	Sue Lemon	Alan Tipper
*Ladies Captain	Jean Ladkin	Janet Reynolds	Viv Hopkinson
Ladies Vice Captain	Janet Reynolds	Jean Ladkin	Glenise Marshall
*LCB Delegate Ladies	Sue Lemon	Jean Ladkin	Glenise Marshall
*LCB Delegate Men	Arthur Broadberry	Alan Tipper	Dennis Hopkinson
*Mid Week Captain			
*Sunday Captain	Anne Whittaker	Jean Ladkin	Glenise Marshall
*Competition Sec.	Byron James	Alan Tipper	Anne Whittaker
*Green keeper	Bob Lemon	Dennis Hopkinson	Alan Tipper
*Bar Manager	Alan Tipper	Janet Reynolds	Jean Ladkin
Assistant Bar Man.	Viv Hopkinson	Cliff Thompson	Dennis Hopkinson
*Safeguarding Officer/ Welfare Officer	Glenise Marshall Mel Bass	Alan Tipper Sue Lemon	Jean Ladkin Bob Lemon
Stute Representative	David Reek	Sue Lemon	Bob Lemon
*Immediate Past Pres.	Richard Batsford		

Committee Members highlighted by *

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

Beryl said she was looking forward to being President again for the coming year and thanked everyone for the nomination. She said she hoped we all get on ok.

24. **Honorarium:** Status Quo.

25. A.O.C.B.

- a. Signing on Night 1st March 2019 -7pm to 9pm. Raffle prizes needed.
- b. First full Committee Meeting Monday 21st January 2019 at 9.30am at Melton and District IBC. Sue to book. **AP Sue**
- c. Presentation Night 2018 Friday 18th October, 7pm for 7.30pm. Room confirmed Catering TBA *Additional following AGM to ensure we had catering for the Presentation Night the date has been changed to 20th September 2019, room and catering confirmed.*
- d. Byron said that a notice board to display the competitions was needed outside the club as members were unable to access the current boards if the club was not being used. He also said that a letter box was needed for the competition cards to be placed following a game for the Competition Secretary. He went on to say that he felt it was important that play by dates are met and that he would be ensuring that this was the case in the coming season.
- e. Byron asked that priority be given to club members when invitations were sent out for the President's Tour. President Beryl said that this would be the case.
- f. Harold Cramp suggested a Men v Women game. This would be considered by the committee for the closing of the green.
- g. Time and Date of AGM 2019, 7.00pm Friday October 11th at Holwell Sports BC, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

HOLWELL SPORTS BOWLS CLUB ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET

24 OCTOBER 2018

STARTING BALANCE (31/10/2017) £4143.78

INCOME

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS	£2,265.00	32%
MATCH DAY INCOME (Teas)	£1,756.14	25%
SOCIAL EVENTS (note 1)	£872.45	12%
BAR	£801.63	11%
MISC INCOME (note 2)	£513.90	7%
RAFFLE	£445.20	6%
U3A CHUMMIES	£167.30	2%
TOUR HOTEL DEPOSIT REFUND (from 2017)	£250.00	4%
INCOME TOTAL	£7,071.62	

EXPENDITURE

GREEN/CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE (Note 3)	-£1,611.46	
WATER	-£451.92	-£2,063.38 43%
CAPITATION/AFFILIATION & COMPETITION FEES	-£683.00	14%
CLOTHING, PENS, BADGES, STICKERS	-£643.74	13%
ELECTRICITY (note 4)	-£479.46	10%
ADMIN, PRINTING, ADVERTISING, TROPHIES	-£451.17	9%
CAR SHARING DRIVERS REIMBURSEMENT	-£268.00	6%
INSURANCE	-£231.12	5%
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	-£4,819.87	

CLOSING BALANCE (24/10/2018) £6,395.53