

HOLWELL SPORTS BOWLS CLUB



Founded 1917

Minutes of AGM held at The Club, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray on Friday October 15th, 2021, at 7.00pm.

In attendance: A & B Broadberry, H Cramp, M Cuffin, E Faulconbridge, A Grillo, S & S Hall, A & H Hardy, D & V Hopkinson, B & V James, B Kurth, J Ladkin, R & S Lemon, G Marshall, B Noble, P Orridge, E Pearson, J Reynolds, G Robertson, G & J Rudkin, C & M Thompson, F Thorpe, K Tween, C & E Underwood, A Whittaker.

1. **President Arthur** opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending.
2. **A Minutes Silence** was held for Ian (Chalkie) White a long serving member of the club who had died suddenly a week earlier.
3. **Apologies:** J Butcher, G & P Butler, V Darling, R Faulconbridge, C Hollis, W & P Paterson, S Probert, T Reynolds, C Rodgers, A & C Spaulding, A Spencer, A Tipper.
4. **Minutes of Meeting** held on the 4th of October 2019 were taken as read.
4. **Adoption of Minutes.** Proposed as an accurate account by Clifford Thompson and Seconded by Bob Lemon and duly signed by President Arthur.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - a. Men v Women game to be considered for the 2022 season, covered in Fixture Secretary report.

5. **President's Report**

President Arthur said he had not really a lot to report. The two years of his Presidency had been during the Pandemic, and this had led to far fewer bowling events. He had thanked members of the committee for their effort and enthusiasm in keeping the club open and providing bowling throughout a very difficult period for everyone both at his President's Day and at the Presentation Night and he reiterated these thanks. He finished by saying "we have mucked in together and we have done much better than could be expected"

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

"I really want to thank you all for kindness shown to me at Presentation Night. It meant a great deal to me and is something I will not forget. It also reassured me that somehow, we have managed to get things right for you all during these very difficult two years. I wrote a report for the AGM 2020 which didn't happen, and I will attach it to the minutes of this meeting to maintain a record of the covid years. A club historian may look for this on our 125/150th Anniversary.

On the 16th of March 2020 the committee met, and it was a year later on 22nd of March we held a Zoom Meeting, not our finest hour as we got cut off in mid steam, but we managed to cover the main points needed. We then began to meet again in May this year. The committee always had first and foremost the desire to keep our members safe and to provide bowling within government guidelines when restrictions were in place. We really hope next season will see normality.

Emails became our Notice Board. The Club had a one-way system which was more or less adhered to and those who dared to use the loos became used to the door being left open. It was mid-season before we could use the club house fully and it did not take us long to feel at home again. The Patio doors being left open ensured fresh air and social distancing was the order of the day. Tea/coffee biscuits could be shared again.

Initially we were unable to have more than one person cleaning in the club. This then became a habit for me and one of the highlights of my week was sharing a coffee with the Monday Club. Laughter is certainly the best medicine. Thank you to the fellas for putting up with me.

Other aspects of the year will be covered in the reports coming up. We will build on what we have achieved this year and although it has been different it really has highlighted the friendship and enjoyment, we have in each other's company. We do not ever want to lose that.

I would like to thank President Arthur for his continuous support throughout the time he has been amazing as have all the committee who work hard behind the scenes, the Monday Club who come on Wednesday and Friday too and a special thanks to Simon our Treasurer who secured a grant for us so we can go into the coming season with confidence. Byron our competition secretary has given us so much laughter and good humour, run the competitions so well and been willing to step in at short notice if something has needed doing. Congratulations to incoming President Sue and I wish her a happy year as our President and will do all I can to help. Finally Thank you to you, our members. You are Brilliant!"

7. Treasurers Report:

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2020

Despite generating very little income from match days and social events and nothing at all from the bar in 2020, club funds were very strong at the start of 2021 standing at £8,811. This was due largely to the Sport England hardship fund grant we obtained of £3,462 and a Capitation/Affiliation Fees refund of £725. £2,100 was also raised from Member's subscriptions. The decision was made to roll these membership fees over to 2021 since the season was effectively cancelled.

2021

Total income in 2021 was £3,990. Despite membership fees being rolled over from 2020, generous members donations of £1,310 were received with this year's sign-up forms. £1,676 was raised from match days, social events and raffles and the bar made £526 profit. The total income was understandably lower than previous years (£6,537 in 2019) but hopefully will recover in 2022.

Expenditure totalled £4,332, slightly lower than previous years but as usual 90% of this was accounted for by green and clubhouse maintenance, insurance and capitation fees.

As of 11 October 2021, club funds stand at £8,469 which puts us in a strong position going into what will hopefully be a good year from both a bowling and financial point of view.

HOLWELL SPORTS BOWLS CLUB ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET 2021

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STARTING BALANCE (1/1/2021)	£8,811.12	
INCOME		
CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS	£1,310.75	33%
MATCH DAY INCOME	£706.05	18%
SOCIAL EVENTS (Note 1)	£644.70	16%
BAR PROFITS	£526.90	13%
MISC INCOME (Note 2)	£475.74	12%
RAFFLES	£326.00	8%
INCOME TOTAL	£3,990.14	

EXPENDITURE

GREEN/CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE	-£2,063.66		
WATER (Note 3)	-£693.57	-£2,757.23	64%
INSURANCE		-£641.94	15%
CAPITATION/AFFILIATION & COMPETITION FEES		-£548.00	13%
ADMIN, STATIONERY, DONATIONS (Note 4)		-£201.78	5%
ELECTRICITY		-£153.11	4%
CAR SHARING DRIVERS REIMBURSEMENT		-£30.00	1%
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		-£4,332.06	
CLOSING BALANCE (11/10/2021)		£8,469.20	

CATEGORY NOTES

- 1) SOCIAL EVENTS – Presentation Night, Skittles Evening, Sign on Night etc
- 2) MISC INCOME – Sale of Lawn Roller (£250), Collection Tin (£171) etc
- 3) GREEN UPKEEP – I have included water as most of this goes on the green.
- 4) DONATIONS – including £50 to the Air Ambulance Charity.

Phil Hardy proposed the accounts were accepted and Geoff Rudkin seconded the motion. Agreed unanimously by meeting.

9. Fixture Secretary Report:

Ladies -The Fixtures Secretary Anne Whittaker.

Anne reported that she was working on the Fixtures for 2022. She was uncertain if Belvoir Vale would be a Fixture in the coming season. 4 of the Fixtures for 2021 were played and Captain Janet would report on the outcomes.

Men -The Fixtures Secretary Sue Lemon's report read as follows: " All our Fixtures were cancelled until June 21st when we were given the go ahead to have inter club friendlies and League Games. We played 7 Saturday Friendly games, 1 Sunday game, 2 Midweek Friendly games and the Melton Triples League. The King's Cup was played as a challenge cup home and away against Oakham as Melton Town withdrew from the league. The committee took the decision to provide tea/coffee and biscuits following the friendly games and cobs etc. following league games. This met with success and will continue next season.

The Monday Chummy grew in popularity and a spread sheet was kept detailing individual results. We had our first chummy champ Cliff Thompson who won every game he played.

We inaugurated the Australian Pairs League. Six teams of four players entered and played on a Thursday afternoon at the later end of the season. 18 ends were found to be too much, and 15 ends introduced on the second game. We would like to extend this league and invite you to enter a team or if not able to do this let me have your name and teams will be formed from those interested. The games will be played on a Thursday afternoon but can be played before the given date if agreed by both teams. Evening play will be permitted for those who are unable to play during the day and will have to be arranged with the opposition in advance.

We held an open day on May 30th which although not well attended resulted in Angelo Grillo joining the club. A Jack Attack game was played in the afternoon and enjoyed by the members.

Sunday May 29th, 2022, we will be hosting the quarter and semifinals of the Men's County Fours. This should prove to be a special day for the club, and we hope that our members will help and support us to make it a great success.

If you have any suggestions for future fixtures, please let me know. Harold Cramp suggested a men v women game and we have not forgotten it is on our list for next season."

10. Competition Secretary Report: Byron James report was as follows: "

" Having had a blank year (2020) regarding our clubs bowling activities both with other clubs and our own competitions, it was great to see the membership rallying round to enter and support me and the club in this season's competitions.

The season's first competition was the Alex Whittaker Memorial Trophy which was a great day out and well supported by the club's membership. I hope that Anne will review this event in a positive way and that the members can 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 of 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 (2022). I am looking for an understudy to take over the comp's sec role for the following season please give 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 of your support throughout the season."

Byron James

Competition Secretary

Holwell Bowls Club

11. Green Keeper Report: Bob Lemon said

" Generally, the green seems to have run pretty well this season.

End of season renovations almost complete.

Winter maintenance start in a week or so. Mostly spiking. Cut as necessary.

Many thanks to all good natured and willing helpers."

12. Saturday Captain Report:

Saturday Captain Sue Hall reported read as follows:

My report is very short as, sadly, due to the Covid pandemic and the many restrictions, I felt unable to continue with the role as Saturday Away Captain this season. Thankfully Pres. Arthur stepped into my small shoes, and despite them pinching a bit, I hear he did the job beautifully, for which I am very grateful.

Thank you, Arthur, on behalf of myself and the players that were able to play the away matches.

Sue Hall

President Arthur said that the Saturday games had been mainly won by Holwell. Syston and Birstall being amongst the most notable. He thanked the players for coming forward and looked forward to the 2022 season when hopefully a full program of Saturday Friendly games can be played.

Viv James thanked President for the lovely little rubber ducks which were awarded to the losing rink throughout the season by President Arthur.

13. Club Captain. Melton Triples and Kings Cup League:

Peter Orridge opened his report by apologising that team selection could not be displayed on the Notice Board due to the pandemic. This would be remedied in the coming season. In the Kings Cup Challenge matches we came second and in the Melton Triples League we came third.

Peter was saddened that Melton Town did not take refreshments after the game at Holwell however the home team enjoyed the supper provided. Peter thanked the ladies who gave their time to provide the suppers for the home games by saying "they were great".

14. Mid-Week Captain Report: Sue Lemon's report read:

"Two interclub friendly matches were played against St James and Barnstone, St James resulted in a resounding defeat but was played in lovely weather and in good spirit. Barnstone was captained by President Arthur and was a win for Holwell followed by an excellent tea.

The games against Melton Town and Stanton were cancelled and it is highly unlikely we will be playing Stanton again as they have so few players.

15. Ladies Captain Report: Janet Reynolds report read as follows :

We played 4 games:

Lost against Soar Valley

Won against Kegworth and Shepshed

Game abandoned against L'Phoenix due to heavy rain and green flooded. Suggested we take shoes and socks off and roll up trousers and start a new sport called water bowls but no one was interested.

Game against Belvoir Vale was cancelled due to them not being able to get enough players which was a shame.

Thanks to Bill for playing against Shepshed and Byron for being a taxi.

Hopefully we will be able to play more games and get more ladies playing. We have a good afternoon and a lot of fun so please come along and join us."

16. Sunday Captain Report: Anne Whittaker's report read as follows

"I was Sunday captain just twice this year. For the Alec Whittaker Trophy and for the game against Belvoir Vale which we won. The National Open day was held on a Sunday too and we had a Jack Attack game for members in the afternoon."

17. Bar Manager's Report:

Viv Hopkinson reported that the Bar had made a profit of £526. 53 during the season. Additional sales from the AGM would go on to this total. Social Events towards the end of the season had improved the bar takings and she hoped that the coming season would bring an increase in usage of the bar and additional income to the club.

President Arthur thanked Viv for the time and effort she took on shopping to stock the bar.

18. Social Committee Report: Sue Lemon's report read:

"The social committee did not get formed this season. We fully intend to put it in place for next season and would like to hear from volunteers interested in joining.

A Birthday Gala was held on 17th July for our President Arthur, and this was followed on August 7th by President's Day. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all present. Thank you to all our members for donating home bakes and other food items for these events.

Two Quiz Nights were held the first in August when a supper of Bobs Curry or FishnChips was served and the second in September when a soup and pud supper was provided. Both evenings were a great success. It is intended to have two quiz nights next season one early in the season and one towards the end. Our thanks to Janet and Tom Reynolds for putting the quizzes together and managing the contestants, not an easy feat.

Although not technically a social event Finals weekend grew arms and legs, and the lunches were really enjoyed by spectators and players. Soup, cobs, scones, and cake were on the menu.

Finally, Presentation Night was attended by 49 members and friends. The evening began with a minute's silence remembering our friend and fellow bowler Ian (Chalky) White who will be missed by all who knew and played with him. The catering by Sara Groome was excellent and the whole evening under the guidance of Bob, President Arthur and Byron was really entertaining. A night to remember."

19. County Delegates Reports

Gent's Delegate Report: Arthur Broadberry said that he had been unable to represent the club as often as he had hoped but had enjoyed the occasions he had attended. No meetings had been held by the Men's section.

Ladies Delegate Report Sue's report read:

" Our congratulations go to Glenise Marshall who has earned her County Badge this summer. The County ladies have played several Inter County Friendly games along with the competitive competitions and National Competitions most of which our club has been represented in by myself and Glenise, I reached the Quarter final stage of two of the Singles competitions. We will have more ladies playing in the County Comps next season and I look forward to reporting their success.

As delegate I have been unable to attend the AGM this week this is the first full meeting to be held during the pandemic.

20. Life Membership Award: None

21. Election of Officers: All Offices were declared vacant: No nomination held for Vice Captain and Mid Week Captain.

22. President Arthur asked for a Nomination as President. Sue Hall Proposed by Arthur Broadberry and Seconded by Janet Reynolds. President Sue assumed the Chair.

The following Officers were appointed on bloc. Proposed by Simon Hall and seconded by Bob Lemon.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
*President	Sue Hall	Arthur Broadberry	Janet Reynolds
*Vice President	Peter Orridge	Sue Lemon	Arthur Broadberry
*Secretary	Sue Lemon	Sue Hall	Janet Reynolds
*Financial Secretary	Simon Hall	Sue Hall	Sue Lemon
*Fixture Sec. Men & Mxt	Sue Lemon	Sue Hall	Anne Whittaker
*Fixture Sec. Ladies	Anne Whittaker	Janet Reynolds	Viv Hopkinson
*Club /Saturday Captain	Arthur Broadberry	Glenise Marshall	Dennis Hopkinson
*Vice Captain Melton 3s and Kings Cup	Peter Orridge	Arthur Broadberry	Byron James
*Ladies Captain	Janet Reynolds	Glenise Marshall	Byron James
Ladies Vice Captain	Vacant		
*LCB Delegate Ladies	Sue Lemon	Peter Orridge	Bob Lemon
*LCB Delegate Men	Arthur Broadberry	Sue Hall	Byron James
*Mid Week Captain	Vacant		
*Sunday Captain	Anne Whittaker	Sue Lemon	Bob Lemon
*Competition Sec.	Byron James	Janet Reynolds	Viv Hopkinson
*Green keeper	Bob Lemon	Glenise Marshall	Dennis Hopkinson
Assistant Green Keeper	Dennis Hopkinson	Sue Hall	Sue Lemon

*Bar Manager	Viv Hopkinson	Janet Reynolds	Sue Lemon
*Assistant Bar Man. Recruitment and Funding	Alan Tipper	Viv Hopkinson	Sue Lemon
*Safeguarding Officer/ Welfare Officer	Glenise Marshall Mel Bass	Arthur Broadberry Sue Hall	Sue Lemon Sue Lemon
*Stute Representative	David Reek	Sue Lemon	Bob Lemon
*Immediate Past Pres.	Arthur Broadberry		

Committee Members highlighted by *

23. Incoming President's Remarks:

"Thank you, Past Pres. Arthur. You've done an outstanding job over the last 2 crazy seasons. You should be proud of your achievements! I'm honoured to follow in your footsteps and be the latest President of Holwell Sports BC. There's a sentence I never thought I'd say!

Welcome to Pete Orridge as the new Vice President, wear your badge with pride!

Welcome to the other new Committee Members.

Holwell's Committee Meetings can be a hoot at times! I'm not sure if you know that your Club's Committee meet monthly throughout the year, be it on Zoom or face to face, so now that you know who the committee is you can approach us if you'd like to put forward any ideas, thoughts or concerns to pop onto the agenda for the committee to discuss.

There is one vacancy for Thursday Captain to oversee 4 games next season. Would anyone be able to take on this role in 2022? As an added incentive you also get to be on the committee!

I joined Holwell 6 years ago with Simon, much to the amusement of my family and friends. Everyone in the club made us both feel very welcome as we learned (and are still learning) the strange rules of bowling etiquette.

The very lovely Anne Whittaker was Pres. back in the day. I always looked forward to listening to Anne retelling jokes from her little black book. The presentation was always much funnier than the punch line!

I was coerced onto the Club Committee as Thursday Captain in my first season, then Saturday Captain the following year. Little did I know that I'd be standing here with a chain of office and such responsibility in 2021/22. Thank you, Arthur, and Bettine for having faith in me to continue with the great job that I've seen in both yourself, and also in Anne. You're an inspiration!

I'm very much looking forward to 2022 – a new safer year with new opportunities, new members joining our bowling family and new corporate colours (just thought I'd quietly chuck that one in to see who's listening!) I'm thinking pink and purple..... and perhaps replace the horse with a pink unicorn as the new logo? We won't vote today, just to give everyone time to think of the options....

We're also planning for a Men's County Finals match to be played at Holwell next year.

24. Honorarium: Status Quo.

25. A.O.C.B.

1. Sue Lemon 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.
2. Bob Lemon said that it would be nice if the County Finals to be held in May 2022 could show the County, we are really something.
3. Bob Lemon wanted it recorded that Ian (Chalkie) White was one of the best players he had ever played with.
4. Guard of Honour for Ian White funeral to wear white shirts, Club tie and blazer, ladies white blouse and blazer.
5. Dates for Diary 2022. (May be subject to change)
 - a. All Stute memberships must be paid by end of January 2022 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 25th of January at the Stute. Curry Supper and alternative for those who do not like Bob's Holwell Curry.

- c. Fee Paying Night – Friday 25th February 2022 7pm to 9pm
- d. Tea Rota Meeting -TBA
- e. Cleaning Days - TBA
- f. Opening of the Green - Saturday 23rd April 2022 at 2pm
- g. Presentation Night Friday 7th October 2022 at the Stute.
- h. AGM Friday 14th October 2022 at the Club.
- d. President's Tour 2022. September 5th to 9th.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

A short committee meeting followed to agree date of first meeting. 17th January 2022 at 10am.

Additional.

Secretary / Fixtures Secretary Report 2020

In 2020 we found ourselves in lock down following the outbreak of a world pandemic, Covid-19. The preparations made for the start of the new season came to an end in February, Signing on Night was held successfully but the normal meetings to arrange the tea rota and undertake the cleaning of club were cancelled.

During the months leading up to this time preparations had been made and fixtures arranged. As Secretary I had also set up a website for the club which could be administered by the officers of the club. Through this website news items can be shared with our Facebook page. All Club, County and National Fixtures were cancelled for the season.

The lockdown meant that only family members could work together so Bob and myself undertook the green duties together until May when restrictions were lifted, and it was possible for others to come and help. Alan Tipper, Peter Farrow Phil Hardy, Geoff Rudkin, Vince Darling, Denis Hopkinson and Ken Tween all helped out and the green and surrounds were well maintained. Cliff Thompson replaced the double gates leading into the Football Field with a set donated by Peter Farrow and he also replaced the doors to the main equipment shed. Simon Hall killed the weeds in the area where grass cuttings are taken, and this was then cleared up by the green keeping team. These were selfless acts which were really appreciated. Peter Farrow and Dennis Hopkinson mended the ceiling in the ladies changing room and cleaned and restored the seating.

The clubhouse had to be made Covid secure for members when it could be opened. A one-way system was created, and the clubroom cleared of any items on surfaces and thoroughly cleaned this included the kitchen. Evelyn Underwood volunteered to help with this, and she also did some painting in the toilets. The football club allowed us to use the outside toilet next to our entrance gate and this was cleaned for use and included in the weekly cleaning done by myself and Evelyn prior to the Monday sessions for members which started when restrictions allowed. We had up to 20 members coming on a Monday for a chummy. No refreshments were served, and the clubroom was only open for access to the toilets.

The President's Tour was postponed, and the AGM and Presentation Nights cancelled when tighter restrictions came into place. The Committee has agreed to remain in place until and AGM can go ahead. Committee Meetings have not been held however Officers have remained in touch to ensure club matters are attended to.

It has not been possible for members to meet during the closed season due to the severity of the lockdown in place. 2021 season Fixtures have been arranged but it is uncertain if and in what form they will go ahead.

Sue Lemon Secretary/Fixtures Secretary.