

HOLWELL SPORTS BOWLS CLUB



Founded 1917

Minutes of AGM held at The Club, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray on Friday October 4th 2019, at 7.00pm.

In attendance: A & B Broadberry, V Darling, S & S Hall, C Hollis, N Jackson, B James, President Beryl Kurth, J Ladkin, S Lemon, P Orridge, E Pearson, J Reynolds, G Rudkin, A Spaulding, A Spencer, C & M Thompson, A Tipper, K Tween, A Whittaker,

1. **President Beryl** opened the meeting
2. **Apologies:** A & P Hardy, D & V Hopkinson, R Jackson, V James, R Lemon, G Marshall, T Moss, W & P Paterson, D Pearson, T Reynolds, J Rudkin, C Spaulding.
3. **Minutes of Meeting** held on the 26th October 2018 were taken as read.
4. **Adoption of Minutes.** Following Amendment to item 12 Proposed as an accurate account by Anne Whittaker and Seconded by Clifford Thompson and duly signed by President Beryl.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - a. Competition Boards & Card Box completed and used throughout season.
 - b. Men v Women game to be considered for the 2020 season.

4. **President's Report** President Beryl's report was as follows:

Thank you all for coming, unfortunately winter is coming some of us are bowling indoors and the rest will be snuggled up in the warm. I would like to thank everyone who came on our tour. I hope you all thought, as I did, it was a successful time and that the hotel /food was excellent and we met new bowling friends. Presentation Evening was also a success. Well done all of the winners and runners up. Thank you to Bob who entertained us and Bryron who helped with the Presentations. Thank you all for your support and making my year a happy one.

I welcome new President Arthur and I am sure he will have a successful season.

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

Jack Bonshor a long standing member of Holwell died recently. He will be missed by all who knew him he was a wonderful bowler and a true gentleman.

It has been a busy year for all the committee including myself, but it has been rewarding and interesting too. The commitment of the committee to provide a safe environment, good facilities, a well managed club and a calendar of events of interest to the members is paramount and it is hoped that it is achieved and recognised. We are always open to suggestions in fact we welcome them.

I have been trying to bring our Constitution in line with the recommendations of Bowls England and I had hoped to have it prepared in time for this AGM to adopt it and I have failed miserably. I apologise for this and hope to have it done shortly to adopt officially next AGM or and EGM if needed.

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

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 thank all the members who come together to help and support the club throughout the season as without this we would struggle.

8. Treasurers Report:

Simon Hall was as follows: Balance Sheet attached.

I reported the Club account balance at 2018's AGM as £6395.53. There were a number of spends at the end of the year including £750 on contractors to put the green to bed, £150 on trophy engraving, £150 on mower repairs and fertiliser and some affiliation/competition fees.

Therefore, the final yearend balance for 2018 was £5220.32.

The Club account balance as of 4th October 2019 is £6867.65.

The yearend figure will be lower as there will be some further bills to pay but I expect us to finish above £6000. Income and expenditure for this period is summarised in the attached table. Transactions have been grouped into categories for ease of presentation but detail is available for anyone interested or with a specific query.

OBSERVATIONS 2019 VS 2018

- Total income from match teas, social events and raffles was down £711 (£2302 vs £3073). There were a significant number of fixture cancellations and only one touring club visit.
- Match day and Social event food, raffles and the bar are still 51% of our income.
- There were increases in other sources of income including club subscriptions (up 9%), bar takings (22% and will be higher at year end) and Monday U3A chummies (52%).
- Expenditure on the green and clubhouse maintenance was essentially level. In 2108 we spent £750 on contract labour that we did not spend this year. However, a new sprayer was purchased this year at a cost of £623.
- We took over responsibility for insuring our buildings from the Stute this year. This has and will result in an additional yearly cost of around £400.
- We were cross charged by the Stute for water drainage charges for the first time this year resulting in an on cost of £142.

HOLWELL SPORTS BOWLS CLUB ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET 4 OCTOBER 2019

STARTING BALANCE (1/1/2019)		£5,220.32	
INCOME			
CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS		£2,480.00	38%
RAFFLE		£1,028.50	16%
BAR		£975.30	15%
MATCH DAY INCOME (Teas)		£816.81	12%
SOCIAL EVENTS (note 1)		£517.56	8%
MISC INCOME (note 2)		£465.70	8%
U3A CHUMMIES		£253.55	4%
INCOME TOTAL		£6,537.42	
EXPENDITURE			
GREEN/CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE	-£2,266.92		
WATER (Note 3)	-£597.03	-£2,863.95	59%
INSURANCE		-£703.91	14%
CAPITATION/AFFILIATION & COMPETITION FEES		-£633.50	13%
CAR SHARING DRIVERS REIMBURSEMENT		-£302.00	6%
ELECTRICITY		-£226.73	5%
ADMIN, PRINTING, DONATIONS, COARSES		-£160.00	3%

EXPENDITURE TOTAL

-£4,890.09

CLOSING BALANCE (4/10/2019)

£6,867.65

CATEGORY NOTES

- 1) SOCIAL EVENTS - Skittles evening, Quiz night, Round Robin Comp, Fish & Chip Supper etc.
- 2) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME – includes cake stalls, donations, sale of badges, stickers and clothing etc.
- 3) GREEN UPKEEP – I have included water as most of this goes on the green.

9. Fixture Secretary Report:

Ladies -The Fixtures Secretary Anne Whittaker's report read as follows:

"I am still trying to sort the Fixtures for next season out. I need to find out from the ladies if they still want to play in the Ladies Games if we are to have Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon leagues playing." There was a short discussion and it was agreed that ladies fixtures should continue on a Wednesday afternoon.

Men -The Fixtures Secretary Sue Lemon's report read as follows: " We had 14 Saturday Fixtures, 3 Sunday Fixtures, and 10 Mid Week Fixtures which included the Chelmsford Touring Team. We also had 6 Melton Triples League Fixtures and 4 Kings Cup. In addition we held a Round Robin Competition, The Alec Whittaker Trophy on a Saturday. Our Open Day was a Sunday event and incorporated a Crazy Bowls afternoon.

We are experiencing difficulty with our mid week fixtures as several have had to be cancelled as we did not have enough players, this resulted in our letting down clubs we were due to visit and ourselves as the home games were also affected. This had a knock on affect on our income throughout the season.

The committee have looked at this and we held a members evening to look at the problem and try to find solutions. Following on from this meeting it was agreed to reduce the midweek Friendly games to 4 and introduce a Tuesday evening Triples League and a Thursday Afternoon Australian Pairs League both of which have been advertised to our members. Response has been encouraging but we are short of the 24 players in each league which we had hoped for. We have 21 at the moment for the evening triples league and 17 for the afternoon Australian Pairs. If you do not have your name down for these leagues please sign up before you leave this evening. If you feel a full game is too much two players can share a game (in both leagues) which will have an even number of ends. Find a bowl share partner and get your names down. We are trying to provide more evening bowls for those of you who work or have day time commitments limiting your availability. We will try to make the League Teams evenly balanced to promote a good contest.

We have also looked at making our Friday evening chummy evenings more structured We could charge a £1 per person and provide prizes. Suggestions as follows:

May

Pairs Chummy with 4,8,12, 16, 20 or 24 players. A sheet will be put up for members who can nominate their team.

Chummy and Supper Night. Chummy drawn out of the hat.

June

Triples Chummy with 6, 12, 18 or 24 players. A sheet will be put up for members who can nominate their team.

Mixed Pairs Chummy 4,8,12, 16, 20 or 24 players. Sheet will be put up for members who can nominate their team

July

Fishnchip Supper (Out of hat chummy)

Fours Chummy with either 8, 16, or 24 players. A sheet will be put up for members who can nominate their team.

August

Bring and Share Chummy. Chummy drawn out of hat

Quiz Night - Chummy can start early and will be drawn out of hat.

These will be built into our Fixtures for next season. Please support us by coming along.

The committee have offered some Sunday dates to the Bowls Leicestershire Ladies to hold their Finals. We will be notified if the offer is taken up.

We did not include a Men v Women game this season as suggested by Harold Cramp. This will be incorporated next season if at all possible.

It has also been suggested that we enter a Monday Summer Darts League. We need 4/6 players who would be willing to represent the club. Beryl and Brian Rippin along with Vince Darling who is prepared to be captain have expressed an interest. If we there are more of you out there who would like to have a go please let me know. The Committee are willing to make the necessary changes to the club room over the winter to allow us to hold home games.

The Club has had success at County level this year with Neil Hope winning the County Four Wood Singles and Chris Rodgers and Neil Hope won the County Pairs. Neil went on to the Quarter Finals of the National Singles and Chris the Quarter Finals of the National Champion of Champions. Well done to both.

We intend to enter a team for the Men's Double Rink and the Greenwood Cup in 2020 the first a National Competition the second a County Competition." The Greenwood Cup entry this season went astray."

10. Competition Secretary Report: Byron James report was as follows: " I would firstly like to acknowledge the help and support of the bowls committee over the 2019 season. As this was my first season in the role of competition secretary, I much appreciated their help and guidance whenever I needed it.

The season's first competition was the Alex Whittaker Memorial Trophy which was a fantastic day and well supported by the club's membership. I am very pleased to advise the meeting that Anne has agreed that this trophy will be played for next season and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Whilst this season saw some changes to our competitions I believe in the main that all comps were played in a timely and enthusiastic manner with fun being had by all. We held two finals days and both were played with great sportsmanship and bowling in all its aspects. The support of other club members did not go unnoticed and I thank you all for supporting the finalists in the way you did. Sunburn, beer and Mexican waves all being part of the days. On a personal note may congratulate all the winners and my commiserations to the runner-ups - good luck for next season.

My thanks go to all members who entered the competitions as without you nothing happens. We suffered a couple of minor hiccups but none were insurmountable and all went well in the end.

Looking forward to our next season, I would encourage all members to review the competitions and enter as many as you can. I would add however, that you do not over stretch yourself as once the draw is done it can make life difficult to reschedule events if you were to drop out.

I look forward to 2020 with enthusiasm and hope that I can encourage more of the members to enter OUR competitions.

Once again many thanks to the committee and members for all of your support.."

11. Green Keeper Report: Bob Lemon said "Another year safely negotiated. Thanks again to all the assistant, junior assistant and trainee junior assistant green keepers who helped on the green, great bunch of guys, much too well humoured for me early in the mornings!

Pride comes before a fall they say but I think we can be a little proud jointly of what we achieved this season. Significant change this year in deciding to do our own end of season renovations, to save a bit of money.

Fingers crossed until next spring.

We will need to continue maintenance through the Winter. Mostly involving spiking and slicing for aeration. At least twice a month depending on conditions.

Thanks to Carol Kirkwood for the weather.

Thanks to Josie for the cakes.

Have a good Winter all and be raring to start in the spring."

12. Saturday Captain Report:

Saturday Captain (Away) Sue Hall reported read as follows:

" I was privileged to captain another great season of bowls as Saturday Away Captain for the third year.

We saw an improvement on last year's results from 1 win in 2018 to..... 2 wins and 1 draw in 2019!

These wins were against Birstall and Soar Valley, and the draw was at Sibley.

Once again, no matches were cancelled due to the weather or lack of players. When we had players drop out the other team's captains were very accommodating and organised the game to enable all players to play a match. In one instance we had 1 rink, 2 x triples and 1 pair – all which is easier said than done! As always Holwell players were willing to adjust without complaints.... much! Seriously, this does highlight the reason for always bringing 4 bowls to matches.

We've enjoyed a range of "Away Teas" from a roast pork meal including roasties, to salads with pork pie, to gorgeous scones with cream and home-made jam in a variety of flavours. I'd like to suggest to the Club Secretary that we join Soar Valley for a monthly game next season!

So please continue to sign up for the away games next year, if only to taste and enjoy all of the smashing food that we receive, at reasonable prices.

Finally, I'd like to thank all players for their keenness to play, to Arthur for providing score cards and speeches (I've learnt a lot about how to deliver a speech for the future!) and to the willing drivers.

All of you are muchly appreciated and make my life as a captain so much easier. Thanks 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: Arthur Broadberry reported that the leagues had been a learning curve for players in reading heads as 10 out of the 16 players were relatively new to the game. The Melton Triples League provided that extra bowl too which helped. He reported we were runners up in the Triples League which was an added bonus and thanked all who played.

Arthur said he would not be taking on the Captaincy in 2020 as he would be President and had bowling commitments' elsewhere

13. Mid Week Captain Report: The committee covered the mid week games throughout the season in the absence of a captain. Simon had a 100% record with 2 wins at home to Melton Town and St James. Arthur covered our game with a Chelmsford Tour Team which was a great afternoon and Glenise and Anne covered the Melton (away) game which we lost in style along with the Humberstone away game which was cancelled. The game v Abbey Park (away) was down to Sec Sue and provided the challenge of playing on a green covered in granulated fertiliser, we lost but the tea and hospitality provided was great. We had a game against Leicester BC game which went ahead and the St James game away we had to cancel. We also had our home game against Abbey Park cancelled.

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

"We played 6 games, won 2 and lost 4.

We had 6 games cancelled either because of the weather or the opposition could not raise a team.

I would like to thank Jean and Anne Whittaker for their help and also Viv James for agreeing to be captain when I was on holiday. I would also like to thank everyone who played and helped me get a team together although this was a struggle some times.

I hope that more ladies will put their names down next year as we have a good afternoon."

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

"We only had 3 games during the season 2 or which were played, Belvoir Vale and Stanton. The Grimsby Touring Team cancelled due to bereavement."

16. Bar Manager's Report:

Alan reported after a sluggish start due to early season cancellation of home fixtures bar revenues picked up as the season progressed, and with the help of our very successful socials and chummies we recorded good increases in both turnover and profit against last year.

Numbers to date are;

Turnover £1853.92

Purchases including

Cash float. £754.74

Bar Profit. £1099.18 This represents an increase of over 36% against last year.

(Turnover includes cash in till)

Huge thanks must go to everyone who helped out behind the bar throughout the season Particularly Viv Hopkinson who was huge support as assistant bar manager.

Thanks should also be recorded to Pauline Patterson, Anne Whittaker, Sue and Simon Hall and Arthur Broadberry who generously donated drinks glasses for the bar.

17. Social Committee Report: Sue Lemon reported that the social events were becoming annual occasions starting in January with Skittles Night and during the season with Crazy Bowls afternoon, Friday evening suppers and Chummies and the very popular Quiz Night hosted by Tom and Janet and ending with our Presentation Evening. Our thanks to all our members who supported these events. We attended the Asfordby Fete and provided Target Bowls and a cake stall both of which did well. Alan Tipper introduced the Parkinson Group to the club and although the weather was not good the afternoon was enjoyed by all. Our home bakers did us proud as they always do and the game of Sticky Fingers was a great success. We are always looking for ideas so please get in touch if you have a suggestion. The idea of a Bring and Share supper came up at our members evening and was given a trial run at the end of August. It was a super evening and great fun. We have awesome culinary skills as a club. We also have a great atmosphere in the club and it is down to having members who are such good friends. Thank you all for your support.

18. County Delegates Reports

Gent's Delegate Report: Arthur Broadberry said that he had been very fortunate to represent the club on many occasions during the season. He had supported Chris and Neil at Leamington when they had had an England trial. Arthur went on to say he had had 10 representative games in the County President Executive matches playing in one at Windsor Great Park, and he had skipped County rinks.

As Holwell Delegate he had attended the County Meetings and voted for the club on the question of changes to the Constitution agreed by the committee.

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 reaching the quarter finals of the ladies fours with Bettine Broadberry and Norma Jackson. We also reached the semi final of the Ladies Pairs and I made it as far as the semi final of the ladies 2 wood singles. It would be lovely if more ladies from the club would consider playing in County Competitions to gain more experience, to this end I have invited the ladies interested to contact me, sadly I have had only one response. 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: No nomination held for Vice Captain and Mid Week Captain.

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

The following Officers were appointed on bloc. Proposed by Cliff Thompson and seconded by Peter Orridge.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
*President	Arthur Broadberry	Sue Lemon	Robert Lemon
*Vice President	Sue Hall	Janet Reynolds	Viv Hopkinson
*Secretary	Sue Lemon	Cath Hollis	Sue Hall
*Financial Secretary	Simon Hall	Cath Hollis	Sue Hall
*Fixture Sec. Men & Mxt	Sue Lemon	Sue Hall	Cath Hollis
*Fixture Sec. Ladies	Anne Whittaker	Sue Hall	Beryl Kurth
*Saturday Captain(H)	Dennis Hopkinson	Cath Hollis	Sue Lemon

*Saturday Captain (A)	Sue Hall	Cath Hollis	Sue Lemon
*Vice Captain Melton 3s and Kings Cup			
*Ladies Captain	Janet Reynolds	Sue Lemon	Beryl Kurth
Ladies Vice Captain			
*LCB Delegate Ladies	Sue Lemon	Sue Hall	Anne Whittaker
*LCB Delegate Men	Arthur Broadberry	Sue Hall	Anne Whittaker
*Mid Week Captain			
*Sunday Captain	Anne Whittaker	Sue Hall	Sue Lemon
*Competition Sec.	Byron James	Sue Lemon	Beryl Kurth
*Green keeper	Bob Lemon	Sue Hall	Sue Lemon
*Bar Manager	Viv Hopkinson	Janet Reynolds	Sue Hall
*Assistant Bar Man. Recruitment and Funding	Alan Tipper	Sue Hall	Sue & Bob Lemon
*Safeguarding Officer/ Welfare Officer	Glenise Marshall Mel Bass	Sue Hall Sue Lemon	Byron James Bob Lemon
*Stute Representative	David Reek	Sue Hall	Byron James
*Immediate Past Pres.	Beryl Kurth		

Committee Members highlighted by *

Peter Orridge was proposed by Cath Hollis as Vice Captain (Kings Cup and Melton Triples League)
Seconded by Sue Hall and carried unanimously.

23. Incoming President's Remarks:

Arthur said he was looking forward to his year as President representing the club throughout the Country.

24. Honorarium: Status Quo.

25. A.O.C.B.

- a. All Stute memberships must be paid by end of January 2020 otherwise our club membership cannot be accepted. If unpaid by the 31st of January the Stute are imposing an additional £5 levy.
- b. Skittles Night on the 24th of January at the Stute. Curry Supper and alternative for those who do not like Bob's Holwell Curry.
- c. Dates for Diary may be subject to change:
 - Fee Paying Night – Friday 28th February 2020 7pm to 9pm
 - Tea Rota Meeting - Sat 14th March 2020 at 2pm
 - Cleaning Days - Wednesday 8th April 2020 at 9.30am - Kitchen
Wednesday 15th April 2020 at 9.30am Club Clean.
 - Opening of the Green - Saturday 19th April 2020 at 2pm
 - Presentation Night Friday 2nd October 2020 at the Stute.
 - AGM Friday 9th October 2020 at the Club.
- d. President's Tour 2020. President Arthur advised that the details of the tour would be sent out shortly by Sec. Sue.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.