

## **Minutes of the Abingdon Bowling Club Mixed Playing Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the clubhouse**

### **1. Welcome**

Brian Lacey, President welcomed the following to the meeting:- Marion Booth (Vice President), Christine Norton (Secretary), Peter Rogers (Competitions Secretary and Greenkeeper), Maurice Booth (Preston Cup Manager), Rowena Twinn (Ladies Captain), Stuart Hickman (Wednesday evening League Manager), Richard Sambell (Fixtures Secretary), Christine Belcher (Recruitment Manager), Lorette Burton (Catering Manager), Sheila Knight (Ladies Member Rep), Liz Sims (Gala Day Manager).

### **2. Apologies**

No apologies received

### **3. Minutes of last meeting**

The following corrections were made before the minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by Brian Lacey:-

Section C Preston cup – Sponsorship is being arranged and the final may be longer than 10 ends.

Section G Catering Manager – Sunningdale had a l on the end

Section H Fixtures Secretary – Indoor and outdoor both spelt incorrectly.

### **4. Matters Arising**

Marion has now taken the name of the producers of shirts/caps and will check web site for more info.

Honour boards are ongoing. Thatcham had a problem with lighting so that is another thing to look into.

When Berkshire played Warwick at Abingdon, it was expected that there would be a £27 loss to the club but Warwick paid £7 per person including their visitors so this reduced to a £5 loss. This was taken out of the money from the rolls that were served in the morning.

All food served this year has made a profit.

Following the Maiden Early visit and the scratched bowls, Lorette has contacted Pershore and they will clean and polish bowls which will take one hour per set and cost £38. President has been sent an e-mail.

### **5. Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

## 6. Officers Reports

### a. Ladies Captain

Two friendlies played - Farrington 58 – 38 win and Witney 44 – 37 win.

Ridgeway Elders - Played 4 games. Won against Thatcham 7-2, Won against Junipers 7-2, Lost against Hagbourne 7-2 and won against Didcot 9-0

Ridgeway Junipers – No report received but they have won their last two matches.

No League table yet sent.

### b. Mens Captain

Friendlies played since last meeting won 1 and lost 6 Tilehurst (h) lost 58-78, Shrivenham (h) Won 112 – 73, Hagbourne (a) lost 53 – 107, Kingsclere (h) Lost 80 – 90, Didcot (a) Lost 57 – 78.

Tri-Tournament played at Sunningdale resulted in

Abingdon	70	4 points	Total 156 shots	10 points
Prospect Park	90	6 points	162 shots	8 points
Sunningdale	75	2 points	142 shots	4 points

Mayors match went very well. No regular players from Oxford so both teams were supported by Abingdon players. There were 11 Oxford Councillors and 6 Abingdon Councillors. Brian thanked Lorette and her team for the buffet tea.

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Abingdon A (KLW1)	Played 12	Won 4	Points 91	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Abingdon B (KLW2)	Played 12	Won 2	Points 39	2 <sup>nd</sup> from last

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Abingdon A (KLVW1)	Played 12	Won 6	Points 56	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Abingdon B (KLVW1)	Played 12	Won 5	Points 55	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Abingdon C (KLVW3)	Played 10	Won 6	Points 58	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Abingdon D (KLVW3)	Played 9	Won 6	Points 50	4 <sup>th</sup> Place

Maurice reported that the A Team have two away games to Morland and Newbury and as there is only a 5 point cushion between them and relegation there is no room for complacency if they want to stay up and this was repeated for the B team.

### c. Preston Cup

Fast approaching Preston cup which is to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> August

The helpers are Colin Turner and one other to control parking, field behind to be used and agreed by e-mail

Jim Humphrey and Mayor to do the draw in the morning and the Mayor and his wife to present prizes.

Geoff Twinn to do score board and Nigel Burton to collect food money.

John Highsmith has agreed to be Umpire but another will be needed for lunch breaks etc.  
Lorette to ask Nigel if he would be prepared to assist John.

As far as anyone knows no sponsors will be attending.

As there are double the numbers of players there will be two sittings for lunch with a running buffet for tea.

Also provided will be sausages in rolls upon arrival.

All players eat and have tea free all day but visitors will pay 50p for tea/coffee and biscuits and £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Helpers to pay £2 towards meals.

Raffle being held.

Games must start at 9.30 to fit all games in.

#### **d. Gala Day**

Liz is attending meeting as now very close to Gala day to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Liz is organising and getting everything ready for Richard to run on the day with Phyllis Williams helping with the scoring.

There are 6 visiting teams and 6 teams from Abingdon. Seven teams from Abingdon have entered so one will be drawn on Wednesday evening to be reserves.

Tea/coffee will be served from 8.30am with the draw taking place at 9.30am which will enable the games to be started at 9.45am.

Caterer doing the lunches at £8 per head for 2 course meal. Helpers to pay £4. Tea/Coffee to be served in afternoon with cake.

Tonks have agreed to sponsor again this year and hopefully Benjamin Tonks will present the prizes.

Liz has had difficulty getting teams as August is a bad month for Gala day because lots of players are in Leamington and maybe the Saturday or Sunday after club finals day in September would be better and attract more clubs. This is a topic for a later meeting together with whether we want to continue having a Gala day.

#### **e. Wednesday Evening League**

Meat draw going very well with a decent profit for club funds.

Stuart and Janet will not be running the Wednesday league next year as they want to spend more time on family commitments.

**f. Recruitment Manager**

This year we have seen 7 new players – 3 Ladies, 3 men and 1 social.

There is no chance of the Bowls club being able to use the Community shop this year so maybe Tesco or Waitrose would be willing for some members to stand in their entrances.

Other ideas put forward were contacting schools and colleges or writing to sports teams that only play in the winter like Rugby or Football.

All ideas need a lot of planning with more coaches needed and more thought to the time scales for letters etc.

**g. Competitions Secretary**

Only one or two matches that have overrun in club competitions with a few surprise results.

**h. Catering Manager**

Next match to be catered for is being held on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Christmas party to be discussed at the next meeting.

**i. Fixtures Secretary**

Nothing really happening at the moment.

Richard has requested some direction for fixtures next year especially what weekend / friendly games

**j. Short Mat**

Peter has been elected as assistant Manager in short mat **INTER County Championships**

Abingdon have entered 2 evening teams and 4 afternoon teams.

**7. Report from Executive**

No Executive meeting held, next one due 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**8. Any Other Business**

President Brian and the committee want to congratulate Marion who has become RCBBA ladies singles champion.

Caversham are using Fox deterrents on their green to scare the birds so Peter is going to look into this for ours to help protect the green. The worse damage , divots are caused by bowlers

Hugh & Jean Hercus are leaving the club soon to move to Lymington, so it was agreed that a card and small present would be given by the Committee. Marion agreed to look for something appropriate, with committee agreeing to contribute for it.

Following on from the Bowls Activator course a meeting is to be arranged between all that attended to finish the handbook discussed in previous committee meetings.

Ladies Rep Sheila has been approached to ask the committee if they have any objections, for maybe a morning mixed roll up. Committee has no objections and Sheila is going to contact Peter & Ann Jennaway with the suggestion of Wednesday morning using 3 rinks.

On 12<sup>th</sup> August is Ladies Captain v Vice Captain. This is going to be run by Rowena & Sheila respectively.

Some of the new bowlers have suggested that the Ladies have name badges. Cost on internet £5.95/£6.95

Seat dedicated to Nigel Baker is now in place and the plaque will be attached soon.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 10am in the clubhouse.

Minutes read and approved as a true record.

Signed.....

Date.....

President