

Kirkby Malzeard Bowls Club

Minutes of the 23.24 Annual General Meeting 20th November 2023 7.00pm

Present

Ric Hi, Phil B, Grant E, Tony W, Ann K, Shaun S, John F, Tony B, Brian W, Jane O, Iain F,

Apologies

John C, Judy B, Joyce C, Caroline S, Rodney P

1. Minutes of AGM January 23 approved with minor amendment.

2. Captains' report on Fixtures and Competitions

- Another successful year
 - Friendlies: 16 wins out of 17 games another great performance.
 - Second year of the Tanzeard Cup competition (Kirkby Malzeard vs West Tanfield) again won by KMBC by a margin of 50 points
 - Sawley short mat vs KMBC Friendship Cup played for the first time and won by Kirkby.
 - Dalesman League: KMBC finished 4th (out of 8) missing out on a possible second or third place due to losing the last two matches of the season.
 - Seven members participated in Bowls England Qualifiers (Yorkshire Bowls) for the second year running across a number of formats.
 - Green work – green cut 47 times during the season, quoits and external green areas cut regularly by volunteers, moss killer and liquid fertilizer applied during the season. As a result, the bowling green is in a much better condition than in recent years.
 - **Pam C** has introduced new plants and weeded the border. The fence by the tennis court had been repaired by **John C** and **Iain F** with wood provided by **Tony B** and hard-wearing climbers will be planted in the spring.
 - Many Thanks to Annie H, Elaine I, and Jean F for their efforts supporting suppers and teas throughout the season.

3. Treasurer's Report

- **Income: £1944 to date** – made up membership and match fees, raffles, domino nights, lotto and donations
- **Expenses: £584 to date** – made up of running expenses, Highside payments, and bowls affiliations. Expenses down on last year due to green/ditch repairs being covered by the Parish Council grant and all work done by volunteers only.
- **Positive Cash Flow to date** of £1360 although further expenses are expected before the end of the FY.
- Club reserves remain healthy and above the minimum of £1500 as agreed at the previous AGM.
- The proposal by the Treasurer that the payment to HSPFA should be the same as last year @ £250 was carried.
- Following a bidding process the Parish Council allotted £1500 to KMBC in 2023 to be spent on capital projects such as ditch and green repairs, club house repairs and installation of the sprinkler system. £684 has been spent to date with further work planned for March 2024.

- Following an application process, KMBC was selected for a £100 grant from Ripon Recycling Fund to be spent on replacement mats.
- Proposal carried that membership fees remain at £50 and match fees at £2.

4. Chair's Update

- All KMBC officers were thanked for their hard work and support.
- The bowls committee had been reformed with Jane and Brian volunteering to join the club officers, this will help in quicker decision making,
- The Open Day was successful with 12 people coming over and trying lawn bowls for the first time.
- Monday Night Social Bowls was successfully launched as a low-pressure fun event, with experienced members making themselves available to coach new players. The club gained two members as a result with the potential of more joining in April 2024. This format will continue in 2024.

5. Secretary's Update

- Membership declined from 21 to 19, with two additional members indicating that they will not be joining in 2024. Building up the membership numbers remains the top priority for the club.

6. Election of Officers for 23/24 proposed and carried.

- Chair – Ric H
- Treasurer – Phil B
- Secretary – Jane O
- Dalesman Captain – Grant E
- Friendly Captain - Grant E
- Internal Fixtures Secretary – Tony W

7. Matters Arising

- Duck Race 2023 - John Foster raised that he'd allowed HSPFA to run the 2023 duck race on his land on the proviso that the profits were split with KMBC. Although recorded in the 2023 AGM minutes this did not appear to have been acted on. **Ric** to follow up.
- It was agreed that the KMBC Christmas Dinner be held on January 12th 2024 at The Galphay Inn. The menu choices would be circulated allowing pre-ordering as soon as available. **Jane** to follow up.
- Internal Competitions - **Tony W** (Internal Fixtures Secretary) proposed that the number of challenge cup competitions should be rationalised to four competitions to reflect club numbers and uneven gender split. This was agreed in principle by those present with **Tony W** pulling together a proposal for the next Committee Meeting. It was agreed that the round robin competitions would continue unaffected. The Committee would also determine the best way of preserving any existing trophies that would not be competed for in future.
- Trophies to be collected by **Phil** once the new engraver was sourced and approved.
- BE/YBA competitions 2024 – entries need to be in by the end of January 2024 with members paying £3.50 (to YBA via KMBC) per competition entry.
- Pay to Play trial – after discussion and voting by those present the following was agreed:
 - i. Monday Night Social Bowls - any non-members could attend and pay £5 for any Monday evening which would include 2-2.5hrs green time, coaching and equipment loan where required.
 - ii. The non-member must be signed in and the £5 collected that evening by either the introducing member or club official as appropriate. Monies collected to be passed to the Treasurer.

- iii. A non-member could play at the club for £3 at any other time than Monday evenings **provided** they were accompanied by a member. The member would sign them in and be responsible for ensuring the £3 per non-member was received by the Treasurer.
 - iv. It was agreed by all, that it be made clear, that non-members could not represent the club in any fixture or take part in internal competitions
 - v. If a non-member decides to join, their previous payments under the Pay to Play scheme would be taken into consideration by the Treasurer.
 - vi. The performance of the Pay to Play trial would be reviewed at the November 2024 AGM
- Domino Nights - Chris Stoodley was no longer available so the club officials were managing domino nights this season. One session had taken place so far which was well attended with 14 players with the 2nd cancelled due to the weather. Next domino night Monday 11th December.
 - Pre-season work – repair work required on the field side ditch. The ditch wall facing the club house needed repairing. Work would be planned in March by **Grant and Tony B** to assess the best way to repair.
 - Flexible bowls rinks – it was proposed by **John F** that the bowls numbers be moved so that fresh parts of the green were played on. Mobile lane numbers to be costed by **Ric**
 - Kitchen window -**Ann K** reminded everyone that this remained cracked and rotten. **Grant** agreed to provide measurement to **Shaun** who would arrange for a contact to build a new window.
 - Safeguarding Officer – **Ric** informed the meeting that the club would require one by 2025 but any volunteer to take the role sooner would be welcome. A job description is available from **Phil** for anyone interested.
 - Easyfundraising App – was being trialed by a few members as a way of driving donations to the club by shopping at most of the online retailers. This app has come recommended by Bowls England. Anyone interested in trialing to contact **Phil**.
 - Club Communications – proposed by **Iain F** that a WhatsApp group be set up for all members to aid the communication of friendlies and other events. **Jane O** to set up.
 - David Hall – **Grant** informed the meeting that David Hall a major figure for many years in Yorkshire’s bowling community had died suddenly. A service of remembrance was taking place on 23rd November in Pannal. Anyone interested in attendance to contact **Grant** for details.

Next AGM - Monday 18th November 2024, 7pm at the Highside Pavilion