**ETWALL BOWLS CLUB – SECTION MEETING**

Thursday 5th October 2017 at the Bowls Pavilion, the meeting chaired by Ken Harrison started at 7.00pm

Members Present (32)

Annette Archer, Dave Archer, Vince Askham, Peter Barnett, Tina Beal, David Bramall, Ron Cope, Dave Dolman, Janet Dolman, Peter Draper, Stan Edwards, Steve Fisher, Jackie Fisher, Janet Flint, Ken Harrison, Steve Hall, Tony Higgott, Peter Hill, Kath Irvine, Alan Key, Pat Key, Pat Mason, Tracey Mosley, Victoria Mosley, Beverley North, Martin North, Paul Roberts, Barry Sargent, Ivan Stocks, Pauline Stocks, Alan Wall, Frank Weir.

Apologies (10)

Julian Baker, Joanne Bednall, Janice Draper, Jane Dyson, Lynne Fryatt, Jane Greaves, Ray Irvine, Earl Oakton, Ann Williams, Chris Williamson, Bob Wyllie.

Minutes of the last Meeting held on Thursday 27th October 2016

Minutes agreed. Proposed Dave Dolman Seconded Kath Irvine

Matters arising

None

Team Captains Reports - 2017 Season

**Burton Ladies – Tracey Mosley**

It has ben a good year for our Burton Ladies team. We finished a very respectable 5th in Division 1(out of 9). We played 15 matches, winning 8 and losing 7. We lost 2 matches at home but won 3 away. Unfortunately our fixture against Washlands A was cancelled and we did not manage to re-arrange by the end of the season, so we were awarded average home points. There have been some great performances from the ladies this year and I hope they have all enjoyed their bowls. The team averages were won by Victoria Mosley, having won 11 matches and finishing on a positive aggregate of 4.7. Jane Greaves and Janet Dolman joined us this year in the Burton League and both had a solid first year. Joanne Bednall also joined us towards the end of the season and so moving forward we have a squad of 10 players to see us through next season which is fantastic. I would like to thank the Greenkeeper and team of helpers who have provided us with a superb playing surface this year. Many thanks to Janet Flint and Janice Draper for stepping in as reserves when we have been a player down. It was my first year as Captain and I have enjoyed it immensely. We have an enthusiastic squad so I hope we can build on our success this year, but more importantly continue to enjoy our sport!

**Derby Ladies – Tina Beal**

I would like to thank all the players for their support and hard work, which resulted in us winning our Division. We made it through to the Champion of Champions but fell at the first hurdle, amongst total chaos! I am looking forward to next season and am willing to stand again as Captain.

**Friday Ladies – Christine Williamson**

After an enjoyable season with not too many wet afternoons we finished 5th in the league. Janet Flint came top of the averages closely followed by Janet Dolman. Thanks to all our supporters.

**Belper A – Martin North**

Super season for the team. I really enjoyed captaining the side after I took over from Vince who got us off to a winning start. Out of 18 games, 15 were won and just 3 lost resulting in the team comfortably winning the League. Thanks to all those who played. Fine contributions from many players. It was a tight contest between the Mosleys for player of the season with Victoria just the pick topping the averages.

Thanks to the groundsman, Mike Kettle, who has produced an excellent green for us to play on and thanks to all those who have assisted on match days.

**Belper B – Janet Flint**

I would like to say well done everyone we did it, back to Division 2. Thank you to Mike for a fantastic green and see you all next year.

**Belper Over 55’s – Dave Dolman**

Another fantastic year with the team winning the league and the cup. My thanks to all of the team regulars who made this such an enjoyable year, but also to those that played just a few games when numbers were down. Thanks to Janet for looking after the team when I was on holiday and to Mike for producing such a wonderful green. Finally, thanks to the supporters who often turn up on Wednesday afternoons and to the brilliant baking by my team members - regular cakes seem to bring great results, long may it continue!

**Belper Over 55’s B - Kath Irvine**

This year we have finished 4th in the league having lost only one game at home and winning eight. Away from home a much better result than last year having won 3 and lost 6. Everyone has won at least 4 games and this is a big improvement on last year. I do think this is a really good result for our second season and I would like to thank everyone in the team for their support and enthusiasm. Also a special thanks to everyone who helped out while I was away. Everyone is still very keen to play next year so I hope we can continue to improve.

**Derby Men’s 1st – Vince Askham**

Good year for the men’s first team, we were in the hunt all year for promotion; just falling foul of promotion, the last five matches being away from home did not help. We have some excellent performances this year especially Martin North who came top of the averages. I would like to thank everybody for their commitment this year and hopefully with the new format next year we can improve and get promotion with a top solid effort from everyone next year. I would also like to thank the ladies who came to spectate and do the score cards and a special mention goes to Bev North who when we played away kindly did the cards so I would have a roll up. *Also an even more special mention to Bev who had to put up with her mardy husband some of the time.* I am hoping next year we can get promotion and thank you to everyone for all their support and let’s look forward to next year.

**Derby Men’s A – Alan Wall**

I am delighted to report a very successful year for the Men's A team who ended the season as Division 4 champions having won 17 of the 24 games with 1 draw. As an added bonus for winning the division we were entered into the Champion of Champions competition where we were drawn in the semi-final against Stretton Anglesey who were Premier League winners- not too surprisingly we came a distant second in that match but it was an interesting experience. Congratulations go to Pete Draper who was not only the best player for the team but also was top of the averages for the whole division. Also worthy of note is that Etwall occupied 5 of the top 7 places in the divisional aggregates.  As for last year the squad size was a major issue which was made more difficult early in the season with the much deserved call-up of Barry Sargent and Ron Cope to the first team. Despite the challenges we were able (just!) to field a full team for all of the matches. I would like to thank all members of the squad for their commitment and unwavering support throughout the season and a big thanks to the first teamers, player's partners and everyone else who came along to matches to cheers us on. Finally I would like to thank Mike for continuing to provide us with such an excellent green.

**Burton Vets A – Paul Roberts**

First has got to be a very big thank you to Mike for the further improvement of the green. I did not think this was possible, but well done. I think having the green cut on a Thursday makes a big difference, it make it more consistent. I am a bit disappointed in where we finished this year, after the great result last year. Last year we only won 4 at home but 5 away where you get 4 points for an away win. This year we won 8 home games but no away games. Finally, I am not standing for the Captain’s job next season. Hopefully, under the new man the team can do better and any help I can give (if asked) I will. Thank you to all my players you are a great set of lads.

**Burton Vets B – Frank Weir**

We have had a very successful season this year the best since I have been captain, having won the charity shield again, and finishing third in the league we also won the last four away matches. Hope we can go one better next season and get promotion.

**Burton Parks – Stan Edwards**

I am pleased to report that we came top of Division 2 having won 7 and drawn 1 at home and won 5 and lost 3 away, which means we will be back in Division 1 next season. It’s 2012 since we were last in Division 1. Although we should have been there in 2015 as runners up, but League changes prevented this. I’m sure our excellent home results have been helped by the superb condition of our green, so thanks to Mike Kettle and Co for this. Thanks also to all my regular 8 players and to the 6 reserve players who have stepped in for 1 or 2 games. Special mention to our two top players, newcomer Tony Higgott and anchor man Vince Askham.

Election of Team Captains for 2018

The following team captains stood again and were elected unopposed.

Proposed by: Seconded by:

Burton Ladies - Tracey Mosley Vickie Mosley Janet Dolman

Derby Ladies - Tina Beal Kath Irvine Janet Flint

Belper A - Martin North Vince Askham Tracey Mosley

Belper B - Janet Flint Pat Key Peter Draper

Burton Vets A - Steve Hall Tony Higgott Alan Key

Burton Vets B - Frank Weir Stan Edwards Steve Fisher

Burton Parks - Stan Edwards Barry Sargent Vince Askham

Belper Over 55 A - Dave Dolman Janet Flint Kath Irvine

Belper Over 55 B - Kath Irvine Tina Beal Jackie Fisher

Friday Ladies - Christine Williamson Pat Mason Janet Flint

Election of Club Secretaries for 2018 Proposed by: Seconded by:

Ladies Secretary Pat Mason (41 years) Janet Flint Janet Dolman

Men’s Secretary Alan Wall Stan Edwards Vince Askham

A.O.B.

Pat Mason had received a notice from the Blenheim Hotel, promoting Ladies afternoons, should anyone be interested.

The section meeting was closed at 7.35pm

**South Derbyshire Mens League**

Alan Wall outlined the background for the new League structure for 2018:-

Monday - will be singles with 8 per team, winners based on team aggregates. This league is also open to ladies, but Etwall would like to make their team(s) men only.

Friday - will be the current South Derbyshire singles format with 10 men per team.

The discussion started with the Friday League which some members felt this league should still be treated as a serious competition and we should endeavour to enter a 1st and 2nd team.

Alan had received responses from all men players and said they would play on a Friday and there was just enough interest to make up the two teams. It was pointed out that it would be quite a challenge for the 2nd team captain to field a full team on occasions. Some members felt two teams my give us the opportunity to gain new players from other clubs who perhaps only entered one team.

A vote was taken and carried unanimously to enter two teams on a Friday.

Alan said the Monday league requiring only 8 players per team would be easier to fulfil. No objections were made to this and again it was voted unanimously to enter the two teams.

Having decided to enter 4 mens teams, Captains were required.

Friday 1st Team - Vince Askham Proposed by Martin North Seconded by Barry Sargent

Friday 2nd Team -

Monday 1st Team - Vince Askham Proposed by Martin North Seconded by Ron Cope

Monday 2nd Team - Dave Dolman said he would stand as Captain if there was no one else.

As no volunteers came forward Ken said the Committee would have to try and appoint Captains at a later date.

A.O.B.

Barry Sargent said he had enjoyed playing in the recent floodlight league (played at Littleover) and asked if floodlights could be obtained. Ken Harrison said there were two possible objections. The greenkeeper would not like the season extended, as this would impair his winter work. Also the cost may not be affordable. Dave Bramall commented that disregarding the floodlight league, we always have trouble with dark nights in early and late season and lights would solve this without extending the season. Ken said the Committee would revisit this at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm