**ETWALL BOWLS CLUB ANNUAL AGM MEETING**

Thursday 28th March 2019 at Frank Wickham Hall, Etwall, the meeting chaired by Ken Harrison started at 7.00pm

Members Present (34)

Annette Archer, Vince Askham, Julian Baker, Peter Barnett, Dave Bramall, Janet Dolman, Dave Dolman, Stan Edwards, Jackie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Audrey Forbes, Jane Greaves, Michael Hall, Steve Hall, Ken Harrison, Janice Henshall, Tony Higgott, Geoff Hunt, Kath Irvine, Gordon Kelman, Pat Key, Alan Key, Pat Mason, Martin North, Barry Sargent, Dave Smith, Joanne Smith, Ivan Stocks, Pauline Stocks, Derek Taylor, Frank Weir, Alan Wall, Ann Williams, Bob Wyllie.

Apologies (12)

David Archer, Tina Beal, Ron Cope, Jane Dyson, Janet Flint, Steve Hall, Peter Hill, Ray Irvine, Val Lewins, Tracey Mosley, Beverley North, Ray Selley.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Chairman’s Report - Ken Harrison

Welcome to Etwall Bowls Club AGM. By introduction I wish to propose that we have an excellent Bowls Club. Not only do we play on one of the best greens, but are supported by a hard working Committee. We support a significant number of teams (14 this season). I would hope that members are enjoying playing bowls at our Club.

I must say a big thank you to many members who make the club what it is. Beverley and Jan have major roles within the club ensuring conformity and financial control. Many members participate generally through the committee providing many tasks which cover, Codes of Conduct, Data Protection, Welfare Officer and Safeguarding Officers. Also Club Secretaries, Ladies and Gents, Team Captains, organising competitions, catering for competitions (which brings in significant funding), website development and updates, Well Dressing charity funding, Watering system maintenance and green maintenance. The success of all activities by individuals make our Bowls Club, I believe, one of the best. Thank you all.

Treasurers Report - Janet Dolman

Good evening everyone, I hope you can all see a copy of the accounts which have been audited and verified.

The accounts ended up showing an excess expenditure over income of £659.79. This was down to us using prize money from last year to purchase 2 new benches and the remaining money from the Etwall Well Dressing donation to buy a piece of equipment for the green keeping. We also had to have some essential maintenance on the watering system and the mower.

Despite that we have a good year and membership numbers were up to 71 with 57 full members and 14 social.

Prize money of £230 came from League Cup and League winners and the Vets bonus ball won £100.

Book sales made £26.60, a bit slower than previous years but still worth doing.

Stan’s fridge made a net profit of £371 as we had a better summer and we also hosted cup games and made £31.50 from refreshment sales.

The Bank Holiday Competitions raised a record amount of £583.58 and we had donations from Pat Mason, Earl Oakton and Dave Dolman totalling £170.

Etwall Parish Council did not have to reimburse us for any materials last year but continued to pay 50% towards the green keeping and covered most of the VAT and we are grateful for their support.

Next year will be challenging again especially as we will now only be selling soft drinks as we have made a decision not to continue with alcohol sales due to not having a licence. Also we have already been advised of a 10% increase in the Pavilion rental and the cost of materials continue to rise.

Finally, something not shown on the accounts but which I do like to mention is the money we raise doing Target Bowls for the Etwall Well Dressings. We sold £50 raffle tickets and made £92 on the day which was donated to them which they give to local clubs and charities. They are always grateful for our support and we will be doing it again this year.

So a big thank you to everyone involved in all areas of fundraising and helping out.

I am happy to answer any questions you might have and will be available to collect subscriptions should anyone wish to pay this evening.

Janet informed the meeting that a new club sponsor has been obtained and their cheque for £100 has been handed over. The new sponsor is the Hawk & Buckle public house in Etwall. The manager, Danni Hendy, is very keen to support local clubs and you will see an advertising banner placed in the top shelter every soon.

Election of Officers

Treasurer Janet Dolman agreed to stand again, there were no other nominations.

Proposed Kath Irvine, seconded Alan Wall.

Secretary Beverley North agreed to stand again, there were no other nominations

Proposed Pat Key, seconded Jackie Fisher.

Chairman Ken Harrison has resigned as chairman and will take his place on the Committee with responsibility for the green

Dave Dolman, was proposed by Alan Key and seconded Alan Wall. There were no other nominations.

Election of Committee Members

Tina Beal, Stan Edwards, Janet Flint, Ken Harrison, Tony Higgott and Alan Wall en-bloc agreed to stand again. Proposed Pat Key, second Kath Irvine.

Subscriptions 2019

For 2019 the Committee recommended the annual membership fee be increased from £40 to £45 with no change to the match fee which will remain at 50p per match. Social and junior membership fee to remain the same at £25 and £7 respectively.

Subscriptions recommended by the Committee were unanimously agreed.

Proposed Dave Smith, seconded Jackie Fisher.

Green Maintenance and Opening Date - Ken Harrison

Mike has produced excellent greens over the season, as all can see. He does enjoy working with us and appreciates when members comments are made to him. He does put significant hours in over the season, also with some help from Tony Higgott which is very much appreciated.

The cost of some treatments to the green have significantly increased. In order to reduce the usual cost some treatments are likely to change to liquid formula. However this will result in green closure for a period of time. Mike’s intention is to probably apply after a Saturday afternoon match, Sunday not being a league day. The closed period will be kept to a minimum. This period is to give time for the treatment to react, but also dry the surface. These chemicals are not classed as harmful.

Finally a big thank you to Alan Key for his significant help with the renovation work.

Thank you.

The green will be open the green on Saturday 30th March 2019.

Members were informed of the following by Martin North

1.The County Disciplinary Code of Conduct is posted on the Etwall website and the South Derbyshire League website. Please be aware of this.

2.The first Bank Holiday Competition is on May Day, Monday 6th May. If you wish to enter please contact Dave Dolman. Also, volunteers are required on the day to help with ensuring that the day runs smoothly; measurers, help in the kitchen, selling raffle tickets, etc.

Scorecards were handed out to Captains who required them for the new season

Ken concluded by thanking all who attended and wished everyone a good season.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.