



Buckfastleigh Bowling Club
Duckspond Road
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AGM

Meeting held on 27 October 2022 at 7pm.

Present: John Sims – President; Mike Anderson – Chairman; Jeanne Pinney – Vice Chairman; Sue Heyes – Secretary; Ann Pedrick – Treasurer; Sonia Bowden – Club Captain; Ham Sampford – Green Manager; Men's Representative – Andy Bowen.

Members Present: Dianne Raggett; Rhoda Parker; Stuart Shaw; Terry Humphries; Toby Humphries; Kevin Murray; Gwen Murray.

President's Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The President took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then went on to thank the committee and green team for the work done during the season through difficult weather conditions etc.

Apologies:

Mike Hawkins; Matt Bowen; Peter Carter; John Fox; Ken Bamsey; Barbara Bamsey; Pauline Manfield; Ian Poole; Miles Grindrod.

Minutes of the 2021 AGM:

The minutes of the last AGM, held on 14 October 2021, were accepted and signed by the President.

Matters Arising:

None.

Chairman's Report:

Mike expressed his thanks to everyone who had rallied round and kept the club functioning during the season.

Mike went on to explain the difficulties he had had with the bank in getting them to transfer everything over from Tom and in fact it was still not 100% complete so it had meant a difficult season with payments etc. He has also had Teignbridge Council wanting rent from us. Up until a couple of years ago they used to give us a grant of £4,000 towards the up keep of club, now they do not give us anything and are asking for

rent of £168 pa plus inflation of £90. He has managed to get the £90 removed and is arguing regarding the rent. So watch this space!

The other problems that both the Chairman and Secretary have had is that the previous secretary/treasurer had everything sent to his home address but now both are trying to get it sent to the club so that whoever hold those positions have access to correspondence.

Mike then suggested that the clubs financial year be altered as currently it runs from the 1 November to the 31 October, but in the future it should run from 1 April (the start of the bowls season) and end on 31 March. This will mean another meeting in March next year but hopefully it will double up as subs night. Subsequently the AGM will move to March, so subscriptions will be payable 1 April to 31 March each year. This change was proposed by Jeanne and seconded by John, and accepted.

Mike explained that he could see no option but to increase our club membership fees slightly for the coming season to £85 from £80, and increase tea money to £2 from £1.50. The club requires approximately £5,000-£6,000 to run for the year which means a minimum of 58 members, last season we had 31! John Sims suggested not raising subscriptions but to use reserves, however, we cannot afford to keep dipping into the reserves as that money may be needed for major works in the future so sponsorship is becoming much more important. Mike has already approached Buckfastleigh Barbers who are happy to continue the £300 donation, Abbey Inn £200, and hopefully Furzeleigh Mill £300. He intends to approach Waldrons cake company, Possibly Buckfast Abbey, and he requested anyone else's ideas of local companies who may be willing to sponsor a banner or similar at the club.

Mike said that the new South Devon Mixed Bowling league had been successful except for the withdrawal of Kingsteignton, but The Den from Teignmouth will be joining next year so putting the teams back to 6. The only problem Buckfastleigh had was that there were no evening games so the working members were at a disadvantage, he will bring this up at the AGM of the league.

We had 5 new members this year in Mike Hawkins, Ian Poole, Ann Pedrick, David and Carol Barnes all introduced by existing members. A discussion took place on the best way to try and attract new members. Stuart Shaw suggested free membership for the 1st year as opposed to the £20 fee currently charged. This was voted on and carried unanimously. Ideas were then tossed around as advertising in the past (prior to the pandemic) was not successful. Ann said one thing she thinks would help would be better organised coaching from the beginning. This to be looked into. Sue asked for ideas to be given to her so she could arrange whatever was needed well in advance of the next season.

The banners previously used need resurrecting and updating, the notice board box has been remade and will be put up in the town with posters and other details enclosed. An advert is to be placed in the free newsletter that gets delivered to every house in Buckfastleigh which Sue will organise in January.

Mike gave thanks to Andy for organising the Over 55's, Terry for the Mixed League, and Sue for agreeing to be secretary on a temporary basis!!

Secretary's Report:

Please see attached report.

Green Manager's Report:

Please see attached report.

Election of Club Officers:

President	John Sims
Chairman:	Mike Anderson
Vice Chairman:	Jeanne Pinney
Secretary:	Sue Heyes
Treasurer:	Ann Pedrick
Club Captain:	Not Elected
Green Manager:	Ham Sampford
Ladies Captain:	Pauline Manfield
Committee Member (M):	Terry Humphries
Committee Member (F):	Pauline Manfield
Men's Fixture Secretary:	Sue Hayes
Ladies Fixture Secretary:	Sue Heyes
Mixed League Captain:	Terry Humphries
Men's Over 55's Captain:	Andy Bowen
Competitions Secretary:	Not Elected
Bar Manager:	Mike Anderson
Press Officer:	Mike Anderson
Safeguarding Officer	Pauline Manfield

The above officers, being duly proposed and seconded by Members were duly elected.

Any Other Business:

None.

There being no further business the President thanked the members present for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed as correct:

President