

Kirkby Malzeard Bowls Club

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting 16th January 2023 7.00pm

Present

Ric Hill, Phil Bowe, Elaine Ingle, Tony White, Ann Kitching, Shaun Slator, Caroline Slator, John Foster, Julie Tattersall, Mac Tattersall, Tony Biddulph, Grant Evans, Brian Wensley, Nick Croome, Rodney Pickles, Jane Oland

1. Minutes of 2022 SGM approved

2. Captains' report on Fixtures and Competitions

- Successful year, especially considering KMBC is one of smallest clubs in the area.
 - Friendlies: 15 wins vs 4 Losses
 - First year of the Tanzeard Cup competition (Kirkby Malzeard vs West Tanfield) won by KMBC.
 - Dalesman League: KMBC finished in 3rd place (of 8)
 - 5 members participated in Bowls England Qualifiers (Yorkshire Bowls) for the first time across a number of formats.

3. Secretary's Update

- Membership grew to 22 for 2022/23 a net increase of 4 on 2021/22

4. Treasurer's Report

- **Income: £3,327**
 - i. 2022 season increase subs to £35 pa (from £25) and Match Fees to £2 (from £1)
 - ii. Subs: £770
 - iii. PC grant: £1,400
 - iv. Other income: £1,150 (raffles, dominoes, match fees, donations, lotto)
- **Expenses: £3,847**
 - i. Green refurbishment & maintenance: £2,600
 - ii. Mower service & repairs: £700
 - iii. Yorkshire Bowls/Bowls England: £240
 - iv. Other expenses: £300
- Cash Flow before Highside payment **minus £520**
- Proposed by John Foster that KMBC reserves should not drop below current levels. Proposal voted on and carried.
- Proposed by Treasurer that the payment to HSPFA should be £250 for this financial year. Voted on and carried.
- **Projected Cash Flow after Highside payment -minus £770**

5. Chair's Update

- All KMBC officers were thanked for their hard work and support.
- The interest raised by the Bowls England initiative, Big Bowls Weekend, was disappointing, with poor attendance from the public on the day.
- The KMBC Bowls Open Day on the Jubilee weekend was however better attended and new members recruited.
- It was agreed that the internal competition results be added to the KMBC website
- Fixtures for 23/24 friendlies need to be finalised urgently.

- The end of season dinner held in December was well attended.
- Electricity supply to the clubhouse was an issue with the risk that the new circuit breakers would trip if more than one heavy duty appliance were used at the same time (e.g., kettle and urn). All please take note.
- Vandalism had been an issue a number of times throughout the year. The attempt to install a low-cost CCTV option had not been successful.
- Domino evenings had got off to a slow start but the most recent evening was better attended.
- The work done to repair the ditches had been successful but the outstanding ditch Infront of the clubhouse was now in urgent need of repair.

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

- Chair – Ric Hill
- Treasurer – Phil Bowe
- Secretary – Phil Bowe
- Dalesman Captain – Grant Evans
- Friendly Captain - Grant Evans
- Fixtures Secretary – Phil Bowe (supported by Grant Evans)
- Green Maintenance – Grant Evans (supported by Tony Biddulph)

7. Matters Arising

- Membership Fees 2023/24
 - i. Proposed by Treasurer to raise fees to £50 with match fees remaining at £2 – voted on and carried.
 - ii. A proposal for a financial incentive for existing members when introducing new members was voted on and NOT carried. Instead, it was agreed that new members should be given a four-week grace period before their fees fell due.
 - iii. Proposed by Treasurer that the internal competition fees should be flat £5 regardless of competitions entered. Voted on and carried.
- Kirkby Malzeard Parish Council Grant
 - i. It was agreed that KMBC should apply for further funding in Feb 2023 to help the club deliver the ongoing repairs and refurbishments.
- Duck Race 2023
 - i. John confirmed he was happy to donate his field for the HSPFA Duck Race provided the profits were split between the HSPFA and KMBC.
- AGM 2023
 - i. Proposed that the AGM and the end-of-season dinner should revert to being held in November. Voted on and carried.
- Cup Engraving –
 - i. Timpsons had proved very expensive and an alternative engraver to be used for this season. The engraving cost would be reviewed ready for the 2023 AGM and the way forward then agreed.
- Maintenance Issues
 - i. The clubhouse pavilion railings, kitchen window and frame all needed repair. Brian Wensley and Tony Biddulph agreed to investigate an affordable solution.
 - ii. The clubhouse ditch needed a pre-season working party to repair the ditch and replace the boards. Tony Biddulph to organise for Feb/March. Likely cost circa £400.

- iii. Tony Biddulph reported the donation of two water tanks which could be used for supplying the green sprinkler system. Materials required, concrete slabs, pump and electricity supply. Estimated installation cost £300.
 - iv. The bowls hedge bordering the playing field needed trimming and the cuttings disposed of. Rodney Pickles confirmed that he was no longer able to carry this out. Ric agreed to raise with HSPFA.
- Annual pre-season spring clean agreed as Monday 18th April 2023, 6pm.
- Friendlies
 - i. Proposed and carried that the practice of providing suppers for the visiting teams should continue
 - ii. Ann Kitchen agreed to maintain the clubhouse cleanliness
 - iii. Phil Bowe agreed to source the supper raffle prizes
 - iv. Ann Kitchen also volunteered to co-ordinate the sandwich making
- Recent deaths of KMBC Alumni
 - i. Those present expressed their sorrow on hearing of the deaths of Vic Buckton and Des Ford and wished to pass on their sincere condolences to their respective widows and families.