

Minutes  
Sellindge Bowls Club  
AGM  
To held at Sellindge Bowls pavilion  
On FRIDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 2022  
7pm.

Minutes of the meeting held on FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 confirmed as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

Present.

See list attached.

Apologies

Lawrence & Pat Harvey- Rosemary & Trevor Atkins-Iris & Lee Clark- David & Jane Stallwood  
Richard & Jane Barnes-Sonia Munday-Malcolm Cage-Andy & Shelley Shepard

**Chairman's Report**

Thanks to Committee and a lot of other members of the club who have done so much over the bowling season.

Fun Day-Membership now has risen to 66 playing and 8 social members, with 20 new members of which some came because of the Fun Day. Thanks to all the coaches and members who were involved in that day making it a tremendous success, enjoyed by many local people.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with both internal and Shepway were both a great success. Special thanks to both John Collins and Ros, for organising the games and to Jacky and her merry crew for putting on a splendid meal, with help from John Hammond and Linda for the BBQ, it was great to be able to seat around 50 people in our clubhouse for both events.

Very sorry to receive Tony Excell resignation as President and your committee has decided to leave the position open for the time being and look to appoint a new president next year. Thanks to John Hammond and the Tuesday Gang for all the hard work put in both during and outside the playing season to our lovely grounds. Special thanks also to Jim our Greenkeeper who continues to keep our green in such good order. I know that a lot of other clubs that I have spoken to are very envious.

New Clubhouse. Thanks to the sub-committee for their input over the past twelve months and particularly to Sally for all the hard work she has put into preparing our proposal document. Currently we have a quote for approximately £260,000 to provide a shell and not including electrics and plumbing etc. One local architect has quoted us £6000+ to draw up a plan and topographical survey to take to the planners, with building regs and site health check around £1500.00. Chairman is to meet another architect and thanked Angela for the introduction.

Unfortunately, there is no success to date with funders, including the Lottery and the local De Hann charity, for capital spends for the size that we need. This is very disappointing, but we do hope for more positive success in the future.

### **Treasurer's report**

**for the financial year 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022.**

In the Treasurers absence the Chairman read the report as follows Our balance is £14,319 that is an increase of £4,372 on this time last year

\*£1,500 was given to us specifically to progress the work towards a new clubhouse\*. The remaining £2,872 represents a modest recovery towards the £19,220 we held in 2017

There continues to be a pressure on our cost. The products we use on the green must meet modern environmental laws and their cost is many times, higher than previous products, some over 10 times

Fundraising is always important; but the best way to maintain a financially viable club is to maintain a healthy membership of, preferably, over 80 members

Our two biggest sources of income are Membership Subscriptions and Home Friendly Matches. Membership numbers have a direct effect on both. For subscriptions the return is obvious. For home matches, the cancellation of games, or reduction in the number of players due to availability has direct effect on income. Other clubs are in a similar position. So, cancelling, or reducing away matches has a knock-on effect

**Our financial situation is not brilliant, and ideally, we should be raising fees in line with inflation. Your committee is conscious of the financial pressures on members and has decided not to make any changes at this time**

\* £1000 from the Sedgwick & Godfrey that own the clubs' grounds

\* and £500 from the Sports & Social club from proceeds of the bonfire night

### **Secretary's Report**

**I am now organising the second presentation dinner this year, the next to be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Nov.**

### **Captain's Report**

We have had a good friendly season with lots of new members joining us, some of which have played in matches. I've had the usual problems of having to chase for players often at the last minute. If I could request anything for next year it would be that members work out when they can play and put their names down in a timely manner. There are several ways to let me know your availability, phone, text, email, WhatsApp or of course using the boards in the club house. Many thanks to the players who have stepped in last minute. It is important to remember that without playing friendly matches we wouldn't be able to survive financially.

The WhatsApp group which was set up in June has proved a great success in terms of communication and finding last minute players. Most players use it, but if anyone can't or doesn't want to use it emails will also be sent out in the usual fashion.

We have managed to put out teams in both the men's and ladies weekly Shepway leagues. We didn't do particularly well but has been good experience; there is always next year. Thank you to Ros for assisting me in ensuring all ran smoothly. And Kevin for organising the men's teams. Ros will be organising the ladies league next season to reduce my workload.

Our Appreciation should go to Denise who has done an excellent job as fixtures secretary, which I know at times can be quite challenging.

I would like to thank the vice captains Pat and Kevin for their support this year.

I look forward to another friendly successful season next year.

### **Fixture's Secretary Report**

Fixtures are filling in well for the coming season, but we have lost Victoria Park both home and away. One has been replaced with a ladies' match with Charing.

### **Shepway Representatives John/Ros Report**

John pointed out that the new county regulations may affect our own constitution and your committee will consider this at the next committee meeting.

At the Shepway AGM last month, it has been agreed to split up the Eve Harrold Rose Bowl and Wood Cup. The Rose Bowl will be held here at Sellindge on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 and the Wood Cup will be held at Ashford Rail on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The Stuart Allen Trophy which is a combined score of the two competitions will be presented at the Shepway AGM.

Ros states that she is now to be Secretary of the Shepway next year and would like a lady to attend the Shepway meetings with John Collins which are normally only 5 a year. Denise will be attending.

### **Competition's Secretary Report**

It was pleasing to see so many members involved in the internal competitions and that these resulted in keenly fought finals. Unfortunately, the New to Bowls competition could not be completed and this will look to do during our 2023 season. John will organise similar competitors next year.

### **Catering Officer's Report**

Jacky is happy that the Tea rota worked well, and thanks to Linda Hammond for stepping in when needed. We will start a recycling bin next season now that we have so many tins and bottles to get rid.

### **Coaches Representative Report**

I wish to thank all the coaches for their time and hard work that they have put in throughout the season

As usual it was nice to see our players making our new members welcome.

It has been a real pleasure seeing our new friends enjoying their first season with us and look forward to meeting up with them again next spring.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the open/fun day a great success.

**Appointment of Auditor**

John Collins has agreed to continue this appointment and receives our thanks.

**Election of Executive officers**

This has remained the same as last year apart from the election of a Vice Chairman. No voting was required.

Committee as follows:

Chairman-Trevor Oliver-Jones-Vice Chairman-Rosemary Atkins-Treasurer-Lawrence Harvey-Secretary-Teresa Oliver-Jones-Captain-Christina Sandy-Vice Captains-Kevin Gipson & Pat Harvey-Fixtures Secretary-Denise Hanson

**Non-Voting**

Competitions secretary-John Collins-Catering Officer-Jacky Antin -Men's Shepway rep-John Collins-Ladies Shepway Rep-Ros sawyers & Denise Hanson-Maintenance-John Hammond Fundraising -Rosemary Atkins

**Any other Business**

John has concerns at the lack of support received at times on a Tuesday morning and stressed that the jobs were mounting up and could get out of control. He was hoping that a larger contingent could be available in the future.

Some support was voiced from the floor.

Concerns were voiced from the floor regarding dress code and etiquette. This is to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.30 and thanks to everybody who attended and for their input.

Signed

Chairman  
Trevor Oliver-Jones

Next AGM  
27<sup>th</sup> October 2023