



## MINUTES

### **For the Annual General meeting of Sellindge Bowls Club Held at Sellindge Social Club On FRIDAY November 3rd, 2023, at 7pm**

40 members attended the meeting.

Minutes of the AGM meeting held on FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022 confirmed as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Chairman`s Report**

Trevor expressed thanks and praise to the committee for all their hard work and endurance to make 2023 the success that it was, particularly considering the considerable number of changes that took place due to weather conditions resulting in match rescheduling.

#### **Groundsman report- Trevor read: -**

I would like to express my concern re the drainage of the green, it hasn't functioned for several years now and the green floods readily as you will be aware. This in my opinion is the main reason for the Ingres of moss which I have battled with for several seasons now.

I am further concerned that the amount of rain we have had in October will probably negate a lot of the good work that was carried out at the end of the season, only time will tell.

I will continue to cut and punch the green when I can, but it might be worth getting someone in to advise/quote on some drainage work.

Kind Regards

Jim

#### **He then adds.**

I will let you know sometime next week I am going to meet with someone from Collier Turf Care to discuss with them.

Thanks were given to the 20 plus members who gave up their time to help Jim prepare the green for seeding etc and preparation for next year.

## **Treasurers report**

SELLINDGE & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB AGM 3rd November 2023

Treasurers' report

The club's financial year runs from the 1st of October to the 30th of September each year, and you will see from this year's accounts that we are showing a gain of nearly £1300. That sounds good, but the income is inflated by money received for last Friday's presentation dinner and you will notice that there is no figure for the annual rent as the invoice was received after the end of September. So, we do have a loss of £643.

There are usually a few things that needed replacing during the year. The more expensive items this year have been the dishwasher at near £1850, The pedestrian sprayer at £1170 and the new double gate at £540. We currently have an electrical fault that has highlighted that we need to upgrade the consumer unit to comply with current legislation. The cheapest quote we have is £945.

The good bits on the income side were hosting the Shepway Ladies Rose Bowl that netted £770 and the cold drinks fridge that returned over £350.

There has not been an increase in fees for several years. Your committee is proposing that the combined Teas & Green Fee is increased from £4.50 to £5.00, and the annual membership fee is increased from £105 to £115. (Voted at AGM and passed)

Social club fees are going to increase to £10 per member and Bowls England are also intending to increase the Affiliation fees.

## **Appointment of Accounts Examiner**

John Collins-Confirmed for 2024

And thanks, expressed to John.

## **Captains Report**

Well, what a good season we have had, we won 2 more of our friendly matches than we lost. This is a good improvement on the last few years. Thank you to Denise for organising all the fixtures, not an easy task. We had lots of players in both Shepway and county competitions. A special well done to Ros and Denise for getting through to the semi-finals. Entering these competitions is good experience even for the newer players. We didn't fare so well in the Shepway league matches. The ladies finished 7th beating Folkestone Parks and Folkestone. The men finished 9th above Wear Bay. However, the results arguably didn't reflect the level of play, many of the matches were very close. The ladies had a very good win against Ashford rail on their home ground and the men had two good wins against Lyminge and Wear Bay. I would like to thank Ros and Kevin for organising the leagues matches, this took a lot of pressure of me. Also, John Collins for organising the competitions including the

all-day competitions which were, I'm sure you will agree a great success. I would like to take the opportunity to thank players for putting their names forward to play in matches and the many who stepped in last minute to make up the teams. Without friendly matches the club wouldn't survive as it brings in a large portion of our income.

A big thank you must go to vice captains Pat and Kevin for their support throughout the season.

Here's to a successful 2024 season.

### **Election of Executive officers**

The existing management committee put their names forward to continue in 2024. There were no other candidates on offer and so the existing members will continue for the next twelve months.

### **Election of new President**

Chairman explained that there had not been a President for the last twelve months since Tony decided to stand down. It was proposed that our long-standing active member of the club, Joyce Groom, should be appointed as our new President. A vote was taken, and all members present agreed.

Joyce accepted.

### **Constitution Changes.**

Two changes were proposed to the club's constitution.

1) A recommendation for safeguarding policy from Bowls UK to be added. A copy of the Constitution can be found on [sellindgebowlclub.uk](http://sellindgebowlclub.uk).

2) The stringent rules for dating the AGM were relaxed to make planning for future AGMs easier to arrange.

The changes were voted and agreed by all members present.

### **Any other Business**

**Malcolm Cage** - Requests that a copy of the minutes be put on the notice board in the clubhouse. It was relayed that these are put on the notice board for all to read but can also be read by visiting the: [sellindgebowlclub.uk](http://sellindgebowlclub.uk) but will from here on be emailed out to all members.

**Robert Crux**-We need to attract more new members and suggested pamphlet drops particularly to the new developments. More visible club news on the village website and advertising in the Village directory. Short discussion ensued as these are actions which have been taken in the pass, but we will be looking to review options early in the coming year.

**Andy Shepard**-Requested that we have Club wet wear jackets, but it was pointed out that they are quite expensive and there is a minimum order size for each size and did not seem practical.

**Kevin Gipson** suggested that the printing of a club handbook each year could be replaced with the website calendar, which can be transferred onto any computer calendar. There was an animated discussion with the pros and cons of each system being promoted. Support seemed to favour the booklets as they contain so much more information apart from the dates of all events and matches. The committee will reconsider for the future. Some members advised that they would be happy to pay additionally to pay for the booklets.

**Andy Shepard**- asked whether further internal competitions could be arranged involving possible handicapped games and mixed gender competitions. It was supported by most members present, and that the committee would look to increasing the number of internal competitions available to the members.

**Denise Hanson**-Suggested we take up the offer from the social club to use their facilities to put on a Quiz night in the social club involving both club members and village participation and or other bowls clubs.

Also maybe start up a plant sale to raise funds.

**John Hammond**- Suggests we consider approaching local businesses for new sponsorship.

It was also suggested that more obvious advertising of our existence could be put up on our fencing or at the entrance into the carpark.

Meeting closed 8pm

Signed

Chairman