

**Great Hollands Bowls Club**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 10am**

1. **Meeting opened by** Lorraine Capon – Chairperson.

2. A minutes silence was held for those members who have passed away during the year.

3. **Apologies:** Martin Atkins, Madeleine De Matteo, Carol Hegarty, Tracey Perrett, Paul Damiano, Sheila Stickland, Mary Thomas, George Lee & Trevor Compton.

4. Previous minutes were read and agreed by Gareth Jenkins and David Harnden.

L. Capon stated that this has been a difficult year for the club and read the result of the disciplinary hearing from the County panel which is that David Brown has been expelled from the club and Irene Bradley has been given a conditional discharge for twelve months. The County disciplinary panel said that GHBC's constitution needs to be updated. L. Capon said that we should now move on and thanked everyone for their patience and support.

5. **Reports:**

5.1 **President's report** – **O. Bambury.**

O. Bambury thanked the Executive committee for all their hard work during the past year as much appreciated. The presentation lunch went very well and thanked everyone involved for their hard work.

5.2. **Treasurer's report.** – Ken Perrett - (see attached report.)

Ken distributed the accounts report. K. Perrett thanked all the bar staff for their hard work during the year. We have a small profit and balance is looking good at present but we can expect expenses to rise during the coming year.

- Cutting of hedges/electricity all to rise in coming year and new heaters are required.
- Question raised if the shared billing for electricity had been sorted – no we still have shared billing but a smart meter has been installed and we apportion the cost. Ken thanked the auditors for their help during the year.
- Subs – the proposal to increase the subs to £120 for bowling members and £30 for social members. This was voted in favour.

### 5.3 Clubhouse manager's report – John Hills (see attached report)

John is stepping down as Clubhouse manager after 21 years but thanked everyone for their support over the years.

### 5.4 Club Captain's report – Bob Rhodes (see attached report)

Bob thanked everybody for their support over the past year.

### 5.5 Bar manager – Neil Lofthouse.

- Neil has now handed over as bar manager to Linda Stone and thanked all who helped with bar duties throughout the year.
- Linda Stone also thanked all who supported her throughout the year and welcomed anyone who would like to help with the bar.

### 5.6 Match Secretary – Ray Furnell.

Ray said that it has been a very trying year as quite a few clubs didn't want to travel due to the pandemic. This year more clubs are playing this year plus a new club has been added. The fixtures diary is 90% complete. Ray thanked everyone for their support.

### 5.7 Competition secretary – No report.

### 5.8 Ladies Chairperson – Rita Hills. (see attached report)

- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Ladies county game being held at GHBC.
- Sheila Lee said that a Ladies President's day will be held at GHBC. All members are welcome to be involved with teas, setting up the green, carpark marshals etc. these are high profile days which bring much needed revenue to the club.

### 5.9 Social committee – Barbara Harris.

Barbara said we have had a good year and the current social committee members are remaining on the committee for the coming year. Barbara thanked them all for their support and efforts this past year.

6. Internal auditors – Gareth Jenkins will remain but Mo Darley is standing down. Sue Richardson has volunteered to become an internal auditor.

### 6.1 County reports – Carolyn Lofthouse and David Horton.

- C. Lofthouse attended a county meeting in October which was poorly attended, information can be found on the county website.
- All dates and information are on the Ladies County Board.
- Ladies draw has been delayed due to illness.
- County match at end of June, all welcome.

- There is a new shirt design for county bowlers therefore if you wish to play in a county game you must wear the newly designed shirts.
- David Horton said that due to being ill he was unable to attend the county meeting. He stated that you do not need to be a county bowler to play in a county game.
- If anyone would like to play in senior games, contact D. Horton.
- Any questions please contact D. Horton.

## **7. Elections**

### **7.1 Executive Committee**

- President – Olive Bambury
- Chairperson – Lorraine Capon
- Ken Perrett - Treasurer
- Secretary – Irene Stow
- Club manager – Phil Sherman
- Club captain – Ray Furnell

President and secretary alternate for two years.

### **7.2 Management Committee**

- Phil Sherman
- Terry Harmer
- Chris Hynds
- Bob Rhodes
- Ray Furnell
- Mitch Mitchell

### **7.3 Social Committee**

- Barbara Harris
- Irene Bradley
- Julie Furnell
- Bob Rhodes
- Linda Stone
- Angie Sherfield
- Wendy Kite

### **7.4 Selection Committee**

- Mitch Mitchell
- Sheila Lee

**7.5 Match secretary** – Ray Furnell

**7.6 Competition secretary** – Eddie Readings, Sue Richardson.

Eddie said that the cut off for all game to be played by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – agreed.

**7.7 Membership officer** – David Harnden

**7.8 First Aider** – Roy Williams & Steve Daniels

**7.9 Food hygiene officer** – Karen Chapman

**7.10 Child and vulnerable adult protection officer** – Steve Daniels, Sheila Readings & Irene Stow.

**7.11 Welfare officer** – no one.

**7.12 Bar manager** – Linda Stone.

## **8. Any other business**

**8.1 Constitution** – K. Perrett explained how we are adopting the Bowls England template Constitution for the coming year. If all agree it will be formally be approved at the next AGM

Proposed by Ray Furnell and Mitch Mitchell All in favour – Adopted.

**Action:** K. Perrett will send the constitution to all paid up members.

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**8.2 Increase of fees** – agreed and adopted. (£120 full member/£30 social member).

**8.3 Raising edge of green** – This was discussed and agreed that as the green has been bowling better during the season it will be left longer at the edges for the coming season then a decision will be made at the end of the year.

**8.4 Loft ladder** – The council was approached regarding a new loft ladder which they will review. It was agreed we would install a new loft ladder due to safety reasons.

**8.5 Charities** – Several charities were suggested and voted on, it was agreed Bracknell Food Bank will be the club’s charity for the new season.

**Meeting ended** at 12.10 hours.

Following general meeting an informal meeting took place – no minutes taken.