

Frant Short Mat Bowls Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on October 22nd, 2024

The meeting was held in the Memorial Hall at 7.40pm.

Attendees

Attendees were: Phil Boddy, Phil Bromham, Don Cameron, Richard Chapman, Bryan Fairbrass, Bob Garratt, Mary Fairbrass, Audrey Hall, Chris Hall, Roger Macklin, Peter McDonald, Diane Young and James Young.

Apologies for absence

...were received from John Young and Janet.

Introduction

Chairman Bob opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes of the previous AGM held on October 10th, 2023

These minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. A copy of them was available and they were approved.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Chairman's Report

Bob congratulated members for good attendance at all the clubs meetings. He thanked Diane for a good job as Captain and Chris and Audrey as Secretary and Treasurer. Having lost touch with technology he said he would not be standing for re-election as Chairman as it demanded familiarity with technology.

Treasurer's Report

Audrey had distributed her report. She explained that the inconsistent insurance costs reflected the inclusion of two annual premiums in the previous year and none in another as a consequence of the pandemic hiatus. Our outgoings had been increased as we had decided it would supply the wine at our 2023 end of season dinner. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Bryan and seconded by Phil Bromham.

Captain's Report

Diane announced that a couple of friendly matches had been arranged with Rotherfield to be held in January and March next year. She mentioned the regular Tuesday Cup competition which had already been running for two weeks and that this year we intended to start playing the club competitions in a more timely fashion than last year.

Secretary's Report

Chris had little to report. He had completed the member registrations and although he had not distributed the registration cards he had them in his possession and that if any member wanting theirs (for playing county or external competition games, for example) they were available from him.

There have been several invitations for entry to other clubs' competitions, county trials and National Championships and these were posted on the noticeboard.

Election

Position	Incumbent	Elected	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Bob Garratt	James Young	Chris	Bryan
Treasurer	Audrey Hall	Audrey Hall	Bob	Diane
Captain	Diane Young	Diane Young	Phil Bromham	Chris
Secretary	Chris Hall	Chris Hall	Bryan	Bob

Subscriptions

It was generally agreed that there was no cause to consider any change. They remain:

- Annual subscription: £10
- Roll-up fee: £3

Any Other Business

Bryan proposed a vote of thanks to Bob for his sterling service for many years as Chairman.

The subject of having to start late because we followed a dance activity which did not vacate the hall promptly was raised. After a short discussion it was decided that we would aim to start at 7.45 but finish at 21.45 and we judged it was not necessary to advise the Hall staff of our decision.

Chris asked if the club should consider obtaining a trophy for the Tuesday Cup. It was agreed he would investigate.

Action: Chris

There being no further business so the meeting closed at 7.55pm