

Frant Short Mat Bowls Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on October 10th, 2023

The meeting was held in the Memorial Hall kitchen at 8.45pm during the tea break to save time.

Attendees

Attendees were: Gordon Burles, Brian Fairbrass, Mary Fairbrass, Audrey Hall, Chris Hall, Hazel Sands, Diane Young, James Young and John Young, all existing members. Also present were new members Phil Bromham and Roger Macklin

Apologies for absence

...were received from Brian Cook, Ray Kemp and Shirley Jefferey and Peter McDonald. On reflection, I think Bob Garratt had said at the previous roll-up that he would be absent next week.

Introduction

In the absence of Bob, Chris acted as Chairman.

Minutes of the previous AGM held on October 11th, 2022

A copy of these minutes was available and were approved.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Bank Mandate

Chris reported that the bank mandate had been changed such that Captain (Diane), Treasurer (Audrey) and Secretary (Chris) were signatories.

Member Registrations

Chris had registered with English Short Mat Bowls Association and the East Sussex Short Mat Bowls Association but had not included recent members Brian Cook, Phil Bromham and Roger Macklin. He said he would do this.

Action: Chris

Chairman's Report

In the absence of Bob this was omitted.

Treasurer's Report

Audrey distributed her report showing a modest surplus. She explained that the inconsistent insurance costs reflected the inclusion of two annual premiums in the same year and none in another because of a change due date following the pandemic.

Captain's Report

As there were no matches played there was nothing to report but the possibility of some casual matches was discussed. There were some practical problems with finding days when we could play home matches without forfeiting roll-ups and there was little enthusiasm for travelling on dark evenings in possibly bad weather. Chris said that ESMBA insurance depended on us only playing affiliated clubs and agreed to investigate a small number of potential rival nearby clubs. Specifically these were Foresters (Uckfield), Jarvis Brook, Rotherfield and Hadlow Down. **Action: Chris**

The possibility of playing an equivalent to the outdoor club's Tuesday cup was discussed. There was concern that we might struggle to fit in playing of the singles and pairs competitions and Tuesday Cup games without too much 'sitting out'. Chris agreed to delay doing draws for the competitions. Bryan asked for clarification of rules concerning team members swapping positions and seemed sceptical that this should be disallowed. There seemed general approval that the competition should be given a trial at least.

Secretary's Report

Chris said he had had invitations for entry to a competition Broad Oak were holding. He said he'd post the notice for anyone to use to enter a team. He also had forms for entering the national competitions.

Action: Chris

Election

Bryan asked for clarification on who currently held offices following which he proposed that they be re-elected *en bloc* if they were so prepared. They were re-elected unanimously as follows:

- **Chairman:** Bob
- **Treasurer:** Audrey
- **Captain:** Diane
- **Secretary:** Chris

Subscriptions

As we had made a surplus last year 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

There was no other business so the meeting closed at 9.05pm