



Stafford Bowling Club

Established 1902

Minutes of Annual General Meeting: Wednesday April 28th, 2021: 8.00pm

Due to the Covid19 Pandemic the meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Mr PJ Atkin-President

Officers- Mr N. Bickley-Secretary, Mr K. Sproston -Treasurer,
Mrs Wendy Boulton - Safeguarding Officer

Committee Members- Mr C Robinson - Green & Grounds, Mrs R Vance Cotsford,
Mr S. Turner & Mr E Hultquist

Members- Mr D. Boston, Mrs A. Barker, Mrs A. Dawson, Mr S. Hugill, Mr K. Lancaster,
Mr N. Jarvis, Mr R. Powell & Mrs D. Turner.

Apologies given: Mr F James-Chair, Mr D Barrett - Club Captain, Mr D. Ashley, Mr R.
Boulton, Mr B. Cooke, Mrs M. Cooke, Mr N. Ireland, Mr T. Laws, Mr J. Stuart, Mr A. Waddison,
Mrs W. Robinson, Mr R. Jones, Mrs D. Aitchison & Mr H. Jones

Apologies accepted due to online format of meeting: Mr P. Allman, Mr S. Ashcroft,
Mr R. Barker, Mr E. Belcher, Mr T. Cartwright, Mr P. Craig, Mr D. Crawford, Mr J. Cussons,
Mr S. Davies, Mr M Deakin, Mr A. Duke, Mr J. Dunning, Mr P.Elliott, Mr T. Fellows,
Mr N. Fox, Mr D. Grime, Mr C. Haines, Mr D. Hanlon, Mr H. Harte, Mr K. Heath,
Mr J. Hopper, Mr D. Kelsall, Mr G. Lane, Mr B. Lockyer, Mr T. Logan, Mr A. Lycett,
Mr E. Mason, Mr R. McDonald, Mr F. Meacock, Mr C. Morley, Mr J. Morley, Mr P. Nowell,
Mr R. Parsons, Mr R. Porter, Mr M. Price, Mr P. Randall, Mr P. Rowley, Mr M. Shenton,
Mr E. Smith, Mr K. Smith, Mr J. Stanton, Mr G. Stokes, Mr R. Taylor, Mr J. Thomas, Mr M.
Thomson-Hay, Mr J. Thornley, Mr A. Thrilling, Mr D. Tudor, Mr D. Tyson, Mr J. Vaughan Mr
A. Waddison, Mr B. Waltho, Mr B. Wibberley, Mrs V. Allman, Mrs A. Ashley, Ms J. Barnes,
Mrs P. Broome, Mrs P. Crawford, Mrs J. Dick, Mrs S. Darby, Mrs E. Gadd, Mrs S. Haines,
Mrs A. Jones, Mrs D. Kelsall, Mrs H. Lamond, Mrs M. Lane, Miss C. Lawson, Mrs J. Logan,
Mrs C. Meacock, Mrs G. Morley, Mrs M. Parsons, Mrs S. Parsons, Mrs B. Pelter, Mrs L.
Randall, Mrs J. Rhodes, Ms B. Riddle, Mrs H. Sammons, Mrs S. Thomson-Hay, Mrs E.
Wain, Mrs J. Wibberley & Ms D. Williams.

Roll Call

The Secretary reported the following

Members Present	16
Apologies Received	14
Members Absent	82

Mr K. Sproston asked the Secretary to note that the meeting was not quorate but the members present agreed to carry on with the business whilst taking this into consideration.

President:

Mr PJ Atkin welcomed Members to the 119th Annual General Meeting of Stafford Bowling Club.

He reflected on a year where all league matches had been cancelled, due to the pandemic, but was pleased to note that the Club Captain, Dave Barrett, had organised three club competitions during this time. He passed on his thanks to the grounds keeping team for

keeping the green in such good condition throughout this time. Thanks also go to Roger Barker for the work he has done on the benches which look really good around the green.

The President informed the meeting about those members who passed since the last AGM:

George Sweeney who passed away in July aged 90 and had been a member for 26 years.

Bert Martin passed away in October aged 87. He had been a member for 37 years.

Gordon Turner passed away in July aged 90 and was a member for 26 years.

Arnie Hutchinson passed away in December aged 96 and was a member for 20 years.

The President asked the members to keep them in thoughts over the coming year.

Minutes:

Proposed by Mr C. Robinson and seconded by Mr S. Hugill the Minutes of the AGM of Feb. 13th, 2019 were unanimously approved by the Meeting and the Secretary signed, them on behalf of the Chair, as a true record.

Matters arising:- There were no matters arising

Reports:

Chairman: Due to the Chairs absence no report was received. On his behalf Mr N. Bickley thanked the Greens Team and everyone who had contributed for keeping the club going during difficult times.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer Mr Ken Sproston gave the following report

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

INCOME

- (a) Donations increased by £11,000 due mainly to a £10,000 grant from the Borough Council to help sustain the club during the Covid19 pandemic.
- (b) Hire of Premises – the Club is used as a Polling Station which brings in a £300 per day hire fee. The next election is on 6th May 2021.
- (c) An increase in the numbers in the 49 Club brought in £343 – there are 2 or 3 numbers available for members to join in. The Treasurer has managed the 49 Club book by himself and most members pay by bank transfer and an increasing number are reinvesting their winnings back into the 49 Club.

EXPENDITURE

(a) Club Admin increased by £1000 due to:

- Recovering of snooker table
- Moving the snooker table
- Repairs to the alarm system

(b) Other expenditure included:

- Repairs to the floodlights £600
- Grounds aerator £7000
- Honours Board £600

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020 FIXED ASSETS

Whilst the balance sheet looks string this is mainly due to the £10,000 grant, however, most of this will be spent as part of the club's contribution to the redevelopment of the clubhouse. Initially we had planned to contribute around £9,000 but this has risen to £15,000 which included the redecoration of the club.

CURRENT ASSETS

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's account £8,110

Lloyds Savings Deposit account increase of £25,036

The Treasurer asked the membership present to approve the clubs accounts, the motion was proposed by Mr S. Hugill and seconded by Mr C. Robinson and was approved by those members present.

The Treasurer and Chairman gave thanks to Mr Jim Stuart who audited the clubs accounts.

The Green and Grounds:

With restrictions surrounding Covid 19 maintenance to the green and grounds ceased in October and didn't resume until February. Since re commencing a small team of volunteers, namely myself Chris Robinson, Jim Stuart, Stan Hugill, Tom Fellows, Phil Allman, Chris Haynes, Roger and Anne Barker have worked tirelessly getting the green and grounds ready for members to re commence bowling from the 14th April. If we have missed anyone out our sincere apologies.

All these members deserve a strong vote of thanks for supporting the club in these difficult times.

GREEN AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

A Friday maintenance team virtually meets every Friday throughout the year except for the last twelve months where we have had to work within the Covid regulations.

During the bowling season the teams are expanded and meet on Mondays and Wednesdays to cut the green along with other general maintenance. Without volunteers we would be in a

sorry state and I would like to remind members that if you are interested in helping out then please speak to a committee member.

HEDGES

Peter Elliot who has been maintaining the hedges is standing down as his herb business is leaving little time for anything else. Our thanks go to Peter for maintaining the hedges to such a high standard in recent years.

WORMS

Currently we are keeping worm casting at a relatively low level using a product called Purity. It's not that environmentally friendly but currently there is no other option.

BENCHES

Having treated one of the benches last week with preservative it served as a reminder as to the hard work Roger Barker put in to restoring and treating all the benches you can see around the green. I would like to remind members that these benches do need maintenance and each bench has been allocated a number. Your committee sincerely hope that members will volunteer to join the adopt a bench scheme and commit to an annual cleaning and re oiling program.

Take pleasure in your green and grounds and enjoy the 2021 season.

Motions:

The Secretary reminded the members present they had received the proposed motions and asked them to consider the following.

- 1. That the Club Rules be approved. Proposed by Mrs D. Turner and Seconded by Mr N. Bickley
The motion was duly approved.**
- 2. That the AGM be advised that the current appointed Trustees are Mr Peter J. Atkin, Mr Trevor J. Laws, Mr James C Stuart and Mr Kenneth B G Sproston
Proposed by Mrs W. Boulton and Seconded by Mr D. Boston
The motion was duly approved.**

Elections of Club Officers & Committee

Chairman

Mr Frank James, proposed by Mrs R. Vance Cotsford & Seconded by Mrs D. Turner.

The Chairman was re-elected

Treasurer

Mr K. Sproston for Treasurer, proposed by Mrs R. Vance Cotsford & seconded by Mr D. Boston.

Mr K. Sproston was re-elected Treasurer

Club Captain

Mr Dave Barrett for Club Captain, proposed by Mrs W. Boulton & seconded by Mrs D. Turner.

Mr D. Barrett was re-elected

Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Wendy Boulton for Safeguarding Officer, proposed by Mrs R. Vance Cotsford & seconded by Mr K. Sproston.

Mrs Wendy Boulton was re-elected

Club Secretary.

Mr N. Bickley proposed for Club Secretary by Mr C. Robinson & seconded by Mr K. Sproston.

Mr N. Bickley was re-elected.

Committee Members: -

Mrs R. Vance Cotsford, Mr C. Robinson, Mr J. Stuart, Mr E. Hultquist, Mr S. Turner & Mr H. Jones were all proposed and seconded and re-elected en-bloc to the Committee.

Auditor:

Mr Jim Stuart was appointed the Clubs Auditor

Any other business:

Mr C. Robinson brought members up to date with the work that has been going on to refurbish the clubhouse.

As on of the 28th April 2021 all construction work has finished. The clubhouse will be cleaned on the 29th April and on the 30th the strip lighting will be replaced by LED lights.

Once all this work has been completed Mr N. Bickley, Mr C. Robinson and Mr K. Sproston will calculate when the clubhouse can reopen.

He informed the meeting that all pictures had been taken down during the redecoration and stored in the attic. A selection had been rehung after the work was completed. Notice boards have been repositioned within the club.

The partition wall between the clubhouse and the bar area has been removed which has opened out the whole area.

Thanks go to Mr N. Bickley and Mrs S. Bickley for choosing the new colour for the clubhouse.

In the toilet area there is now only cubicles. The lights are automated and if they need adjusting please let a committee member know.

Mrs W. Boulton thanked all those who had helped to make the job such a success.

Meeting closed at 08:25pm.