



Stafford Bowling Club

Established 1902

Minutes of Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 22nd February 2023: 2.00pm

Present:

Mr PJ Atkin (President)

Officers: Mr N.Bickley (Secretary), Mr K. Sproston (Treasurer),

Committee Members: Mr D Barrett (Club Captain), Mrs V. Allman, Mrs R. Vance-Cotsford

Members: Mr P. Allman, Mr R Aspinall, Mrs I. Aspinall, Mr D. Boston, Mr T. Fellows, Mr N. Ireland, Mr K. Lane, Mr F. Meacock, Mr C. Morley, Mr R. Parsons, Mr P. Randall, Mrs L. Randall, Mrs H. Sammons, Mr K. Smith, Mr A. Thrilling, Ms D. Williams, Mr H. Jones, Mr E Hultquist, Mr B. Cooke, Mr R. Barker, Mrs A. Barker, Mr D. Kelsall, Mrs D. Kelsall, Mr K. Lancaster, Mr D. Grime, Mr J. Morley, Mrs G. Morley, Mr S. Wilson, Ms K. Cork, Mrs J. Dick, Mr A. Duke, Mr J. Lynch, Mr N. Fox, Mr R. Powell, Ms B. Riddle, Mr J. Gardener, Mr P. Elliott, Mrs P. Haidarovic, Mr D. Haidarovic, Mrs C. Parums, Mr P. Skelton, Mr B. Waltho, Mrs A. Dawson, Mrs B. Wetton

Apologies given:

Mr F James (Chair), Mr K. Mellor, Mr R. Boulton, Mrs M. Cooke, Mr T. Laws (Trustee), Mrs L. Cawte, Mr M. Price, Mrs S. Darby, Mrs W. Robinson, Mr C Robinson (Green & Grounds), Mrs Wendy Boulton (Safeguarding Officer), Mr J. Shearer, Mrs D. Halley, Mr D. Halley, Mr S. Halley, Mr J. Cussons, Mr J. Thornley, Mrs E. Wain, Mr R. Wain, Mr J. Bartlett, Mrs D. Turner, Mr S. Turner

Roll Call

The Secretary reported the following

Members Present	42
Apologies Received	22
Members Absent	66

The President opened the meeting explaining that the Chair was unable to attend as he was had a hospital appointment. This being so the President took the Chair for the meeting. All attending sent best wishes to the Chair.

President:

Mr PJ Atkin welcomed Members to the 121st Annual General Meeting of Stafford Bowling Club. He particularly welcomed new members and hoped everyone has a good bowling season. He informed the meeting of the resignation of Mr Chris Robinson as Head Groundkeeper and thanked him for all he had done over the years. He thanked Mr N. Bickley for the work he had done organising the installation of the defibrillator.

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

Mary Lane, 2nd November 2022, a member for 41 years
Jean Wibberley, 21st October 2022 and Brian Wibberley, 15th December 2022, both members for 22 years
Alan Lycett, 12th January 2023, a member for 32 years
Betty Pelter, 4th February 2023,

Members paid their respects.

He hoped that everyone had a successful 2023 season.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the AGM of 22nd February 2022 were unanimously approved by the those present as a true record.

Proposed: Mr C. Morely

Scoded: Mr R. Parsons

Matters arising:-

The President reported that Mr J. Stuart had resigned as auditor and that he had been replaced by Mr D. Shelley. Mr N. Bickley will replace Mr J. Stuart as a club trustee.

The meeting agreed with these decisions.

Reports:

Chairman:

There was no Chair's report due to his absence.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer Mr Ken Sproston gave a report highlighting the following:

Income.

Bar – increased by around £3000

Subscriptions – increased by £3700

Donations were down by £600

Snooker – increased by £348

Social/functions - £1000 increase, thanks to Mrs V. Allman and the Committee for the work they have done

BCGBA membership has increased as more members bowl in the leagues

Solar tariff – increased by £500

Expenditure.

Club administration – increase of around £1000

Repairs to outdoor lights

New match jacks - £300

Internal electrical repairs - £400

Cleaning costs – increase by £300

Gas/Electricity increased by nearly £500

Insurance has been reduced by £660

Ground maintenance reduced by over £1000

Mr N. Fox asked if an analysis could be done regarding the costs of heating and lighting? A request was also made for more people to be involved in decision making regarding areas such as club closures. Mrs L. Randles also enquired how the Management Committee received questions and asked if representations could be made regarding specific items?

The President informed the meeting that this was not the forum for this type of question and that it is for the Management Committee to consider these areas.

Mr K. Sproston and Mr N. Bickley explained that all requests to the Committee were considered carefully taking into account all the information that had been supplied. They agreed to take this matter to the full Committee.

Balance Sheet:

A new mower has been purchased costing £6000
A new bar till has been bought
A new fridge has been bought for the kitchen
An ice making machine has been purchased

The Clubs fixed assets:

Land £320

Club and fittings £83709

Ground and equipment £19620

Total: £103649

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

INCOME: £24963

EXPENDITURE: £19276

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021 FIXED ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's account £12,758

Lloyds Savings Deposit account £9,039

The Treasurer asked the membership present to approve the clubs accounts, the motion was proposed by Mr H. Jones and seconded by Mr K. Smith and was approved by those members present.

The Treasurer gave thanks to Mr Dave Shelley who audited the clubs accounts.

The Green and Grounds:

Mr Chris Robinson sent thanks to the team who had helped him throughout the year maintaining the green and surrounding areas.

Motions:

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

That the Club Rules be approved.

The motion was duly approved.

That the AGM be advised that the current appointed Trustees are Mr Peter J. Atkin, Mr Trevor J. Laws, Mr Nicholas A. Bickley and Mr Kenneth B G Sproston

The motion was duly approved.

Elections of Club Officers & Committee**Chairman**

Mr Frank James, proposed by Mr P. Atkin and Seconded by Mr E. Hultquist

The Chairman was re-elected

Treasurer

Mr K. Sproston for Treasurer, proposed by Mr N. Bickley and seconded by Mr R. Powell

Mr K. Sproston was re-elected Treasurer

Club Captain

Mr Dave Barrett for Club Captain, proposed by Mr C. Morely and seconded by Mr N. Ireland

Mr D. Barrett was re-elected

Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Wendy Boulton for Safeguarding Officer, proposed by Mr K. Sproston and seconded by Mr P. Atkin

Mrs Wendy Boulton was re-elected

Club Secretary.

Mr N. Bickley proposed for Club Secretary by Mr K. Sproston and seconded by Mr P. Atkin

Mr N. Bickley was re-elected.

Committee Members: -

Mrs R. Vance Cotsford, Mr C. Robinson, Mrs Vilma Allman, were all re-elected to the Committee.

Mr R. Aspinall was proposed by Mr. I. Macmillan and seconded by Mr J. Cussons

Mrs I. Aspinall was proposed as Membership Secretary by Mr K. Sproston and seconded by Mr N. Bickley

Mr and Mrs Aspinall were duly elected to the Management Committee.

Mr N. Bickley reminded the meeting that Mr C. Robinson had resigned as Head Groundsman and asked for a volunteer to come forward to take this position up. Mr Robinson has indicated that he will be available for support.

Mr T. Fellows explained that there is a lot involved in this role including ordering, working with contractors and organising maintenance of the green. He felt that there needs to be a greens committee overseeing this.

Mr K. Sproston agreed that this needs to happen and suggested the present team could meet to discuss the way forward.

Mr P. Atkin reminded the meeting that we needed previous volunteers and new volunteers to step forward to help with green maintenance.

Any other business:

The President thanked all those who contributed to the purchasing of the defibrillator. He also thanked the coach, Ms D. Williams, for the work she had done helping to increase membership.

Mr K Sproston highlighted the 49 club and informed everyone that one number was free, other numbers may also become available soon. Members should let him know if they wished to join. This is the second biggest income source for the club.

Mr Sproston then highlighted the fact that the club has 10 teams representing the club in various leagues and asked who the Captains were this season?

The Captains are:

Ladies team: Mrs W. Boulton
Wednesday A team: Mr F. James
Wednesday B team: Mrs V. Allman
Wednesday C team: Mr J. Dunning
Thursday A team: Mrs V. Allman
Thursday B team: Mr D. Kelsall
Friday A team: Mr D. Barrett
Friday B team: Mrs S. Darby
Saturday A team: Mr D. Halley
Saturday B team: Mrs W. Boulton

Mrs L. Randall asked if a presentation was to be made to Mr and Mrs Morley for the work they had done as coaches?

Mr K. Sproston explained that this was in hand and that Mr F. James was looking into it.

The President handed out awards for the 2022 season.

He thanked everyone for attending and hoped that we have good weather and bowling this season.

Meeting closed at 14.50.