

**MINUTES OF THE SOLE BAY BOWLS CLUB A.G.M. HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.00P.M. IN THE CLUBHOUSE.**

**1 & 2. Opening of the Meeting: Silent Tributes.**

The President, Kevin Doyland, welcomed 31 members to the AGM, and then asked all to spend some silent time remembering members who have, sadly, passed away since the last AGM.

**3. Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Robin and Sue Pipe, Linda Dowe and Beryl Meldrum.

**4. Acceptance of the Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last AGM, held in 2020, were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record. Prop: Derek Rumsey, Sec: Robert Nokes. Carried.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

There were no matters arising from the AGM Minutes of 2020.

**6. Scrutineers:**

Angela Yates agreed to act as scrutineer, should it prove necessary.

**7. Chair/Trustee's Report:**

Derek Rumsey began by thanking all those who had supported the Club through the entire COVID period. His report is attached but he added to his written comments by mentioning that, after the resolution of some problems with the NHS land aspect of the development, progress is now being made. He reiterated that the Management Committee will keep the membership fully up to date with any developments as they occur. Ray Skitt proposed and John Yates seconded the acceptance of the report. Carried.

**8 & 9. Secretary's Report including Indoor and Outdoor Captain's reports:**

These had been circulated before the meeting and are attached to this document. Ray Skitt asked if there were any questions, which there were not. The reports were accepted. Prop: Ron Davis Sec: John Yates. Carried.

## **10. Presentation of Accounts:**

Robert Nokes explained that there had been very little income for the Club during the COVID lockdown periods, but grants received from East Suffolk Council had helped. He further explained that it was very difficult to directly compare annual accounts because of the lockdowns. His report was accepted and is attached. Prop: Anthony Goldsmith Sec: Peter Wenham. Carried.

## **11. Constitution Update:**

**Clause 3:** Graham Denny raised the point that he thought the clause should read '...that all Officers **must** be **full playing** members....', rather than '....**should** be full....' He suggested that it was not right that members who played outdoor bowls for other clubs should be able to take decisions concerning the SBBC, when he considered that their allegiance was split. A vote was taken on this amendment, Prop: Graham Denny Sec: Bridget Denny. This was not carried. The original proposal, with the wording altered to 'must' instead of 'should', was voted on. Prop: Graham Denny Sec: Ray Skitt. Carried.

### **Clauses 4 & 8:**

Robert Nokes proposed these clauses should be removed since they were unnecessary complications. The Management Committee controls all monies in and out of the Club, not the Trustees, so the clauses are redundant. Prop: Ian Bradbury Sec: Peter Wenham Carried.

### **Clauses 5 & 7:**

Robert Nokes explained that within the current Management Committee, some Officers are also Trustees. As such, they only hold one vote. If up to 7 members could be elected to the Management Committee, it would give a healthy mix. Prop: John Yates Sec: Bill Smith. Carried.

A lively discussion debated the merits of discontinuing outdoor and indoor AGMs, with varied points of view. Eventually the alteration to the Constitution, whereby the outdoor and indoor AGMs are discontinued, was put to a vote Prop: Kevin Doyland Sec Angela Yates Carried.

The final aspect of this alteration was the change of name from Outdoor Chair and Indoor Chair to Outdoor Captain and Indoor Captain. Prop: Angela Yates Sec: Maureen Acraman. Carried.

### **Clauses 7 & 9:**

Robert Nokes pointed out that although the Constitution mentions two internal auditors, only one has ever been used. Linda Dowe, in that role, checks the accounts every month. It is also unnecessary for her to attend Management Committee meetings and has never done so. It was noted from the floor, that she is not, in fact, a licensed auditor, and so the words 'account checker' will replace the word 'auditor'. With this change in place, the motion was put to the floor. Prop: Bill Smith...Sec: Ron Davis. Carried.

It was noted at this point, that it is not a legal requirement to have the accounts audited every year.

### **Clause 14:**

There has been a lack of clarity as to who is meant by '...Members...' and 'membership', as the membership varies between summer and winter seasons. The proposal is to clarify that anyone who has paid a subscription for the summer or winter season in any year, would be eligible to vote at a General Meeting. After a lengthy debate discussing influences on the club as a whole and trying to make the club more inclusive, a vote on the proposition was taken. Prop: Derek Rumsey Sec Ray Skitt Carried.

### **Clause 6:**

Bridget Denny introduced her proposed change. Her notes are attached to this document. She proposed 10% of the membership should be allowed to call an EGM, as per Sports England's recommendation. There were some lengthy discussions, so, as a compromise, Colin Coe called an amendment to her proposal, changing 10% to 20%. Prop: Colin Coe Sec John Block Amendment not carried. The meeting then voted on Bridget's proposed change. Prop Bridget Denny Sec Ian Dabbs. Not carried.

### **12. Election of President:**

Kevin Doyland was elected to continue as President of SBBC.

### **13. Election of Trustees, Officers and others:**

Before the elections took place, Derek Rumsey thanked Ian Bradbury for his many years serving as Trustee and helping the Club with his experience and knowledge. Derek was grateful that Ian will remain as a Consultant as the Development of the SBBC, hopefully, goes forward.

Trustees: Robert Nokes was re-elected to serve 1 year.

Derek Rumsey has 2 remaining years.

Ray Skitt has 3 remaining years.

John Block was elected to serve for 4 years as Trustee.

As a Trustee, John was now elected to sit on the Management Committee.

As the Management Committee nominations had not altered the format of the Committee, the members present agreed to re-elect the Committee 'en bloc'.

#### **14: Any Other Business:**

- a) Maureen Denny raised the question of the 'new' shirts. She proposed that the Club change its uniform from the present purple and white shirts, to the alternative white shirts with Club logo and individual names, if requested, which many members are now wearing. There are several matters which will need to be addressed, including availability, but the vote was put to the members Prop: Maureen Denny Sec Bridget Denny Carried.
- b) Bridget Denny queried why the rule changes which were made in January had not come up for ratification. Robert Nokes explained that under the Constitution, rule changes do not need to be ratified. It may have happened historically, but is not a requirement. Any emails which may suggest otherwise were incorrect.
- c) Maureen Denny spoke from the floor to thank the Management Committee for their hard work at what is acknowledged by many to be a thankless task.

#### **15. Close of Meeting:**

The President, Kevin Doyland, thanked everyone for coming and for expressing their opinions so freely. He looked forward to welcoming them back next year and then closed the meeting.

Signed:..... Date: .....