BOROUGH GREEN BOWLS CLUB Minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting Held at BGBC on Sunday 5th November 2023

The meeting opened at 10.03am, 61 members were in attendance (24 ladies, 37 gentlemen).

1. **Convening Notice**

Paul Fennell welcomed all members to the meeting and held a minute's silence for those members lost during the year and for those members and their families currently suffering illness.

2. Apologies for Absence

Dawn Slater, Josh Rowe, Hugh Notton, Ray Fuller, Sean Daffey, Tony Cogle.

3. Minutes of the 66th AGM

The Minutes of the 2022 AGM have been circulated to all members.

The Minutes were received, read and accepted as a true record, proposed by Tom Ragan and seconded by Gary Batty.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

5. **Reports**

5a: Chairman's Report

Once again it has been a successful year for the club both on and off the green - I will leave the team captains to talk about the playing side at club and member level.

There is another team I would like to recognise for their off-field dedication and commitment and that is the Executive Committee. They have worked tirelessly on all our behalf and I thank them for this. Much of what the Executive Committee does goes unseen, believe me there is a lot.

Successes include:

- Dealing successfully with a serious and mandatory legal challenge at the beginning of the year namely, the new TRS legislation which impacts clubs like ours.
- The Club membership rallying to address the mid-season projected y/e deficit if nothing was done your response was fantastic as you will note in the Treasurer's report.
- Improving ground security with the installation of CCTV camera and recording equipment the equipment will be gifted to the club by the Parish Council when the 1st year warranty expires.
- Promoting the profile of the club through hosting the "John's" Kent Ladies v Buckinghamshire Ladies match. This was a real success and there is a high likelihood that the club will be selected again next season to host senior competitions.
- Plus, the many more smaller things which collectively make playing Bowls at this club enjoyable.

A big thank you to all involved and in particular, I would like to thank Alison Andrews Club Secretary as she is the glue in getting many things done, seamlessly at times.

There are a number of members of the club that require our thanks:

- Recognition needs to be given for the work done by Young Allen and the Green Sub-Committee for providing us with such an excellent green to play on this year. Also, a big shout out to Jock Bennet for the flower beds boy does that man have green fingers.
- And of course, a big thank you for the organisation of general works which was taken on by Peter Andrews he and all his helpers have kept the ground, pavilion and amenities in great condition.
- Many thanks are due to our retiring Club Treasurer Tony Cogle for the steady hand on finances given all the COL challenges and also to Allen Banks for managing the Bar so ably.

- The organisation of the club competitions was supremely well managed by Geoff Smith thank you Geoff.
- Overall, the majority of members have contributed to this good year, be it working on the bar, running raffles or supplying refreshments for weekend and league games my thanks go to all.

It is my pleasure to announce that the Executive Committee has agreed to introduce a brand-new competition starting next season for new novice joiners and first full year bowlers - the final to be played on Finals Day. Full details to come later.

In addition, a Club Person award is being introduced starting next year to be awarded to the club member who in the opinion of the Committee has provided an outstanding personal contribution. To end, it remains for me to remind everyone of the importance of supporting our club during the winter months by attending the events organised by the Executive Committee - unfortunately the club's bills don't close down for the winter. This is your club, so I encourage you to come along and if you want an event or function of your own just let a committee member know.

Thank you all for another excellent year.

I look forward to sharing continuing success in 2024 with you all.

5b: Hon Treasurer's Report

You should all have had a copy of the draft accounts sent out with the AGM notification. We still await the return of last year's accounts from our new Auditor.

KEY POINTS from Final Accounts:

NB First full year's trading without 'Covid' influence

Trading Loss £143 - Much better than anticipated!

To assuage the hike in Energy costs the Executive Committee took the decision to write off the value of the Fixed Assets in the Balance Sheet leading to a Loss overall of £3902

This does however reduce Expenditure ongoing by reducing the annual Depreciation Charge from £1280 to zero.

Cash/Bank Balances £32596 (-£75)

BAR 34% of Income

Turnover + 20% but only back to pre-Covid levels. Profit Margin 42.5% reflects 10% XTB price increase.

MEMBERSHIP 32% of Income

Buoyant with playing membership increased by 7% & 3 'bowlers' joining for next season.

Threat - Retention!

MATCH INCOME 22% of Income

Boosted by Catering and hosting Johns Trophy match

Threat - Loss of fixtures and clubs struggling to fulfil fixtures.

EXPENDITURE

Increased by 6% (excluding Pavilion Roof)

Green & Surrounds 50%

A new 3year Gas/Electricity contract has been taken up from December has been with costs doubling. Potential Cost Savings such as cancelling the Rubbish Collection, stop awarding Trophies etc have been discussed and rejected *pro tem*.

Threat - as ever, reactive premises / green costs

Budgeting remains a crystal ball exercise but on a same again basis the Executive Committee, with no large planned expenditure, forecasts the Club will breakeven in 2023/24.

Copies of draft accounts were distributed to all members, there were no questions received from the floor regarding either the accounts or the treasurers report.

5c: Men's Captain's Report

Good morning and welcome to you all, I hope you all had an enjoyable season, as I did.

Our club friendly results are as follows, we had 42 fixtures, of these we won 23, lost 12, with 3 abandoned and 4 cancelled by the other team, this gave us overall a win of 66%.

In the County comps there was not much for our men to shout about, with the exception of Josh Rowe who was County under 25's champion in the National Finals. We also had div 3 County semi-finalists in the men's pairs and triples. Josh Rowe was with Duncan Hanmore in the pairs and With Duncan Hanmore and Arthur Ragan in the triples. A good season for Josh was topped by victory with the White Rose team at Leamington.

In our other comps, we had a good first round in the Bert Cox, with victory over Bearsted, but then lost to Marden.

In our National 2 fours we had wins against Sidcup, then New Beckenham before defeat to Bromley. The Top Club we had victory over Woodcroft, then defeat to West Wickham.

The last chance for us came in the Millennium Trophy, victories over Halls and Borstal got us through to the semi-final, waiting for us was Canterbury, alast hat game we lost.

Moving on to Charity Day, my thanks go out to this club for the response I received throughout the season. The stroke charity was pleased to get the donation for £818.44, this would have been less but for your acceptance of all the fines on Captain's Day.

Finally, my gratitude goes to the Club Committee for their support, best wishes to Greg for his season and all members of the new Committee.

5d: Ladies' Captain's Report

Good morning

Stats for this season were great, better than last season.

P-12/W-11/L-1/C-7 with one being abandoned +184 shots.

Although this year was not a good year for our section in Top Club and Mollie Cleggett, we did manage to secure 3rd place in the Belle Trophy and we were able to win both the West Kent League and Ladies Millennium League, both for the third consecutive year.

Well done to all involved and thank you for making yourselves available for matches and competitions over the season.

Time for the roll call:

Jane Cogle - Kent Final of the National Senior Singles

Jane Cogle and Di Sekjer - Kent Semi-Final of the National Senior Pairs

Alex Rowe - Amy Rose Team Winners (back-to-back)

Jane Cogle, Rachel Banks and Sharon Greaves – Sharon made her debut in the Johns Team and Rachel made her debut as Skip this year.

Jane Cogle - Walker Team

Seeing as I have mentioned the Amy Rose, Johns Trophy and Walker players, I guess I should mention, and name drop our Kent Manager and our very own... Di Sekjer. Team managing is not easy and having experienced it this year as Ladies Captain, I take my hat off to you Di – keep doing what you are doing, the results speak volumes.

Alison Andrews - Divisional Final of Maude Wood Singles

Sharon Greaves - Semi-Final of the County Singles and qualifying for her County Badge

Dawn Slater, Lynn Andrews, Di Sekjer and Jane Cogle – After being the losing semi-finalists in 2021, the runners up in 2022, they really are the definition of "try, try and try again" because this year, 2023 Senior Fours County Champions.

We had new Club Competition Winners for Linda Thompson (Mixed Triples), Mary Round (Betty Whiffen), Alison Andrews (Ladies Pairs and Most Improved Bowler) and Sharon Greaves (100 up, Chrissie Howard and Ladies Championship)

Okay, so achievements identified, I hope I have not missed any -

Thank You's:

Executive Committee - it's not been an easy year.

Greenkeeper and Green Committee - for providing us with such a great playing surface.

Jock Bennet – dressing the green, tending to the gardens and everything else you do.

All of you – without members we wouldn't have a club, please continue to support where you can, whether that's volunteering your time for work parties, catering, social events, using the facilities and bar etc.

5e: League Captain's Report

Good Morning

I will start my report with the Marshall Cup. Following last year's success which resulted in Borough Green winning the cup, I was hoping for a similar outcome this year but unfortunately we weren't able to achieve that.

Borough Green went out in the first round to Montreal Park.

Woodlands also went out in the first round to Beeches. Both Valley View and Minters Orchard had byes in the first round but that did not seem to help the results. Minters Orchard lost away to Longmead and Valley View lost at home to Knockholt in the second round. We hope to have a better outcome next year.

Moving on to the league.

Division 1. Woodlands started the season well and were in second place for most of that time but unfortunately tailed off towards the latter half to finish in 3rd place - but the good news is that's one place higher than last year.

Division 2 and Borough Green. Again, started well and I had high expectations that they would get promoted to Division 1this year. However, the results didn't go well towards the back end of the season and they ended the year by finishing in 3rd place.

Division 3 and Minters Orchard. They had a great season and were jockeying for first place with Valley View throughout. However, despite fighting for first place all season they ended up finishing in a very credible second spot. Well done to them.

Valley View. As I have just said, they were in a battle for first place with Minters Orchard throughout the season and managed to secure first place with 75 points. I would like to say a big thank you to all the players that turned out for them, you are a credit to the club. We look forward to seeing you in Division 2 next year.

I have got some thank you's to make. First of all, to the players that agreed to be team Captains. Thanks Tom, Dick, and most of all a big thank you and well done to Dee for getting promotion to division 2 with Valley View.

As you will be aware, this is the first season the ladies have been invited to play in the league. A big thank you to all of you that played this year and hope to see more of you putting your names down for next season.

Now the sad bit. Having been League Captain for the last 4 years, I have decided to pass the baton on to a new Captain. I hope you will continue to support him or her as you have me in the past seasons, and I look forward to playing for whichever team the new Captain decides to put me in next season.

*Alan Chitty joined the meeting at 10:30

5f: Mid-Week Captain's Report

Few words about midweek bowls. Thanks for everyone's support though the season We played 23 games:

Won 18

Lost 5 Cancelled 1 Abandoned 1

Sevenoaks was abandoned due to heavy rain, so we decided to abandon the game Sevenoaks went home.

So some of Borough Green team spent the rest of the afternoon in the bar.

Westerham cancelled due to lack players so Borough Green decided to organise a game amongst ourselves which everybody enjoyed.

Thanks for everyone's support over the season.

Special thanks to Jock for putting mat, jacks, pushers & score boards for home games.

5g: Honorary Fixtures Secretary's Report

Confirmation of our existing fixtures are beginning to arrive.

We have potentially almost complete weekend fixtures, just one Saturday in May (25th) and one Saturday in August (3rd). This last date being Lenham who are hosting the men's finals next season, so this will be reinstated in 2025.I am going to leave this date free should the Captain wish to use for his Charity Day.

Mid-Week

June 5th and 6th – no fixtures, still looking to fill.

August 28th new six mixed triples against Maidstone.

All other weeks have at least one mid-week fixture.

We have lost two club fixtures, Wrotham and Gravesend Vets this year. I have approached other clubs and am awaiting their response.

Most clubs now wish to play triples however where possible I try for rinks.

I also wish to know how far you as bowlers are happy for me to cast my net! Potentially I could go out past Tunbridge Wells to East Sussex or go into the ULEZ zone.

This is my first time doing anything like this so I would appreciate feedback from members and also ask you support Captains and the club by supporting our fixtures.

5h: KCBA Report

Numerous items discussed within the council since our last AGM, below listed (in on particular order) are some of the main headings: -

- (i) Proposed Increase in Fees.
- (a) Affiliation fees up to £6.00 2025/26
- (b) Competition fees up to £3.00 -2025/26
- (c) Match fees up to £11.00 -2025/26

(ii) Benevolent Fund: -

Council was advised that the Benevolent fund was no longer sustainable as such would be scrapped following this year's pay-out any balance remaining would be donated to charity, in particular to the Kent Air Ambulance.

(iii) Bowls England: -

The following proposals will be presented to the Board on 25th November after the KCBA AGM has taken place making it difficult to voice our opinions prior to the Bowls England AGM to be held in February 2024 when voting is due.

- (a) over 55s' pairs -age to be increased to over 65s' (it is understood that it does not apply to senior 4s' as they are Part of the British Isles format
- (b) Middleton cup/Johns to be played in groups of 3thereby allowing each county a minimum of two games instead of the present 4/5 with the winners going on to a regional Semi &Final to be played over one/two days at a neutral venue.
- (c)Top Club changes to the number of players involved from 11 down to 6. only playing Singles, Pairs and Triples. This is to allow more clubs to enter i.e., those who were unable to present a team under the present rules.
- (d) There is a move to make the Two wood Round Robin tournament with regional finals taking place over a weekend with only the last 61 going to Leamington where they would also play a Round Robin format this is in order that players would get more than One game. This remains under discussion.

It must be stressed that the foregoing is only a few of the proposals are not cast in stone and yet to be approved.

Finally, it has been an honour for me to have served as the club representative and with your support I would be happy to continue in this role.

6. **100 Club Report**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The number of members increased by 7 from 2022, totalling 71 entries for 2023.

The prize money for 2023 was £670.00

including the Christmas pay out of £245.00 which will be drawn at the Christmas Party.

Please continue to support the '100 Club' by filling in your subscription form.

Subs:

 $71 \times £15.00 = £1,065.00$

Paid Out:

 $5 \times £85.00 = £425.00$

 $1 \times £245.00 = £245.00$

Total Prize Money <u>£670.00</u>

Money to club £395.00

7. Renewal of Bar Licence

The Bar Manager Allen Banks confirmed the renewal of the Bar Licence was in hand.

8. Amendments to Rules

The Executive Committee would like to make changes to various rules as listed. Existing rule in black text - proposed amendment/addition in red text.

Amendment 1

1. NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Existing:

1.3.3 The Club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can enjoy taking part in games of bowls and will seek to underpin this commitment by following and promoting the joint Child Protection Policy and Procedures as laid down by Legislation and National Governing bodies.

Proposed:

1.3.3 Notwithstanding any of the provisions in the Rules, the Club adopts and follows all policies and guidelines approved by Bowls England and UK Anti-Doping. We follow all procedures set out in Bowls England Regulation 9, 9A and 9B. We will abide with all sanctions, recommendations and/or decisions from the Case Management Panel or National Disciplinary Panel.

Amendment 2

3 ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Proposed:

3.2 All annual subscriptions shall become due on 31st December in each year and membership will lapse if not so paid. A further application for renewal of membership would then be required. <u>Addition</u> - Payment of the Club's annual subscriptions constitute acceptance of the Members Code of Conduct Document, displayed in the Clubhouse.

Amendment 3

5. MISCONDUCT/DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Existing:

5.1 If at any time the Executive Committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, they may by letter invite any member to resign from the Club within a time specified in such letter. In default of such resignation, it shall be within the power of the Executive Committee to expel such member. Before any such member is expelled the Club Honorary Secretary shall give the member not less than seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee together with details of the complaints made against such member. The Executive Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

Proposed:

5.1 <u>Proposed addition at beginning</u> - A member who at any time does not conform to the Constitution and Rules of the Club or to any byelaw or regulation which may be prescribed by the Executive Committee, or whose actions shall be deemed to be inconsistent with the best interests of the club may by letter be invited to resign. In default of such resignation, it shall be within the power of the Executive Committee to expel such member. Before any such member is expelled from the Club, the Club Honorary Secretary shall give the

member not less than seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee together with details of the complaints made against such member. The Executive Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

Remove and re-insert at the end - Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

Addition -

a) Any member so expelled shall thereupon cease to be a Member and shall forfeit all rights and privileges associated with his/her membership.

- b) Upon the termination of membership under this Rule the subscription paid for the current year may be retained by the Club or returned, wholly or in part, to the member at the discretion of the Committee.
- c) Seven days' notice shall be given to each Member of the Committee of any meeting called for the purpose of considering the expulsion or suspension of a Member, and such Member shall be given written notice of the meeting and be invited to attend.

No rejected candidate shall again be proposed for membership until the expiration of twelve months from the date of such rejection.

Add - Appeal against refusal or removal may be made in person or in writing to the Executive Committee and in the event the decision is upheld by further appeal to the members in accordance with Rules 8.5 (Special General Meetings) and Rule 8.9 (Quorum).

Amendment 4

6. OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT

Proposed:

New 6.8 Any member of the Executive Committee during the bowling season who is absent from three consecutive meetings without due cause shall be considered to have resigned their office.

Amendment 5

8. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Proposed:

- 8.1.8 The Men's Captain, Vice-Captain and Men's Mid-Week Captain and Men's League Captain shall be elected by vote at the AGM. Male members only entitled to vote. Remove "Men's Leagues Captain".
- 8.1.10 New addition The Sevenoaks League Captain shall be elected by vote at the AGM. Both Male and Lady members are entitled to vote.

Amendment 6

10. GUESTS

Proposed: 10. GUESTS/VISTORS

Existing:

10.1 Every member shall be allowed to introduce guests subject to such regulations as shall be made from time to time by the Executive Committee and every such person shall be accompanied by the member introducing him and shall sign the visitor's book immediately on entering the Club premises.

Proposed:

10.1 Any member may introduce up to three bona fide guests/visitors to play on the green at any one time, subject that no guest/visitor may be introduced more than four times in any one season if eligible for membership, (with the exception of BE National Competition Competitors). Members introducing guests/visitors must ensure that the names, addresses and date of visit of their guests/visitors together with their own name are entered in the Visitors' Book, which will be available in the clubhouse for inspection. These guests/visitors may purchase intoxicating liquors for consumption on the club premises. Guests/visitors will at all times remain subject to the guidelines and Members Code of Conduct for behaviour on and off the green, as displayed in the club and the member introducing the guests/visitors will be responsible for their adherence to these rules. Guests/visitors introduced by a member will pay a green fee of £4 per person to play on any visit.

Existing:

10.2 No person shall be introduced as a guest who may have been expelled from membership or whose conduct in the club premises shall be considered by the Executive Committee to be objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the club.

Proposed:

10.2 No person shall be introduced as a guest/visitor who has been refused, suspended or expelled from membership or whose conduct inside or outside_the club premises shall be considered by the Executive Committee to be objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the club.

New

10.3 Any dog taken inside the Club grounds must be kept on a lead at all times.

Amendment 7

12. TRUSTEES

Existing:

12.1 The property of the Club shall be vested in not less than four trustees who shall be appointed at an Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until death or resignation or removal by the Members in general meeting. Any vacancy occurring by death or resignation shall be filled by the Executive Committee but shall be subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.

New and Proposed

12.2 The Executive Committee shall have the power to remove any of the Trustees in like manner to the power conferred to expel a member as provided in Rule 5 hereof provided that 7 days' notice shall be given of any meeting of the Executive Committee called for the purpose of considering the removal of a trustee and such Trustee shall be given written notice of the meeting and be invited to attend. In the event the decision is upheld a further appeal may be made to the membership in accordance with Rules 8.5 (Special General Meetings) and Rule 8.9 (Quorum).

Amendment 8

New and Proposed:

17. COMPLAINTS

17.1 All complaints in the first instance must be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary and signed by the persons complaining; and none shall be attended to unless this rule is complied with. The Hon. Secretary shall submit all such complaints to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee. However, should a complaint be received within 10 days prior to the next scheduled meeting the Secretary will have the discretion to carry the matter forward to a later meeting.

Clarification was sought by David Round on amendment to 1.3.3 regarding our safeguarding policy, Paul Fennell advised BGBC are adopting and following all BE policies and guidelines including safeguarding.

Proposed by Tom Ragan and Seconded Peter Andrews Voted on and passed by a majority.

As the above amendments were agreed at the meeting the rules will be updated and a new copy will be published and placed on the Executive noticeboard in the Club Pavilion.

9. **Resolutions and Propositions**

Proposition 1

Annual Subscriptions and Match Fees:

The Executive Committee wish to propose the following changes in fees for the forthcoming 2024 season. Charges therefore are as follows:

Full Playing £115.00 (\pm 5.00, no free entries to any club competition)

Junior £20.00 (unchanged) Social £35.00 (unchanged)

Joining Fee £45.00 (\pm 5.00 to include key deposit)

Match Fees Adults £4.00 (unchanged)
Juniors* £2.00 (unchanged)

*Under 18 years or in full time education

The proposal detailed above was voted on and passed by a majority. Proposed by Rachel Banks and seconded by Iain Ferguson.

Paul Fennell noted to members the changes on the subscription forms regarding GDPR/privacy in relation to the use of images in club publicity. Paul confirmed no social media platform is currently being used to promote the club at this time, this is to be discussed at the next Executive meeting. If members do not agree with the use of images or the use of their details, they should **not** sign either of the current GDPR sections on the form.

*Anthony Cogle joined the meeting at 10:47

10. **Elections for 2023/2024**

Anthony Cogle has submitted his resignation from the position of Club Treasurer. The following nominations for Executive Committee and other Officers positions have been received.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
President	Bill Green	Tom Ragan	Jane Cogle
Chair	Paul Fennell	Peter Andrews	Alison Andrews
Vice Chair	Nick Catt	Dick Ralph	Angela Ralph
Hon. Club Secretary	Alison Andrews	Ken Pestell	Neale Woodham
Hon. Club Treasurer	David Knutton	Peter Dyer	David Truss
Hon.Fixtures Secretary	Jane Cogle	Tom Ragan	Rachel Banks
Bar Manager	Allen Banks	Tony Cogle	Jane Cogle
Men's Captain	Greg Rowe	Alison Andrews	Peter Andrews
Men's Vice-Captain	Peter Andrews	Greg Rowe	Rachel Banks
Ladies' Captain	Alison Andrews	Jane Cogle	Diane Sekjer
Ladies' Vice Captain	Jane Cogle	Alison Andrews	Mary Round
Mid-Week Captain	David Round	Rachel Banks	Tony Cogle
Add. Exec Committee	Pam Banks	Tony Cogle	Jane Cogle
Member x 2	Rachel Banks	Tony Cogle	Jane Cogle
	Steve West	Neale Woodham	Malcolm Sheppard
	Rachel Clark	Christine Wells	Ann Fillery
	Josh Rowe	Nick Catt	Sean Daffey
Publicity Officer			
Sevenoaks League	Neale Woodham	Dick Ralph	Alison Andrews
Representative			
Competitions	Geoff Smith	Rachel Banks	Jane Cogle
Secretary			

Ladies Secretary/KCBA Delegate: Sharon Greaves (a member of the Exec Committee)

Unopposed Executive Officer nominations were voted on and passed by a majority. Unopposed non-Executive Officer nominations were voted on and passed by a majority. Additional Members x 2 positions on the Executive Committee were voted on by a ballot. Each member voting for two nominees on one slip of paper. Slips were counted by David Round and counting was overseen by Gary Batty.

Total votes collected 118 of which there were 5 spoiled or blank slips.

Ballot Results:

Pam Banks 13 Rachel Banks 25 Steve West 36 Rachel Clark 35 Josh Rowe 4

Steve West and Rachel Clark were therefore duly elected.

No nominations were proposed for the position of Publicity officer; therefore nominations were taken from the floor: Nick Catt proposed by David Knutton and seconded by Pat Curtis. Voted on and passed by a majority.

11. Election of Club's Delegate to KCBA Div 3 (and representative to KCBA Council)

KCBA Representative	Garry Batty	Bill Green	Tom Ragan

12. Appointment of Trustees (Minimum of Four)

Current Trustees John Bennet, Iain Ferguson, Jane Cogle and Ken Pestell.

John Bennett, Iain Ferguson and Ken Pestell have resigned prior to the AGM, Jane Cogle initially indicated she would remain as a trustee however at the meeting she let it be known she no longer wished to stand. Mary Round, Neale Woodham and Nick Catt have been approached and indicated their willingness to be appointed as Trustees. The three nominations were voted on and passed by a majority.

Nominations were sought from the floor for a fourth trustee, none were forthcoming, the matter was left for members to consider and come forward to the chair/committee at a later date, or a committee member would take the position pro tem.

13. **Appointment of Auditor**

At the time of the AGM, last year's accounts have still not been fully audited. Members were asked to approach the Executive Committee with any suggestions so that an auditor could be appointed.

14. Any Relevant Business

Iain Ferguson:

- 1) Regarding the new trophy announced by the Chair, Iain recalls a Club trophy from years ago called Member of the year, a polished lignum vitae bowl on a stand, a very nice trophy! He believes the last person to win it was probably Robert Shooter. (Daphne Shooter returned home at the end of the meeting and delivered said trophy back to the club).
- 2) About ten years ago when Iain was captain, along with the ladies' and mid-week captain the funds raised were put together to purchase the Club's defibrillator and he wondered if it was at/nearing the end of its life span or had been serviced. He was advised the defibrillator has been sent away and regularly serviced and has another two years at least before it needs replacement.

Jeff Alback:

- 1) Jeff thanked Alison Andrews for a year of communication "par excellence."
- 2) Jeff requested smoking be banned from the green. Jeff was advised this was discussed at length but did not go forward as a proposition, this would now need to be proposed as a change of rules for next year's AGM.
- 3) Jeff pointed out the donations section has been omitted from this year's Annual Subscriptions form. This is to be rectified, members were advised if they wish to donate to add the sum manually on to the form.

Members Present

J Strudwick, K Taylor. N Catt, P Andrews, E Strudwick, G Rowe, S, West, W Wooler, A Andrews, W Green, P Fennell, M Round, D Round, N Woodham, M Scott, J, Alback, G Batty, D Degan, C Wells, T Wells, S Greaves, D Knutton, D Sekjer, J Cogle, E Grassick, P Curtis, G Curtis, M Hickmott, J Hickmott, R Grassick, A Paterson, R Clark, M Evans, S Woolven, A Woolven, A White, L Andrews, R Hedges, P Dyer, K Williams, D Fuller, P Banks, P Sheppard, M Sheppard, C Pile, A Ralph, R Horn, R Ralph, I Ferguson, A Banks, D Shooter, N Davison, R Banks, D Ragan, T Ragan, S Bates, N Rodway, A Chitty, A Cogle, J Bennett, J Couch.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:29am precisely.

Signed: Alison Andrews. Hon. Secretary.

Signed: Paul Fennell. Chairman.