

MINUTES OF TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS BOWLS CLUB
AGM ON TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2013 AT 7.30 PM

COMMITTEE:-	D. Bunce	(Captain and Chairman)
	J. Olley	(Treasurer)
	P. Hood	(Secretary)
	K. Smith	(Vice Captain and Webmaster)
	A. Finer	(Vice Chairman and Tuesday Rep)
	P. Gilbey	(Thursday Rep.)

MEMBERS PRESENT:	B. Coath	J. Facey
	R. Finer	M. Hart
	C. Jordan	B. Mackay
	D. Measom	K. Measom
	L. Renew	S, Renew
	P. Scott	E. Smith
	A White	(Honorary President)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:	M. Barton	A. Brown
	H. Mansi	B. Marshall
	J. Marshall	V. Todd
	E. Tuthill	L. Tuthill

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, proposed and seconded to be correct by all Present. Ron Finer pointed out that he had attended the last meeting but did not appear on The 'Members Present', we apologise for this.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the start of last year our weekly attendance was falling, and we found ourselves not paying our way most weeks. In January 2013 we increased our fee to £2 per session. As it so happens our numbers have increased due to some longstanding members returning and three new members, following a friendly against West Mersea.

We will play the Fred Bishop trophy as a club competition over 13 weeks, as we did last year. This will start about the third week of April and end before the summer holiday season starts. There will be a small trophy for the winner and runner-up, for Thursday afternoon and Tuesday evening.

At this time our thoughts go to families and friends of members who are no longer with us.

David Bunce.

TEAM CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Although there are only 3 teams in the league, the number of matches played were increased so we played the same number as in previous years. We came third and this is no disgrace! I have never seen so many dedicated players, giving their all to win points for the club. The standard of play was so great, that very often only a point separated the two teams.

As we can only pick nine players, there is always going to be some disappointed members, but I have agreed with Graham Heard of Tollesbury, that we will play some friendlies in the summer to give a chance to anybody who wishes to play the experience of a league match.

In conclusion I must thank Jan for not only being a first-class treasurer, but for all the other jobs she takes on, without being asked to do them, Audrey, my deputy for all her support and Pat our secretary. Finally Ken for the best web site any club could wish for and his help in team selection.

To all our members who make this such a great place to spend a few social hours and enjoy competitive bowls.

David Bunce.

VICE CAPTAIN AND WEBMASTER'S REPORT

I have continued to assist our Captain, David, in team selection and other league matters. The League now has only three teams, following Tiptree's decision to withdraw, however the competition remains very keen, and this year we managed third place, (the wooden spoon). The Annual League Presentation Evening was hosted by Tollesbury and was a very pleasant event.

We held a friendly match with West Mersea which we hope to repeat, we are also planning a friendly with Tollesbury some time this summer.

The Fred Bishop and Chairman's Trophies are now being run as the former 13 week 'Spring' Tuesday and Thursday competitions.

I am still the League Co-ordinator, arranging the fixtures and compiling the scores and league tables. I keep the current scores and league positions on the website and this seems to be well received. The website can be viewed by internet access linking to-

www.tkshortmatbowls.btck.co.uk

Finally, we held our Christmas Meal at The Ship in Tiptree, several venues were proposed but this was selected by vote. It was a very pleasant, sociable evening and good value for money. During the course of the summer we will start thinking about the Venue for this year's Christmas Meal.

Ken Smith

TREASURER'S REPORT

The charge for hiring the hall went up to £9 per hour in May, so the Committee decided later in the year to put the playing fees up from £1.50 to £2 starting in January 2013. I think that we get a really good deal for that money, where else would you get a cuppa and biscuit, a game of bowls and an enjoyable natter with friends?

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to some of our members but also we have been able to welcome some new ones. I hope you enjoy a Happy 2013 Best Wishes

See attached revised sheet for Treasurer's Accounts which was, proposed, seconded and accepted by all members present.

Janet Olley

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our Club is thriving again this year with many new members, we welcome them all. We are hoping next season to come a bit higher in the league. Our 13 Week Competitions are still going well and start again in April, they will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These replace the Fred Bishop and Chairman's Trophies, whose format was altered last year.

Sadly during the course of the year, we lost two of our Members, Wendy Groeber, who had been struggling to regain health for some time and Janet Coath. Our thoughts go out to their families. Bob Coath is on the mend as is Mary Gilham, she has now moved to Witham near her family. Madeleine Barton had a fall and broke an ankle, she is still recovering from this. I will arrange to visit her when she returns home and take a plant round, so she knows she is in our thoughts. Also to Hilary Mansi who is recovering at the moment from current treatment and Eric Tuthill who has been poorly over the past few months and is now at home waiting for an operation, our thoughts are with Linda for a speedy recovery.

We had a friendly game of bowls in January against a team from Mersea, which was well attended and very successful. Some of the players that came to that game now come to our Thursday afternoon sessions, so those sessions are very well attended.

Our Presentation Night will be held at Tolleshunt D'Arcy this year on Saturday 11th May. Tickets are £4 per head and can be bought from Janet by 11th April.

Pat Hood

TUESDAY REPRESENTATIVE

There haven't been any problems on a Tuesday, our numbers attending have improved a lot and all seems to be running well. When putting down names for competitions, could members please put their surnames as well, as sometimes it is difficult to work out who is who, thank you.

Audrey Finer

THURSDAY REPRESENTATIVE

We have new members that now come on Thursdays and so we have a good attendance and all is running well.

Phyllis Gilbey

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As there was no-one who didn't wish to stand again for their office on the Committee, it was proposed that the existing officers be re-elected. This proposal was accepted by all members present.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm. The next AGM will be held on a Thursday afternoon in March 2014.

P. Hood
Secretary

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB
TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2012

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	2380-00	HIRE OF HALL	1988-50
HIRE OF EQUIPMENT BY TIPTREE BOWLS CLUB	145-00	REFRESHMENTS	114-91
RAFFLE PROFITS	95-38	STATIONERY	27-41
JOINING FEES	50-00	CARDS/FLOWERS DONATIONS	81-19
		3TS LEAGUE FEE	20-00
		TK VILLAGE HALL PRIZES	20-96
		TROPHIES	18-00
		A.O.N. INSURANCE	157-00
		3 CONTAINERS FOR BOWLS	15-00
	<u>2670-38</u>		<u>2443-95</u>
<u>PROFIT £226-43</u>			

BALANCE SHEET

MONEY IN BANK £1874-41
 CASH IN HAND 89-84
£1964-25

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Best Wishes
 Jan O'Leary (Treasurer)