**BLOOMFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

**Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting of BSMBC held in**

**Woodmansterne Village Hall on Thursday 25th April at 4.00pm**

**1) Apologies for Absence**

There were 18 members present with apologies received from 10 other members. A list of those attending the meeting has been filed.

**2) Adoption of Minutes of 32nd AGM**

A copy of these minutes was distributed to all members prior to the meeting. Agreement to adopt these minutes was proposed by Hazel Cluff and Keith Harrison.

**3) Matters arising from the minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting** – none.

**4) President’s report –** presented by Violet Casey:

Welcome to our 33rd AGM.

I would like to thank all of you for coming and also thank the Committee for their support during the last year. Special thanks for Lin – our Secretary - who has her own problems but still finds the time to help.

Thanks go to Lee and Kit for arranging the tea and coffee and biscuits supplies – again, Lee has had a difficult year but still has time to make sure a phone call is made to Kit to let her know if she is unable to come. And thanks to Bob for making sure we always have milk. It is no one’s specific job to get the cups out and make the tea so if you are able to help in the kitchen, it will help everyone.

We must also thank Rod for taking on the web site and getting a new site up and running (bottle of wine) and Karen for checking the books for us (plant).

On a personal note, I would like to thank Hazel for lending me her woods in the last few months.

Not a lot has happened this year with the membership although we do have a couple of new members and we will be putting out leaflets around the estate and anywhere else we think could help. Any helpful suggestions would be appreciated.

As you know, we are all getting older and we would like to remind you that those of you who can help with getting equipment out and putting it away and any help, no matter how small, is appreciated and helps everyone else.

My thanks to Martin and Hazel for the cakes and Jack for the bread pudding!

Thank you again for coming and we look forward to another year of bowling.

**Treasurer’s Report –** presented to the AGM on 25 April 2024 by Tina Davis.

A copy of the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2024 was distributed to members at the meeting.

Audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 show a small surplus of £86.

Green fees have continued to be charged at £2 per session and annual subscriptions at £40. These have been sufficient to cover the costs of hiring the hall and other expenses despite the increase in hall hire charges.

We have held two successful drives in August and December, which have raised funds and have also been very enjoyable. I would like to thank Violet, Lester, Lin and all those who worked so hard to make these a success.

We had 29 paid up members during the year but unfortunately we have lost a few members and our numbers are likely to be reduced this year due to the ill health of some of our members. We have had a new leaflet produced and we are hoping this will help in recruiting new members.

However we are in a good financial position and I would recommend that green fees remain at £2 and annual subscriptions at £40. Annual subscriptions are now due and I am happy to collect these at the end of this meeting. I would appreciate payment either by cash or cheque.

I would also like to recommend that the amount charged for tea and biscuits be increased. We have charged 20p for many years despite the increase in costs of providing these. I would suggest they be increased to 40p or 50p and recommend this be discussed by members at the meeting (see AOB).

If there are any questions regarding the accounts I will try to answer them.

**6) Captain’s Report**

**7) Fixture Secretary’s Report**

**8) Competition Secretary’s Report**

In the absence of a Captain and as Ray Pothecary was unable to come, Lester Allen covered all three reports:

This year we were second in the Jack Jackson League which is a good result for our team. Lester has had some difficulty in finding players willing to play away games, especially evenings in the winter months. He will ask members who would like to play next season and who is willing to play away games. Lester is hoping to repeat the 51up competition in the summer months. Congratulations to Violet and Lin for their win in the latest 51up competition.

Ray Pothecary is willing to carry on with fixtures and will try to keep the same dates as before – he will liaise with other Clubs. He will also try and fix some friendly matches with other Clubs in the summer.

Lester asked that members should tell him what kind of competitions and other events members would like.

**9) Appointment of New Committee**

The following nominations were accepted and agreed:

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| **President** | Violet Casey | **Secretary**  **Membership Secretary** | Linda Collins  Janet Wheeler |
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| **Treasurer** | Tina Davis | **Competition Steward** | Lester Allen |
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| **Fixtures Secretary** | Ray Pothecary |  |  |

This leaves a vacancy for a Club Representative and Captain.

The present Committee with therefore stand again – this was voted unanimously by those members present.

**10) Any other Business**

a) Hazel reported that a new badminton club has booked the Hall on Monday nights at 8.30pm and she asked that members make sure that they are out of the Hall by that time.

b) Tina suggested that games at the July Strawberry Tea should be organised as two teams on the usual mats to avoid too much waiting.

c) Rod reported that the web site cost last year was a ‘special offer’ and so this will be more expensive next year. He also assured members that there was nothing contentious on our website and nothing that could lead to any kind of fraud as personal details are not included.

d) The tea money question was discussed again and it was agreed and voted unanimously that 40p should be charged in future.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.

**Date of next meeting for new Committee**: suggested Friday 24th May at 2.00pm.