



Tunbridge Wells YBC

@ Hollywood Bowl, Longfield Road
Knights Park, Tunbridge Wells

AGM Minutes 2017

Present: Ollie Guimarey Sarah Baughurst
Shell Leeke Dave Salter
Lisa Watson Lynn Truslove
Leigh Truslove Simon Herbert
Karen Herbert Philip Guimarey
Terry Connor Janet Connor
Peter Leeke

Apologies: Philip Guimarey Dave Smith

Meeting opened 22nd July 2017 at 11:30

Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed everybody and reported as follows.

Numbers of club members fell through the year mostly due to injury and studying etc.

Hollywood Bowl want the YBC to go down to fewer lanes at the start of next season as they feel they can make more money from open play. The Hollywood Manager has been quite helpful in coming to an arrangement for this.

Next season league will start on 9th September 2017. Plans are in place for the YBC to continue during the forthcoming refurbishment of the bowl.

Hollywood will charge us more from the completion of the refurbishment, going up from £2.00 to £2.80 per game. It is proposed to increase the bowling fees from £7.50 per week to £10.00 from the start of the new season, allowing a "round figure" and increasing club payment by 10p.

We are advised that the YBC is cheaper than most of the comparable Sports Clubs in the area. The question was asked whether subs could be paid annually rather than weekly.

Discussion was held on how we would now renew payments to the BTBA under the new systems.

Generally it was a successful year for the YBC at the bowl and away at competitions.

The chairman thanked parents, bowlers, coaches and officials for their hard work and support.

Treasurers Report

Sarah presented the financial report to the AGM.

The books are now due for an Audit or, as discussed, a financial verification is all that is required.

Tournaments Report

Terry reported that the club had entered three tournaments throughout the year:

- South of England Open
- BTBA Nationals
- Junior Team Open at Norwich

He praised all the bowlers and teams involved and said TWYBC were exceptional in their bowling even though not that many trophies were won.

There was a brief discussion over whether the club should have dedicated bowling shirts just for competition.

Our thanks were given to Terry for all his hard work.

Election of Committee

With the existing committee members willing to stand for re-election and no other nominations the committee was returned unopposed.

Items for discussion

- The trial of a 100% handicap system was thought to be generally successful and it should be continued.
- It was discussed that we should return to giving trophies for results in the scratch leagues as well as in the handicap leagues.
- A sub-committee was suggested for the organisation of the trophies.
- Philip Guimarey will provide a perpetual trophy to present to a bowler of his choice as a thank you for his time at YBC.
- The possibility of a presentation night was discussed but it was decided that for this year it should stay the same.
- It was thought that we should change the lane pattern before each rotation of the league.
- Summer bowling will be available at £6 for three games starting from 10:00.am There is no guarantee of coaches being there but please wear a YBC shirt as this is not open to the general public, family or friends.
- Simon gave details of a Summer Coaching Camp that he was planning with Mark Heathorn. Ollie and Terry were running a drop-in coaching hour with bowlers on a Thursday evening and Simon and Peter were running private coaching with bowlers as requested.
- Dedicated coaching lanes on a Saturday have been lost but extras after YBC will continue as usual.
- A discussion was held over charging juniors for coaching, various viewpoints were discussed but it was left as a personal decision.
- Simon gave a thorough presentation over current coaching criteria and qualifications under the new system. He felt there was a good possibility we could run a Fundamentals course at the bowl for those interested and possibly include outside invitees. He was keen that coaches should still continue to keep up to date and upgrade their qualifications as early as possible for as a club we are a bit "bottom heavy". It was hoped that the ybc would be able to subsidise or part-subsidise the advancement of coaches providing sufficient funds were available.
- Payments of £65 should be made to Sarah for the Fundamentals Course to hopefully be held in September.
- More discussion was held over the possibility of Tournament shirts as the YBC shirts were considered to be rather warm. Club funds were insufficient to replace YBC shirts this year and it was hoped that a sponsor may be found to help. All parties could please look for a suitable organisation to do this. In the meantime it was decided to persevere with the current shirts until an alternative could be found.
- Membership fees and league fees were discussed, proposed, seconded and approved at £35 membership (£40 J/A) with £10.00 per week for bowling. There is an advantage to having a higher membership cost as it is money in the bank from the outset rather than weekly lane fees which can also vary in quantity. It was generally agreed that bowlers should be responsible for the weekly £1.60 club fees even when they did not attend. The exception would be if they were away bowling, representing the YBC.
- Fundraising ideas were discussed – football cards, 12 hour bowl, spare-a-thons, raffles, Smartie tubes and bonus ball all being mentioned. It was felt important to remember that whilst these ideas

are great fund raisers, they often fall upon the same family members to keep providing the donations.

Any other Business

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 14:00pm with thanks from the Chairman and special thanks from Simon.

Michelle Leeke
Secretary TWYBC