NORTHMEAD BOWLS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

26TH AUGUST 2017

The meeting was opened by Paul Carr.

OBITUARIES:

A Minutes silence was held for those members we lost during the year:-

N Adcock, H Netter, S Marks, J Goodwin and R van der Poel

NOTICE OF MEETING:

This was read out by Mr Paul Carr.

WELCOME:

P Carr welcomed the members as per attached.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:

As per sheets attached.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Taken as read. Proposed by Mr A Hart and seconded by Mr J Waugh.

MATTERS ARISING:

None

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mr P Carr advised the members that at this time the Treasurer’s Report was still not available. He then called upon Mr M O’Neil to advise the members of the situation.

Mr M O’Neil stated that it was not fair to call upon him to address the meeting as he had stated previously that he was no longer able to act as Club auditor. However, he did raise the following points:

1. Why the money raised at the Ladies Spring Tournament Spider in 2016 had not been paid over to Hospice.
2. He asked where the money for the Staff Gratuity fund was as it had not been paid over to the Staff account. Mr Mullen advised that the monies were in the Club’s bank account as the last anniversary date had been missed but that it would all be paid over on the anniversary date this year.
3. Mr O’Neil also asked why the subs were being increased by R100.00 when the Club had had a very good year financially. It was stated that the increase would be R50.00 only to cover increases in District and Bowls SA affiliation costs and that the increase would have to be ratified at the AGM.
4. Mr O’Neil also said that he had problems reconciling the Joker monies. Shaun Kotze explained that he had “borrowed” some of the Joker funds to pay the deposit required for the new Club shirts but that this had now been replaced.
5. Mr O’Neil also stated that the financials could possibly have been finalised if he and Lisa had had access to the passwords for the bank.
6. Mr Paul Carr then advised that we would have to employ and pay a bookkeeper to finalise the accounts and prepare a balance sheet for the members.
7. Mr O’Neil did state that he would like the members to know that whilst we did not have the final balance sheet , the Club was in a good financial position and had made a fair profit during the year.
8. He also proposed that instead of the Club employing an accountant, a task team comprising himself, Mike Burns and Lisa Adamson with assistance from Shirley Hogg and Kevin Mullen be set up to finalise the balance sheet.
9. A date was set for the 9th September 2017 to have the figures finalised and to hold another meeting to present the financial statement to the members at a Special General Meeting.
10. After a show of hands, it was decided to bend the rules and a motion to continue with the meeting was carried.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT :

P Carr delivered his report as per attached copy.

COMPETITIONS:

T De Freitas thanked the members for their support and said it had been a good year.

He proposed adding Drawn Trips to the Club Competitions for the coming season.

He also proposed increasing the Competition costs by R20.00 per competition to cover costs as the fees had not been increased for many years and engraving prices etc had increased considerably. This was seconded by Sheila Mullen and approved by the members.

RESOLUTIONS:

A Clause is to be added to the Constitution – 11 b – for the Presentation of the Treasurer’s Report at the AGM.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

LIFE MEMBERS:

None to be added this year

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Most positions were unopposed apart from Chairman and Treasurer. Ballots were then held for those positions. Candidates for Chairman were: S Kotze, K Mullen and J Waugh. Candidates for Treasurer were K Mullen and S Hogg. The following persons were then appointed:-

PRESIDENT: Margaret Vollmer

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mike O’Neil

CHAIRMAN: Shaun Kotze

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Jimmy Waugh

TREASURER: Shirley Hogg

SECRETARY: Stephanie Hill

COMPETITION SECRETARY: Tony de Freitas

KITCHEN MANAGER: Ella Kapp

GENERAL COMMITTEE: Neville Dolley

Sheila Mullen

Andrew Pike

Malcolm Patterson

May Butler

Arthur Hart

Paul Carr (outgoing Chairman)

MEN’S SELECTION: Ken Butler

Tony De Freitas

Mike Logan

Arthur Hart

Paul Carr

LADIES’ SELECTION: Patsy Smook

Jess Saunders

Margaret O’Neil

Lisa Adamson

Merle Wiemers

It was agreed that for the duration of League, one of these Lady members would act as Selection representative and be “seconded” on to the General Committee as none of them serve on the Committee.

Mr Paul Carr then handed the meeting over to Mr Shaun Kotze who thanked the members for their support.

GENERAL:

1. A letter was read out from the Ladies Selection Committee regarding the Men’s League teams practising on a Saturday afternoon during social bowls time. It was proposed by Margaret Cousins and seconded by Bernie Lamprecht that in future league practises be held on either a Saturday morning or a Sunday afternoon. This was carried by the members.
2. L Adamson proposed that Saturday afternoon social bowls be played in Club Colours/Whites to promote a feeling of Club unity. This was seconded by Merle Wiemers. After a show of hands the proposal was carried and Club Colours/Whites will now be work on Saturdays. Sundays will remain as casual wear.
3. L Adamson queried why the Joker allocations had been changed. Shaun Kotze explained that it was to try and “grow” the Joker jackpot quicker to encourage more players. After a vote it was decided to leave it as it.
4. Margaret O’Neil asked that as not everyone is on Facebook or WhatsApp that notices must also be displayed on the board at the Club. This was agreed to.
5. L Adamson proposed that the President’s Pairs be moved to summertime when the President is here. This was seconded by Andrew Pike. The Committee will try to ensure that this is done.
6. L Adamson raised the point of casual wages. She felt that they must be increased. This is to be looked into at the next meeting of the Committee on the 4th September 2017.
7. M O’Neil requested that members try to ensure they have the correct change to pay for their tabs.
8. M O’Neil also requested that members refrain from standing in the ditch.
9. J Graham asked that the Chairman welcome our new members. This was duly done by S Kotze.
10. M Cousins seconded by W Richardson proposed that the Women’s Drawn Pairs format be changed from 2-4-2 to normal pairs of 21 ends. After a show of hands this was agreed to.
11. M Wiemers asked that members come to the Club with a smile and kindness instead of constant criticism.
12. T de Freitas has requested that we have one Competitions Notice Board for Members, one box for payments and one leave list. This was agreed to and a board will be allocated for this purpose.
13. T de Freitas advised that he has two quotes for the roof to cover the south patio. M O’Neil said that we must first obtain plans and check the liquor licensing laws before anything can be done with the roof. A Pike then asked if by a show of hands members could indicate if they were in favour of the roof. The majority would like the roof to cover the patio so the Committee will now take the matter further and approach the Licensing authorities and Ekurhuleni Metro in this regard. It was pointed out that nothing could be authorised without a special general meeting in any event due to the amount involved.
14. It was queried why so few members are supporting Wednesday afternoon social bowls.
15. Members were requested to enter their name on the League lists.
16. P Kiely asked member to remember that Friday 1st September was music night and to support.
17. J Waugh requested that T de Freitas add a 2 Bowls Singles Competition to the Club Competitions. S Kotze suggested that this could be played every third Sunday morning. T de Freitas to look into this.
18. K Butler asked what the Visitor’s Green Fee actually is. It was confirmed that it was R15.00 excluding tea. He requested that a notice to this effect be displayed.
19. A Hart asked that a Welfare liaison be appointed to keep track of any ill members and to advise the members accordingly as to their health.
20. M Thomas requested that the greenkeeper be given adequate funds to maintain his tools. I Tinniswood confirmed that he had been supplied with everything that he had requested and that the tools were alright at present.
21. H Reimann asked that the Chairman make regular announcements at Social bowls and welcome visitors.
22. S Kotze asked that members support or make suggestions of ways to improve Friday night attendance at the Club.

The meeting then ended at approximately 16h30.