

Frant Short Mat Bowls Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on October 11th, 2022

In the absence of Phil Boddy, retiring Secretary, Captain and Fixture Secretary, it was not possible to convene a fully legitimate AGM. However, it was decided to hold an informal AGM on the planned date with those present.

Attendees

Attendees were: Bob Garratt, Audrey Hall, Chris Hall, Hazel Sands, Diane Young, James Young, all members. Also present were potential members John Young and Roy and Shirley.

Introduction

Bob thanked Audrey (and Phil in his absence) for their work on the committee. He explained that we had gone ahead with the majority vote to leave the Wealden League as it had reverted to a Division / Division 2 arrangement. Most were only prepared to play with the reduced travelling resulting from the North / South division split.

Treasurer's Report

Audrey distributed her report showing a healthy balance of some £2,800.

Election

Bob was prepared to stand as Chairman again and was duly elected.

Audrey was prepared to stand as Treasurer again and was duly elected.

Chris was volunteered as Secretary and was elected.

A change of bank or bank mandate will be required as one of the signatories, Phil, is no longer relevant.

Action: Audrey

(Incidentally, David Oliver is still on the current mandate.)

Registrations

There was a discussion on registrations with England SMBA and East Sussex SMBA. It appears that although registration is not mandatory as we are not to participate in the Wealden Short Mat Bowls Association League there are advantages to registering.

Action: Chris

First it gives the club insurance which would be more expensive to do independently and although it is relatively unimportant with no planned visiting teams it is of some value.

Secondly it overcomes the restriction placed on registered clubs whereby friendly fixtures with unregistered clubs are not permitted.

Costs are (ESSMBA) £10 for the club and £1 for each player plus (ESMBA) £4 per player. So a total of £60 for ten players.

With our credit standing at £2,800 it was decided to go ahead.

Subscriptions

Bob suggested that the Annual subscription should be £10 and the roll-up fee should be £3.00. With hall rental charges rising by £2.00 to £12.00 per hour this should cover the hire charge with 8 players.

This was agreed unanimously.