

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT OLD BASING BOWLING CLUB
ON FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2022**

1. **PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS**

The Vice President, Stella Hayden opened the meeting at 2.35pm.

There was a minute's silence in memory of those who are no longer with us and including lost loved ones.

Stella then welcomed all those present and thanked everybody for attending.

She also thanked Old Basing BC for the use of their facilities.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from: Cynthia Abraham, Pat Welch, Diane Timms (Committee Members), Linda Habberfield (Alton), Carol Scott (Basingstoke Town), Rona Jennings, Sheila Andrews (Farnborough), Audrey Salter (Fleet Social), Janet Guess, Monica Cowen (Hawley) Sheila Clark (Kingsclere) and Sue Lake (SMB).

3. **MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes of the 2021 AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting, so Stella asked if everyone agreed she signs the minutes as a true record.

Proposed: Ricky Lawrence (Yateley)

Seconded: Maryann Chadwick (Basingstoke Town)

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you card from secretary Margaret thanking the Association for 'Ollie the Owl' who she received from the Association at the Luncheon.

Diane Timms (Committee Member) has sent out the sympathy and get-well cards on behalf of the Association during the past year.

6. **REPORTS**

SECRETARY

The Secretary, Margaret Hankin, gave the following report

Vice President Stella, Immediate Past President Wendy, Members of the Committee and Ladies

It is time for my annual report for 2022, my last one as Secretary.

I must congratulate IPP Wendy for doing a great job over the last three years, in some cases without the help of either a Vice President or an Immediate Past President to assist. In my report for 2021 I said that 'This has never occurred before in the history of the Association and I hope it doesn't happen again.', but by the end of this meeting Stella will be President, with no Vice President or Immediate Past President to assist. There is still time for someone to come forward for the position of Vice President, I can't believe that there is no one in 20 clubs unable to fill this position.

IPP Wendy's Past President's Day took place in May, with three Past Presidents plus me in attendance. A delicious lunch was prepared for us by Marc Gorman of Howard Park BC and this was then followed by a few ends of bowls, then tea and cake.

Only fifty-one people attended the Luncheon and Prize Giving held at the Lismoyne Hotel in Fleet numbers very much down on previous years.

Congratulations must go to the competition finalists who collected their trophies from the well-polished array on display.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee to thank everyone who both marked and umpired the competitions and the ladies who kept us fed and watered at all venues.

Maureen Brailey of Odiham & North Warnborough BC supplied the beautiful floral arrangements and as usual the raffle table was full of wonderful prizes supplied by our generous members.

My thanks must go to the ladies of the Committee: Treasurer Elaine Bennett, Competition Secretary Carol Eichen, Match Secretary Jenny Harvey along with Committee Members: Diane Timms, Margaret Woodage and our two retiring members Cynthia Abraham and Pat Welch all of whom have assisted me not only in 2022 but in previous years.

Just out of interest Cynthia joined the committee in 1998 as Vice President and Pat joined in 2001 also as Vice President.

Ladies, please do keep supporting the friendlies and encourage other ladies in your club to do likewise, the emphasis, as always, is on the word friendlies.

Congratulations, get-well and sympathy cards are sent out on behalf of the Association. Secretaries and Delegates do please let Diane Timms know, by e-mail, if anyone in your club should be in need of a card, believe me it does give your spirits a lift, whatever the reason.

My thanks, and yours must go to all the ladies of the committee for their hard work, enabling the Association to run smoothly.

Stella, I wish you an enjoyable year as President, I know you will be fantastic and you will have the support of all the Ladies and fingers crossed someone will come forward to be your Vice President.

My best wishes and good luck to Jackie Bloom as she takes over as Secretary, be gentle with her and I just hope I haven't left everything in too much of a mess.

It just remains for me to say thank you all for your support and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Many thanks

TREASURER

The Treasurer, Elaine Bennett, gave the following report:

Vice President Stella, Ladies of the Committee and North Hampshire Women's Bowling Association, I am pleased to present the financial report from 1st October to 30th September.

This has been a year of getting back on track after two very different ones.

This year we played games and a Presentation Luncheon. Overall, the Association made a surplus of £1175.

There was an expectation of expenditure for a coach, which did not come about, but we must keep in mind future coach hire may reach the £700 mark and make away trips prohibitive.

Revenue **2021/22**

Affiliation & comps fees 1377

Comps 2021 236

Games 11

Raffles – luncheon & games 440

Shirts 32

Total **2096**

Expenditure

Luncheon inc expenses & gratuities 278

Administration 251

Donations 50

Cloth Badges 97

Capital Purchase – raffle machine 245

Total **921**

Cash & uncashed cheques **30/9/2021** **30/9/2022**

Lloyds Bank 122 45

Treasurer's a/c 1879 1130

Savings a/c 5127 7128

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Currently the interest earned on the Saving Account is pence. A better return has to be found now that rates are rising once more. All in all a satisfactory outcome from the hard work by Carol and Jenny.

I'd like to give a big thank you to Margaret Hankin who acts as my substitute to take the money at the games I cannot attend.

Finally, I wish you and your members a Merry Christmas and a very Happy & Healthy New Year. Enjoy your winter playing be it long or short.

COMPETITION SECRETARY

The Competition Secretary, Carol Eichen, gave the following report:

Vice President Stella, Immediate Past President Wendy, Fellow Officers and Ladies, good afternoon

The results of this year's competitions as follows: =

Singles	Winner	Caroline Goodeve	Alton Social
	Runner Up	Margaret Hankin	Fleet Social
Pairs	Winner	Sheila Andrews & Rachel Powell	Farnborough
	Runner Up	Annie Carter & Pru Pointer	Alton Social
Triples	Winner	Judy Brown, Kath Jasper & Margaret Hankin	Fleet Social
	Runner Up	Debbie Hutchins, Wendy Mason & Terri Allison	Howard Park
Fours	Winner	Caroline Goodeve, Marjorie Rowledge Cheryl Ekblad & Pru Pointer	Alton Social
	Runner Up	Linda Lacey, Janet Northwood, Pat Coster & Freda Green	Pyestock
Champion of Champions	Winner	Jackie Bloom	Pyestock
	Runner Up	Sheila Clarke	Kingsclere
Dolly Anstey 2 wood singles	Winner	Rachell Powell	Farnborough
	Runner Up	Margaret Hankin	Fleet Social
Kath McFauld Pairs	Winner	Janice Doran Brenda Grout	Fleet United
	Runner Up	Laura Butler & Shirley Ball	Oakley
Gazette Cup	Winner	Fleet United	
	Runner Up	Basingstoke Town	

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Howard Park. Old Basing BC, Farnborough BC, for hosting the competitions. As always, we were made very welcome at each venue and were very well looked after. Also, a big thank to all the Ladies and Gentlemen who gave up their time to mark individual games and of course, Peter Wright who Umpired all our matches.

As you will appreciate it is exceedingly difficult to fix dates and venues so early for the competitions as I try my hardest to avoid the County dates which are usually published so much later. I will send out a letter after the draw to all the Secretaries and Delegates with the dates. I will be emailing the competition entry forms to the Secretaries and Delegates which can be returned to me at the Spring Council Meeting on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at Old Basing BC or emailed to me if you prefer.

Tuesday 21st March 2023 competition draw – President’s Green Old Basing BC at 10.00am

Saturday 10th June 2023 President’s Day at Old Basing BC

Wednesday 21st June 2023 Dolly Anstey at Whitchurch BC

Saturday 8th July 2023 Champion of Champions – President Green Old Basing BC at 9.30am

Saturday 5th August 2023 Semi-final and Final of Gazette Cup – President’s Green Old Basing BC at 9.30am

Sat / Sun 9/10th September 2023 Finals – President’s Old Basing BC at 9.30am

I am looking for a club to host the Kath McFauld Pairs on a Saturday in June 2023. Also, the Semi-finals with a reserve date in late August / early September

It has been highlighted that the Dolly Anstey & Kath McFauld fixtures are not working by doing the draw before the date and perhaps it is time to change the format. It has been decided by the committee that to do the draw on the day the players will be expected to arrive at the venue at 9.00am, there will be a grace of 15 minutes to arrive for registration with the draw at 9.15am sharp. Any late arrivals after this time will be excluded from the game and all those taking part will be expected to do their own cards. We will play up to and including the semi-finals (if possible) as these competitions are only 12 and 15 ends.

The runner up of the C of C was Sheila Clarke (Kingsclere). As she was unable to be at the Luncheon & Prizegiving or the AGM, Maggie Howard Kingsclere Delegate, received it on her behalf from Vice President Stella.

Finally thank you all your kindness and support I received from all you ladies throughout the season it is as always very much appreciated

Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year to you all.

MATCH SECRETARY

The Match Secretary, Jenny Harvey, gave the following report:

Vice President Stella, IPP Wendy, fellow officers and committee members, ladies...

Firstly, may I pay tribute to Margaret for all her years as Secretary to the Association. Thank you for your advice and support, not only from me, but from all the match secretaries who went before me. You're a hard act to follow!

Well, that's another busy season that's slipped by - time seems to go by so quickly these days. One minute we're out on the grass, the next we're indoors for seven months! At least none of the indoor games will be cancelled due to extreme heat...

Two of our scheduled outdoor games were cancelled, one by Harrow as their ladies did not want to travel; the other against the Rest of the World which was cancelled by mutual agreement due to predicted extreme weather conditions.

The friendly fixtures scheduled for October 2022 against Chawton Park and Camberley IBC Ladies respectively had differing outcomes – the game against Chawton Park was cancelled by them due to lack of names. The game against Camberley went ahead as arranged and, despite our best efforts, we came second. I think everyone enjoyed themselves though, if the amount of laughter ringing round the green was anything to go by!

I'll distribute the documents for the next two indoor games in 2023 – Camberley and Chawton Park respectively - shortly.

There is a provisional programme of fixtures for 2023, but at the moment details of several games need to be confirmed. However, there is good news and bad news. The bad news is that the game against Harrow and District Ladies for next year has been cancelled by them; they are having their AGM early in the New Year where the decision will be taken regards the future of the Association. From what I can gather from emails received, it is very possible that the Association will be disbanded. The good news is that the Watford game will definitely go ahead, a coach will be provided. Hopefully, I will have a full schedule for distribution at the 2023 Spring Council meeting, possibly with one or two surprises if things go to plan!

Lastly, thank you to you and your ladies for your ongoing support; you keep this Association going – as I've said before, literally without you we would not be here.

Finally – and I know it's a bit early - may I wish you all a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

All Reports Proposed: Karen O'Dea (Old Basing) Seconded: Alice Atwell (Alton Social)

7. **DATES FOR 2023**

Spring Council Meeting:	Friday 17 th March	
Autumn Council Meeting:	Friday 13 th October	
Annual General Meeting:	Friday 24 th November	All these meetings at Old Basing BC @ 2pm
Luncheon:	Tuesday 7 th November	
President's Day:	Saturday 10 th June	@ Old Basing BC
Past President's Day:		@ BC
Competition Draw:	Wednesday 22 nd March	@ Old Basing BC (10.30am start)
Champion of Champions:	Saturday 8 th July	@ Old Basing BC
Dolly Anstey 2 wood:	Wednesday 21 st June	@ Whitchurch BC
Kath McFauld Pairs:		@ BC

Semi-finals reserve day:		@ BC
Finals:	Saturday 9th September	@ Old Basing BC
Reserve Date	Sunday 10 th September	@ Old Basing BC

8. **COSTS FOR 2023**

Affiliation Fees	£17.00
Gazette Cup (per club)	£ 6.00
Competitions Entries	£ 2.00
including Dolly Anstey Two Wood Singles and Kath McFauld Pairs	
Champion of Champions	£ 3.00
Friendly Matches (Coaches):	£10.00
Friendly Matches	£ 9.00
Green Fees	£ 2.00

for Dolly Anstey Two Wood Singles, Kath McFauld Pairs and Semi-Finals
These monies go to the Host Club.

9. **ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS** Pam Wescombe, Christine Sellers (Howard Park)

10. **PROPOSITIONS**

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PROPOSITION FROM THE COMMITTEE

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

12. **DRESS**

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a.

At all Inter-Association matches and indoor matches Regulation Dress shall be worn: Association Shirt or white or cream polo shirt, regulation white or cream skirt or dress, two pleats at front and two at back, length just below the knee, regulation white or cream culottes, regulation tailored full-length trousers or regulation tailored cropped trousers of opaque material.

At all one-day competitions and other official occasions Regulation Dress shall be worn: Club Shirts or white or cream polo shirt, regulation white or cream skirt or dress, two pleats at front and two at back, length just below the knee, regulation white or cream culottes, regulation tailored full-length trousers or regulation tailored cropped trousers of opaque material.

Hats are optional at all times, but when worn must be of an approved style. Tights or stockings are optional at all times, but if worn must be in shades of brown. Brown, grey or white shoes shall be worn with uniform on the green. Pop socks are only allowed when wearing full-length tailored trousers. Jewellery, if worn, must be in moderation.

b. (i) When travelling to and from matches players are allowed to carry navy or white handbags and wear navy or white shoes with regulation navy blazer (the wearing of blazers is optional), or

(ii) carry brown or white handbags and wear brown or white shoes with regulation white or cream blazer (the wearing of blazers is optional).

c. White or cherry red cardigans, waistcoats or pullovers may be worn.

d. No hats or blazers need be worn for indoor matches.

e. For all other competitions see Competition Bye-Law No. 1.

All regulation dress is governed by Bowls England Rules and Regulations.

A Proposition referring to regulation dress which is passed by Bowls England at their Annual General Meeting to be automatically inserted and/or updated in the Competition Bye-Laws with immediate effect.

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12 DRESS

- a. At all Association outdoor and indoor matches regulation dress shall be worn: Association shirt or white polo shirt, regulation white skirt, two pleats at front and two at back, length just below the knee, regulation white tailored trousers or regulation tailored cropped trousers or regulation tailored shorts of opaque material. No jeans or leggings.
- b. Cherry red or white cardigans or waistcoats may be worn.
- c. For all competitions see Competition Bye-Law No. 1.

The proposition was carried: **21 votes For** **Non Against**

11 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Wendy's last few words as Immediate Past President was to thank her Club, Howard Park, for their support, also all the ladies of the Association.

Wendy then invests the new President Stella with the Chain of Office.

12 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023

Vacancy	Nomination	Club	Proposed	Seconded
VICE PRESIDENT	<u>VACANCY</u>			
SECRETARY	MRS J BLOOM	PYESTOCK BC	MRS F GREEN	MRS P COSTER
TREASURER	MRS E BENNETT	HOOK BC	MRS C POULTER	MRS K WOODGATE
COMP SECRETARY	MRS C EICHEN	COVE BC	MRS A FLINT	MRS J ALLEN
MATCH SECRETARY	MRS J HARVEY	FLEET UTD BC	MRS J BRINDLEY	MRS K VOUT
4 x COMMITTEE	MRS D TIMMS	WHITCHURCH BC	MRS C GOODRIDGE	MRS L HAYWARD
	MISS W TAYLOR	HOWARD PARK BC	MRS T ALLISON	MR A TAIT
	MRS M WOODAGE	ODIHAM&NTHWARNB.BC	MRS A WEBSTER	MRS V BURRAGE

The meeting agreed to accept the above nominations.

PROPOSED: ALICE ATWELL (ALTON SOCIAL) SECONDED: KAREN VOUT (FLEET UTD)

President Stella then invested Secretary Jackie, Treasurer Elaine, Competition Secretary Carol, Match Secretary Jenny, and Committee Members Wendy Taylor and Margaret Woodage.

A welcomed late nomination was received for the vacant position of committee member

MRS CAROL SCOTT BASINGSTOKE TOWN BC

PROPOSED: MRS P HAYNES SECONDED: MRS M CHADWICK

The meeting agreed to accept the nomination.

PROPOSED: MRS M WOODAGE (O&NW)

SECONDED: MRS L DEAN-SMITH (HOWARD PARK)

This then concluded the election of Officers and Committee.

As there was no other business, President Stella thanked Old Basing BC again for the use of their facilities. Stella also thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

The meeting was closed at 3.25pm

PRESIDENT

DATE