



Ashtead Bowling Club

Men's Section

Minutes of the Spring Meeting

Thu, 18 April 2019, 7:30pm

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| 1.0 | Introduction | |
| 1.1 | Welcome and opening remarks | |
| | JW offered his thanks to all the active volunteers who support the club noting that the subject will be part of the meeting. | |
| 2.0 | Meeting Protocols | |
| 2.1 | Apologies for absence | |
| | Apologies for absence were received from Alan Huxtable, Maurice Bethell, David Price, Jeff Minty, Alan Morris, Ian Thain, Keith Merrett. Mike Brent, Don Crowley and Keith Wood (10). There were 34 out of 70 full playing members in attendance. | |
| 2.2 | Minutes of Last meeting (Men's AGM) | |
| | As a result of there being no matters arising, the minutes of the Men's Section AGM meeting held on 18 October 2018 were approved and signed by the Club Captain. | |
| 3.0 | Admin in year to date | |
| 3.1 | Club Affiliations and Registration | |
| | Affiliations and subscriptions remain in place to Bowls England (BE), Bowls Surrey (formerly Surrey County Bowls Association), East Surrey League (ESL), West Surrey League (WSL) and Sutton and District Bowling Association (SDBA). | |
| | The listing of competitions is displayed on the 'Playing Matters' notice board. It will be updated from time to time. | GL |
| 3.2 | Club Competitions | |
| | The Club had successfully achieved promotion to Division 1 of the ESL. JW expressed his delight and congratulated all those who supported the club in this achievement. | JW |
| | The Club remains a member of the WSBA 'West Surrey League' (WSL) and has again entered two teams to take part. WSL matches are played on Friday evenings and will again be managed by Keith Merrett who would welcome members to sign-up for selection etc. | KM |
| | The Club has entered SDBA competitions for Yonwin Cup and Arthur Hughes Triples to be managed by John Willmer. The entry for the Paston Cup will be Mike Brent. | JW MB |
| 3.3 | Open Entrants to External Competitions | |
| | Club Members have entered Surrey competitions and the listing is displayed on the 'Playing Matters' notice board for information. | |
| | Further opportunities are available for members to enter SDBA competitions of the Blesma Cup (men's pairs), St Raphael Cup (mixed pairs) and notices are posted in the Club for members to sign up. A listing of available competitions for individual members to enter is posted on the 'Playing Matters' notice board. | All to note and act. |



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| 4.0 | Bowling at ABC | |
| 4.1 | Objectives and approach to playing in 2019 | |
| | <p>JW said that as in his first two years of Captaincy he'd set himself some key objectives for the forthcoming year. First, was about what constituted continuing 'success' as achieved in the past two years in the two competitive club leagues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESL – staying up in Division 1, with 94 point objective • WSL – repeating the two teams as last year... Keith continuing to run it and aim to achieve the same level of success as last year (noting that this would be significant achievement given the increased call on players for the ESL now in higher division). | |
| 4.2 | The bowling 'offer', player development and support | |
| | <p>Second key objective is to encourage the ethos where each can remind the other when we - as we all do - forget aspect of the etiquette of the game ('gentle intervention')! Coaches will be made available and will be asked to actively support club evenings and ballot sessions with the aim of being able to offer support to bowler development. Players are therefore encouraged to ask coaches about their technique and skills with the intention of seeking and achieving improvement.</p> <p>Third key objective: to develop more back-end players... including encouraging a new class of skips</p> | |
| 4.3 | Managing matches, including travel and hospitality | |
| | <p>John Willmer will manage our ESL entry. Keith Merrett will manage our two teams entering the WSL - for which he will need your support. <i>Note from Keith: players responsible for food at home matches.</i> Stewart Glover will run mid-week friendly matches The selection system will indicate clear dates by when availability will need to be indicated and dates by when selections will be made. The selection sheet will also indicate who will be responsible for setting out mats and jacks. JW confirmed team development of last year, upping the responsibility of the skips to pull rinks together, sorting or agreeing travel in advance and discussing how they want to work on the day, including using the opportunity to improve everybody's signalling(!) will continue, with the skips very much responsible for this. It was also noted that parking for home matches might be more challenging due to the planned new parking arrangement in Woodfield Lane and depending on what Ashtead CC fixtures or activities were on a particular day Food JW have the aim of simplifying our food offering for home matches. This will inevitably require changes in the reciprocal arrangement that exist with our opponent clubs. It was noted that where away matches were held at clubs with contracted-in food services so making a pressure to make use of those facilities.</p> | <p>JW KM SG</p> |
| 4.4 | Availability and selection process | |
| | <p>JW confirmed that the selection process will remain paper based and indicated the use of the match and selection noticeboard in the clubhouse which contains men's ladies and mixed fixtures. Selection for ESL and WSL will be on a squad basis wherever possible with the aim to keep rinks or at minimum front-end players 1 and 2 playing together and similarly for 3 and skips. Reserves are really valuable and unused reserves who signify availability will be selected to play in the next available game.</p> | <p>JW</p> |



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| | Fourth objective: please everyone: support the Mixed Game... the selection board was constructed primarily so that we could have the one view of all club commitments when we sign up. | |
| 4.5 | Communications this year | |
| | Communications will be via the notice boards either for the selection process or for players to sign-up for other matches or competitions which will be displayed on the 'Playing Matters' board by the Clubhouse entrance. Other communications will be by email – so members are encouraged to ensure they have a buddy system in place so they don't miss out on matters. | |
| | Match Results | |
| | Stephen Brett has kindly offered to collect results for all men's matches and to place them into a spreadsheet for display. He requested that all Captains of the day report results to him please. | Captains on the Day |
| 5.0 | Any other business | |
| 5.1 | The Need for Volunteers | |
| | JW identified to the meeting the need for volunteers to come forward to assist with the management of a number of matters to assist in the running of the Club. A) There is a need for members(s) to assist with preparing and managing the post-match raffle process for home matches B) There is a need for someone to manage the request and supply of men's Club shirts in liaison with the link person to the supplier C) There is a need for support to the stall on Ashtead Annual Fair in June D) There will be a need for a Facilities Manager after the autumn elections E) There is a need to manage the Charity Event on 30 July F) There is a need for members to do Bar Rota duties – sign on the list please JW to quickly issue to all – including therefore members not in attendance – note reminding once more of volunteer positions needing to be filled, the absence of which would necessarily lead to direct request of appropriate members | |
| 5.2 | Opens Days for Prospective New Members | |
| | Mike Bradford indicated that the coaching team were ready for Invitation Days on Friday 10 May and Sunday 12 May – but need to have invitee guests to meet and greet. All playing members to seek out candidates please | All to note |
| 5.3 | Club Events | |
| | JW asked for volunteers to run such events to come forward to any member of the JPC. | All to note |
| 5.4 | Invitations from other Clubs | |
| | JW noted that a number of invitations were being received into the Club via individual members and their links with other clubs. While these 'exchanges' of such important social bowls playing events was important to relationships between clubs, and they would, as our own, continue, it was noted that members considering attending such events should look at any conflicts with Club fixtures before accepting. | |



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| 5.5 | Corrigenda/additions to Membership booklet | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Madge Doherty's telephone number is 01372 277732 not 01372 373302.• Mike Brent: Men's Vice Captain• Chris Hardy: Mixed• Men's v Ladies moved from 27 May to 28 September (that's then the Club Event for the day)• Ladies IPC: Judy Davis, telephone 01372 274119.• November club dinner in "Dates for your diary" is Friday 29th November not Saturday 23rd.• Club summer BBQ is definitely on July 6th (not in the list of fixtures, though in the "Dates for your Diary")• extra fixture for 3 mixed triples against MV Police at 6:00pm on Tues 17th Sep | |
| 5.6 | Care of Bowling Green | |
| | Up to the end of May groundsheets will always be used unless there is a notice indicating to the contrary. During May the mat line should be set around 4m up the green (measured from the rear ditch) to spread the load on the areas where players congregate and to avoid damage to green edges. | All to note |
| 5.7 | Club Clothing - Shirts | |
| | JW indicated that the first batch of the 'new' men's shirts had arrived and would be distributed to requestees after the meeting. | |
| | Men's Nights | |
| | Alan Goulder informed the meeting that the first structured men's night this year will be Thursday 23 May | |
| 5.8 | Who and What Listing | |
| | The 'Who Does What' and 'What is it and where do I find it' listings are now published on the 'Playing Matters' notice board. These will be updated from time to time. | GL |
| 6.0 | Date of Next Full Section Meeting | |
| 6.1 | Men's Section AGM – Thursday, 17 October 2019, 7:30pm, Clubhouse | All to note |