

**ABERFELDY BOWLING CLUB
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 2019**

The President welcomed 35 members to the Extraordinary General Meeting held within the Clubhouse, Taybridge Terrace, Aberfeldy.

Apologies: G Dark, C Dow, A Fenwick, F Inglis, R Woolley, P Woolley.

The Secretary explained the background to the two items on the EGM agenda – the amendment of the wording of the terms of Honorary Membership and Subscriptions. The former to allow Honorary Membership after membership of fifty years and the latter to make it clear that unpaid membership debars someone from entry to competitions and club matches whatever method of payment is used.

After discussion the amendments were approved on the motion of the secretary seconded by P Hobbs.

The President thanked the members for their participation and brought the EGM to a close.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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The 157th Annual General Meeting of the Aberfeldy Bowling Club was held in the Clubhouse, Taybridge Terrace on Sunday 13th January 2019. There were 35 members present with President Neil Baillie in the chair.

The President welcomed the members to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year. He noted that the club had lost a number of members and former members including Alex McGravie, Archie Condy, Jim Black and Sadie Brown and thereafter asked for a minute's silence in respect of members who had passed away in 2018.

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Items for AOCB: Ray Taylor asked that a Sports Council Report be added and President Neil asked that the cleaning Rota be added. With these additions, the agenda was closed.

Minutes: The Minutes of the 2018 AGM had been distributed, were subsequently proposed Billy Devlin seconded by Robert Christie and thereafter adopted unanimously by the meeting.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence:

There were no items of correspondence.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the club continued to make good use of the Section 19 Transport Permit which allowed the club to use a minibus and charge the operational costs to those using the transport. This made significant savings for the club in terms of transport costs. The Try Bowls day had attracted few people in 2018 due to the weather. We will however try again in 2019. The Club premises and green continued to be available for a number of organisations and have been used by the Rotary Club, the Inner Wheel and the Ukulele Club all a source of potential new members for the club. Members were reminded that there were sheets on the table under the notice board for anyone wishing to play in the Bowls Scotland and/or Perthshire Bowling Association competitions. The Secretary closed by thanking all the Committee Members who have helped him navigate his first year as Secretary

Match Secretary's Report:

The Match Secretary started by thanking all who helped him in my first year as Match Secretary who had sponsored competitions in the club.

This year the green opened on the 14th April and despite a year of unusually dry conditions we managed to host various competitions. In particular the Bowls Scotland District 6 Ladies' Final; the final game of the season in the Andrew Hamilton Trophy between Perthshire and Highland Bowling Association; the Senior Invitation Triples; the NPBA Australian Pairs and the SALSC Gents Tournament.

Credit must go to our Green Keeper in producing a fabulous and consistent green over the season which received very complimentary remarks after hosting the County game, SALSC and Senior Triples.

Despite some extremely close fought competition over the season we only managed a win in the SALSC competition representing Perth & Kinross. In the NPL we came third and equal second in the NPSL. In the Scottish we had a representative in the semi-finals.

In our 'Friendly' matches we won eight of our twelve friendlies, including the first seven in a row.

Club competitions had in the main been completed to time and I'd like to thank members for their assistance with this. Rink Nights were extremely well attended and provided for some very close competition.

The Fixture List for 2019 is well advanced and the green will open on 13th April and close on 29th September.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer gave the following details on the accounts.

Accumulated Funds

Total funds decreased from £90,521 to £88,469, producing a deficit of income over expenditure for the year of £2,052. The change in amount of current assets was as follows:-

	14/10/2018	14/10/2017
Stock	2,782	3,293
Prepayments	1,263	1,188
Cash on Hand	182	130
Bank Accounts	41,152	43,997
TOTAL	45,379	48,608

The Treasurer provided further details on the entries within this section of the accounts.

Income

There was significant increase of £860 on annual subscriptions, principally as a result of the increased membership fee. Although the number of playing members increased by 6, One member entered on the reduced fee £20 for the latter part of the season (see table below for split of membership data). The number of Gents memberships increased by 3, ladies decreased by 4, juniors remained at 2 and social members decreased by 10. Visitors' fees had decreased by £8.10 over the previous year.

	Gents	Ladies	Junior	Social	Total
Jan-01	43	19	2	29	93
Entrants	05	01	0	04	10
Exits/Deceased	-02	-04	0	-10	-16
Dec-31	46	16	2	23	87

Bar Sales remained level at £25,431 producing a rewarding £12,539 profit, very slightly up on last year (12,292). The percentage profit margin decreased from 51.52% to 49.31%. Special thanks were given to George Dark for his astute purchasing and his tight management of the Bar and to all of the bar volunteers for their time and contribution to these excellent results.

Overheads

On the matter of overheads,

Insurance premiums - Slightly up from £779 - £805

Water, Heating & Lighting – increased from £1,765 to £1,995

Upkeep of Green, the costs were significantly down from £6,932 to £6,249. However, this would roughly be the continuing level of cost if we wish to maintain the green to its current highly acceptable standard.

Costs for Repairs & Renewals had increased £3105 to £3,844 mainly due to - Repairs to the Gents Toilet, Water Leak, Bar Lino, New Cooker servicing of mower (£300)

renewal of the Alarm Security System which costs £1,015.

The costs for Gifts, Prizes & Tournaments had increased by just over £117

Honorariums had increased this year reflecting a decrease by £159

On matter of Catering Expenses, the combined Catering & Raffles income of £2,289 had produced a deficit of £69. This was more than adequately covered by the increased annual fees amount of £860. Excluding the raffle income would have produced a considerable deficit of £1,473 so thanks were due to all who provided raffle prizes throughout the year. The Treasurer thanked all of the members involved in kitchen duties.

Telephone costs were reduced due to negotiating a better tariff. Although costs appeared expensive, they are necessary to cover the burglar alarm system and any other emergency.

Mower Lease – a new item with a full annual cost of £1,653. A greatly reduced maintenance package added a further £300 per annum.

The increase in Professional Fees mainly referred to the accountancy fees which had been set at a higher level due to inflation. £594 from £582

The Miscellaneous column normally covers various expenses including cleaning products, etc., various minor maintenance costs for the Clubhouse and the website costs (£599).

Donations were made to Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (£300) from the charity Bottle

From the Senior Invitation Triples organised by Tom MacDougall), Bowls Scotland District 6 Junior Bowls

Other Income

Pool Table – Income £46 from £44.

Sponsorship – Sponsorships decreased from previous year £950 to £500

David Gauld £250

Greenscape £250

Locker Rents – Now incorporated into annual membership fee.

Donations received – Various donations received.

Donations included

£85 from the Caravanners evening,

£500 from the Glenlyon Ukelele club's use of the premises

£95 from Inner Wheel

£20 Gaelic Choir

£100 Rotary Club

Balances

The Statement of Accounts produced an overall deficit of income over expenditure of £2,052 for the year.

Fixed Assets

Land and Buildings – An addition of £2,361 increasing the figure to £32,615.

Green Improvements –£5,320.

Plant and Equipment – There was an addition of £2,005 and a depreciation figure of £869.

After Treasurer responded to a number of members questions he closed by thanking D Craik for his support. The President thereafter invited members to approve the accounts. The accounts were proposed by D Craik and seconded by C Boynes and agreed unanimously.

Bonus Ball Report: Alan Duff reported that the Bonus Ball scheme had a good year and the scheme continued to be a good money earner for the Club. In addition to expenditure on travel costs the scheme had purchased Pull Tab Tickets, bottles for the Xmas Draw and contributed £300 to the cost of the scoreboard. The balance in the fund at the end of the year was £1585.74. He reminded members that they could now pay by 4-weekly Standing Order.

Bowls Scotland Report:

No Report

Perthshire Bowling Association:

Ray Taylor reported that the organisation was financially sound with cash assets of £12k which allowed subscriptions to be held at the current level. The Top 10 and Top 5 competitions were now sponsored. Changes to the Championship finals play timings will allow all competitions to be played in one day. George Lennan (Stanley) is the new President.

NPL Report.

A Woolley reported on the NPBA AGM held December 2nd at Spittalfield Bowling Club as follows:-

President Jock Tait welcomed all to the meeting, there was one apology from Past President Jim Brown, Pitlochry, though Dunkeld were absent.

Minutes of the last AGM, 2017, were approved and with no matters arising, the Secretary gave his report on the years activities within the NPBA. He asked for all Clubs to have the Constitution on their noticeboards for all Club Members to see.

Treasurer's report followed which showed a healthy balance of £3847.63.

Annual Subscriptions will remain at £10 per Club.

The election of Office Bearers followed with a Status Quo, no changes made. i.e. Jock Tait President and Anne Woolley Vice-President. Secretary/Treasurer will remain with John Anderson. All approved.

A proposal put forward by Pitlochry to make Past President Jim Brown of Pitlochry an Honorary President was agreed unanimously.

The Australian Pairs will be held on Aberfeldy Green, next year on Saturday 6th July at 10am. Green of the VP. The Centenary Triples will be at Spittalfield on Saturday 10th August at 10am. Green of the President.

Each of these will have a £6 entry fee and a £5 charge per person for meals. The Closing Day Match/Winners Green will be on Saturday 14th September at 2pm. Food £5 per person. Raffles please.

League competitions will begin May 15th 2019. Seniors to follow as per 2018.

The N.P.B.A will celebrate the 150th anniversary in the near future. Year to be clarified.

Spittalfield's 150th Anniversary will be next year, 2019.

A.O.B.

The proposal from Aberfeldy to change the format of the Seniors League to play weekly on one green, was fully explained by Neil Baillie and agreed, with a review in 12 months. John Anderson to circulate the plan to all League Clubs.

Dunkelds failure to attend the Closing of the Green/Winners Green without any prior notification, will be billed for the meals provided for them.

The AGM for 2019 will be Sunday December 1st at Spittalfield at 2.30pm.

Property

The Secretary reported that PKC have once again carried out some work on the old pavilion which is yet to be completed due to the necessity to replace some of the shaped wood structure at the front. This will hopefully be complete by the start of the season.

A new cooker was purchased for the kitchen and the lino behind the bar, which was becoming dangerous was replaced. Quotations are currently being sought for improvements to both gents and ladies toilet areas.

Thanks to all those who help with property matters as they arise and to all who help with upkeep of the planted areas, paths and hedge trimming.

Election and Installation of President

President Neil Baillie thanked members for the privilege of having been elected as President and the Committee and members for all their support during the year. He explained that we have no Vice president as Colin Dow has moved from the area and nominated Billy Devlin as President for 2019 and this was seconded by J Adams and unanimously agreed by the members. He thereafter presented incoming President Billy Devlin with his chain of office and demitted the chair in favour of Mr Devlin. President Billy thanked IPP Baillie for his hard work during his term in office and thanked members for their support.

Election of Office Bearers for 2018

The following office bearers were appointed to the Management Committee for 2018:

Position	Name	Position	Name
IP President	Neil Baillie	Child Protection	John Duff
President	Billy Devlin	Committee	Tom MacDougall
Vice-President			Cathy Lambie
Treasurer	Robert Christie		Muriel Finlay
Secretary	Jim Adams		Chris Boynes
Match Secretary	Peter Hobbs		Anne Woolley
Bar Convenor	John Devlin		Anne Walls Eric Slorance
Green Convenor	Douglas Craik		Ray Taylor
Catering Convenor	Roseanne McRobert		

The following members were appointed to the Discipline Committee for 2018:
Vice President, Tom MacDougall, Peter Hobbs, Alison Steele, Jim Adams

The following members were appointed to the Appeals Committee for 2018:
President, Ray Taylor, Robert Christie, Anne Walls, Chris Boynes.

The President thanked outgoing Committee members for their years of service on the Committee and thanked those members new to the Committee for taking on the post.

Club Skips

The following Skips were appointed for 2018:

Billy Devlin	Tom MacDougall	George Dark
Neil Baillie	Anne Woolley	Jim Adams
Mattie MacDougall	Roddy MacRobert	John Devlin
Douglas Craik	John Duff	Peter Gardiner
Chris Boynce	Ray Taylor	

Subscriptions

The Treasurer reiterated that the deficit last year was £2000 and there was a need to reduce the gap in funding. The current membership fees are relatively cheap in comparison to other similar clubs. As a result, the Committee proposed that full membership was increased to £70 and this would continue to cover the cost of meals, travel and locker hire as before with the option to pay in two instalments. After discussion, one amendment was proposed: That memberships fees remain at £60 (proposed by R McRobert seconded by P Ely). The amendment was defeated by 26 votes to 4. The Committee proposal by the Treasurer seconded by P Hobbs was carried by 26 votes to 4. The further proposals by the Treasurer seconded by P Gardiner that Social membership increase by £5 to £20 and Junior Membership remain fixed at £10 were approved.

Green Fees

It was proposed by the Committee that Green Fees remain at £2.00 per person per game. This was agreed.

Honoraria

It was proposed by the Committee that honorariums for the Secretary, Treasurer and Bar Convener be maintained at £100 was agreed.

Travel

It was proposed by the Committee that travel costs for 2019 remain unchanged. Costs beyond Perth or when a bus is hired will be £5 and would be paid for from the Bonus Ball fund with receipts being held and claimed once per year.. This was agreed by members.

Catering

The Secretary began by reporting on the Open Meeting attended by eighteen members that was held in early December to try and develop workable proposals that could be put to the AGM. The current system is not working, we have had no Catering Convenor for a number of years with the person who takes on the role of making up the catering rotas acting as de facto convenor. In addition it is the same willing few who do the work often foregoing playing in the match/competition. It is not just the cooking and serving of meals but also the preparation of food and the cleaning up afterwards.

It was suggested from the floor that in addition to the rota for those to be involved in the food preparation and serving that a separate rota open to all should be organised to do the washing up after the event. This, like the catering rota, would be open to volunteers from all members of the club and would help to spread the load at events.

The role of the Catering Convenor was discussed and was generally agreed as being:-

- a) To organise the kitchen rotas to cover the identified dates /matches
- b) To be responsible for organising the ordering of food
- c) To report monthly to the Management Committee. There is no constitutional reason for the Convenor to be a member of the Management committee this can be done through a designated member.
- d) To organise the washing up rota.

Food at large events such as the Open Triples and Seniors Triples are largely taken care of by the organisers. The model that met with general agreement from those attending was that at internal competitions tea/coffee and biscuits would be served and at friendlies soup and sausage rolls/sandwiches would be served. The sausage rolls and sandwiches would be bought in and an offer had been made by a chef related to member to provide the soup at cost.

During the discussion which followed Roseanne McRobert offered to take on the role of Catering Convenor. This offer was accepted and Roseanne was thanked for volunteering.

A.O.C.B.

Sponsorship

Peter Gardiner suggested that sponsorship should be sought from businesses in exchange for the placement of banners around the green. The President said that the Committee would look at this issue

Sports Council

Ray Taylor began by advising that the papers re SALSC would be issued in April. He then reported that he had been asked to review the PK Sports Council grant system. His recommendation that they be simplified into two Categories was accepted. The Categories are Personal Development with grants of up to £200 to assist with training and travel and Equipment Grants up to £400. Clubs with bars which have CASC status can now apply for the latter grants.

Cleaning Rota

Neil Baillie reported that three members of the cleaning rota, Anne Woolley, Peter Woolley and Robert Christie, were standing down and he thanked them for their help and support over the years. He asked for volunteers to join the team.

Charity Bottle

The President advised members that the Committee had decided that the President could nominate a charity to benefit from 50% of the sum raised. He advised that he was nominating the SCAA.

There being no further business, the President thanked the company for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4:05pm.

Signed, President

Signed, Secretary

Date

ABERFELDY BC – COMPETITION WINNERS 2018

Competition	Winner	Runner(s) Up
Gents Championship	Jim Adams	Douglas Craik
Ladies Championship	Anne Woolley	Amanda Fenwick
Reid Cup	Neil Baillie	Richie Baird
Black Watch Trophy	Peter Gardiner	Colin Dow
Alex McIntyre Cup (Seniors)	Neil Baillie	Tom McDougall
President's Cup	Colin Dow	Peter Gardiner
Leszke Trophy	Roddy McRobert	Billy Devlin
Pitilie Shield	Peter Jack	Peter Gardiner
Club Pairs	Billy Devlin Jimmy Hermiston	Neil Baillie Roseanne McRobert
Greenscape Pairs	Colin Dow John Devlin	Billy Devlin Neil Baillie
Barnett Pairs	Anne Woolley Roddy McRobert	Anne Walls Neil Baillie
Blackadder Pairs	Peter Gardiner Tom McDougall	Roseanne McRobert Roddy McRobert
Stewart Triples	Neil Baillie Anne Walls Cathie Lambie	
Barhaul Trophy	Richie Baird Neil Baillie	George Keirs Roddy McRobert
MacKinlay 2-Bowl Trophy	Hamie McRobert	Neil Baillie
Nominated 2-Bowl Pairs	Douglas Craik Jimmy Hermiston	Roseanne McRobert David Campbell
Davy Leggat Trophy		-
Top Team	Roddy McRobert George Keir Peter Gardiner Norrie Rattray	-
NPL Pairs Trophy		
NPL Triples Shield		
Craik-Rennie Quaich	Hamilton	