

## **Buxton Cricket, Tennis and Bowls Overall Main Club AGM**

Friday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2021 @ 7pm Minutes

1. Apologies were received from John Luke

Bob Marsden, Phil Slater, Will Annison, Nick Allen, Dave Belfield. Allan Ramsey, Steve Thompson, Jan Lomas, Dee Ayers, Peter Freeman, Kathy Burns, Arthur Braybrooke, Bill Burns

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous year's AGM had been checked by the committee and were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed

3. AOB

There was no other business.

4. Section Reports

All sections had suffered due to Covid. The Tennis section had a truncated season only getting going late in the summer but there had been tennis through the autumn with a small increase in membership. The club had received a £3000 grant from Sport England. The challenge would be restarting the club once lockdown 3 was over.

The Bowls section suffered particularly with no league bowling and only a little social bowling under strict conditions. Sadly the section lost a number of members. Again there are uncertainties about numbers and commitment once lockdown 3 is over.

The Cricket section played half a league season which was enjoyable and successful. Juniors played for the first time right through the summer holidays. There was an excellent spirit through the club and an increase in volunteers in a number of areas. Finances had been badly hit by the loss of bar revenue and social events but the club had received a £3000 grant from Sport England which would seem them through but there would be a need for major fund raising once the new season started, whenever that was.

5. Chairman's Report

Bob Marsden

The Chairman reported that the Main club had been badly hit in terms of pavilion bookings. Bright Opportunities had cancelled their weekly booking but it was hoped they would return at some point. There were no major repairs needed but there was a need for a deep clean before activities started in the spring. The Chairman noted an increase in walkers during lockdown but was frustrated by careless dog owners who allowed their dogs to foul the outfield. He remarked that the Park looked magnificent, a credit to all three sections for their care and cooperation.

The main club and the cricket section had lost a great servant and player in Nick Smith. See below for a proposal to honour him.

See below for a proposal about the Town Fireworks.

6. Finance Presentation of Accounts

Tim Budd / Phil Slater

Tim Budd had been unable to complete a handover of finances to the new Treasurer due to the Covid restrictions so he presented the accounts. He had successfully applied for a £10,000 Covid support grant from the Council with further smaller grants to come as a result of lockdowns 2 and 3, probably amounting close to £6000. Consequently there was a healthy surplus.

Peter Freeman asked if the new grant might be split equally between the three sections as the bowls club was short of money having received no Sport England grant. This would be considered at the next Overall Main Management committee.

The Chairman encouraged the Bowls section to inquire again if they were entitled to Sport England grant.

Tim Budd proposed that the management charge for each section be waived for this year. Proposed: Tim Budd Seconded: Arthur Braybrooke This was accepted unanimously.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting. Proposed: Bob Marsden Seconded: Phil Slater

Tim and Heather Budd were thanked by the Chairman for their hard work on the finances.

#### 7. Fireworks

Jane Fletcher, who has experience in the events industry and organises the Buxton Spring Fair and local Carnivals, has taken over the running of the November Town Fireworks from the Lions. She wants a fairer deal for us as an overall club and the cricket club in terms of damage to the outfield. A meeting with the Chairman, Steve Thompson, Peter Freeman and Phil Slater would take place on Monday evening Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss arrangements and a contract.

8. Proposal from the Cricket Committee to name the Pavilion '*The Nick Smith Pavilion*'.  
Proposed: Tim Budd Seconded: Bob Marsden

As members of all sections will have heard, the Cricket Club was hugely saddened by the death of Nick Smith on 11 October 2020. Nick had been suffering from cancer for approximately a year. Nick was a member of Buxton Cricket Club for over 45 years and a first team player continuously from 1974 to 2016, during which time he missed no more than a handful of games - an astonishing feat of sporting longevity which is unlikely ever to be repeated. Nick was also well known throughout the whole Club, sitting on the main committee for two decades as either Treasurer or Cricket rep (and sometimes both). He will also have been a familiar figure to many members from the hours put in as the cricket club groundsman. The cricket section believes that Nick's contribution, not only to cricket but to the whole Club, merits recognition. Accordingly the cricket section wished to propose that the pavilion be named 'The Nick Smith Pavilion'. This was accepted unanimously by the meeting.

#### 9. Officers

Chairman:	Bob Marsden	Proposed: Arthur Braybrooke	Seconded: Steve Thompson
Treasurer:	Phil Slater	Proposed: Bob Marsden	Seconded: Tim Budd
Secretary:	Allan Ramsey	Proposed: Bob Marsden	Seconded: Steve Thompson
Tennis Rep:	Steve Thompson	Proposed: Allan Ramsey	Seconded: Bob Marsden
Bowls Rep:	Peter Freeman	Proposed: Arthur Braybrooke	Seconded: Jan Lomas
Cricket Rep:	Will Annison	Proposed: Bob Marsden	Seconded: Tim Budd

The next Management meeting will take place on Monday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm by Zoom