



**Meeting Date/Venue:** February 19th 2020 @ 7:30pm – Anchor, Little Paxton, St Neots

## 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Present and Apologies

- Crown – Brenda and Pete Bol
- Windy Millers – John Bowskill, Tony Summerlin
- Barley Mow – Steve Holton, Giles Beaumont, Mike Stocks, Chris Foster, John McCarthy
- Bell – Ann O’Sullivan, Simon Black
- Hyde Park – Eric and Evie Swales, Simon Williams
- George & Dragon – Leanne Harbour, Michael Murray, Graham Mulchinock
- Anchor – Steve House
  
- White Horse – Phil Sargeant ABSENT

### 2. Minutes from the 2019 AGM

Minutes of the 2019 AGM were approved and there were no matters arising.

### 3. Financial Report

See page 4 for a Financial Summary.

Cash in the bank at the beginning of the season stood at £97.63.

£445 income was raised in League and Competition fees slightly up on 2018 due to the extra team. Outgoings on medals and engraving totalled £260.20. A £100 charitable donation was made to the St Neots Food Bank on behalf of Past Players Memorial Trophy winners the Bell. Total outgoings - £360.20. End of season surplus stands at £182.43.

### 4. Election of Officers

The Chairman and Secretary both stood down from the committee and did not offer themselves for re-election. Steve and Brenda explained their individual reasons for the decision.

A new committee was elected comprising Simon Black as Chairman, Graham Mulchinock and Giles Beaumont. Over the coming weeks, the new committee will agree specific roles and responsibilities and communicate them to team captains.

Steve Holton agreed to work with the new committee to effect a comprehensive handover. In addition, he offered to set up the website for the upcoming season allowing the new committee a full year to decide how to proceed for the future.

## 5. League Rules

- a) There had been a suggestion from a member that the rules be modified to ensure that only current team/league members play in Individual competitions. Currently the rules only forbid replacements in the Final.

Following a full debate, it was agreed that no immediate rule changes should be made.

- b) Giles Beaumont proposed that the league practice of using 'referees' be abolished as it can lead to conflict of interest, disagreement over decisions and judgement errors as well as placing a large responsibility on those volunteering.

The matter was debated and it was generally felt that referees are unnecessary in Doubles and Triples games as there are plenty of participating players on the piste to take the decisions. However, there is a potential benefit in Singles games as it can speed up play.

The outgoing Chairman explained that the current league rules are an abridged version of the national rules (which occasionally refer to Umpires and their role) modified to suit the league's specific requirements. Giles explained that, in the national league context, Umpires are trained and qualified individuals. Steve thought inclusion of these Umpire references within the league rules may be misleading.

There was no strong argument against the proposal however it was agreed that the new committee should review the existing rules and circulate any proposed amendments.

- c) There was some concern that increasing rules could swamp the social nature of our league. Evie Swales said we should add a rule to "have more fun"!

## 6. Team Entry for 2020 Season

- a) Barley B's have decided not to play in the league this season
- b) As the Millers in Eaton Socon no longer has a piste, both teams playing there last season need a new home venue and team name. John Bowskill confirmed the Windy Millers will be renamed the Silver Anchors playing at the Anchor in Little Paxton. Phil Sargeant didn't attend the meeting so Simon Black agreed to speak to him about plans for his team. [UPDATE] Simon met Phil and he confirms their participation based at the Cambridgeshire Hunter. The team name has yet to be finalised.
- c) Barley Mow have elected Chris Foster as Captain and Giles Beaumont as Vice-Captain for the upcoming season.

## 7. League Subscription & Competition Fees

2019 fees were:

- League Fees - £25 per team
- Competition Fees - £2 per player

The outgoing Chairman personally hosts and pays for the website. He explained that, should the league want to keep the website, it will have to ensure it generates sufficient income to cover the additional costs of 3<sup>rd</sup> party professional hosting, estimated at £60 per year, plus £10-20 per year for use of the domain name.

Given the league has a financial surplus capable of covering these extra costs, it was agreed to keep all fees the same as in 2019.

## 8. League Start Date

These dates were proposed and agreed based upon 8 teams in the league:

First League Match	Last League Match	Cup Competitions	Finals Night
6 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> September	16 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	30 <sup>th</sup> September

## 9. Marketing

Not discussed.

## 10. AOB & Member Propositions

None.



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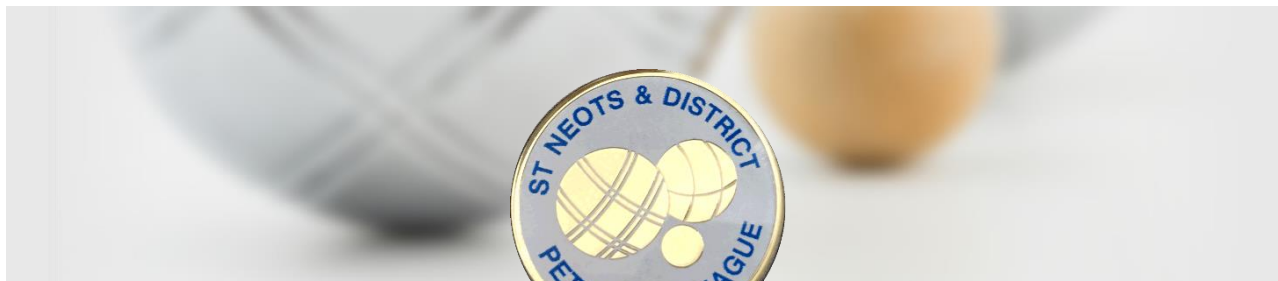
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Chairman  
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**Graham Mulchinock**



**Giles Beaumont**



## 2019 Financial Summary

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<b>2018 SEASON</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			£2.33
League Fees	£200.00		£202.33
Competition Fees	£214.00		£416.33
Trophies & Medals		£308.70	£107.63
Other	£0.00	£10.00	£97.63
<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>£97.63</b>

<b>2019 SEASON</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Opening Balance			£97.63
League Fees	£225.00		£322.63
Competition Fees	£220.00		£542.63
Trophies & Medals		£260.20	£282.43
Other		£100.00	£182.43
<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>£182.43</b>