



Notes from of the Pre-Season meeting held in the Clubhouse on Sunday March 26th 2017.

Present: Anne Darbourne (Chairperson) and most Club Members signing on for their new membership

1	<p>Apologies for absence: There were a number of apologies, but since it has been agreed that the meeting is being de-formalised, (see section 3 below) these are not listed here.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting:-</p> <p>The minutes of the Pre-season General Meeting held on March 20th 2016, previously circulated to members, were approved on a show of hands and signed by the chair. There were no matters arising.</p>
3	<p>Chairperson's input ; Key points</p> <p>Anne Darbourne welcomed the members in attendance and noted that in accordance with the sentiments expressed last year, the meeting would be less formal than previously, reflecting limited changes since the AGM, but retains a structure to allow committee members to pass on information as necessary, and for Members to raise issues that might concern them. There will not be formal minutes, but Tim B would prepare brief notes of the matters raised, and circulate them for information.</p> <p>The one formal item was the election of the Fixtures Secretary, and Pat McKay was unopposed to continue in this role to March 2018. It was noted that in future, nominations and election could still take place in November at the AGM, though the term of office would remain as March- March. This would ease the practicalities if a contested election were to occur.</p> <p>Anne apologized for the clash with Mothers Day, promised to avoid that in the future, and hoped that the new format will keep the meeting short.</p> <p>The Friday night roll-up and social evenings resume on April 28th, in the care of Graham Buchanan. It was also noted that the greens could open on the friday night 21st April, a day before the target noted in the Fixture Card, and a casual roll-up could be organised, but there would not be food that evening.</p> <p>Anne welcomed a new member, Sue Patey, who started bowling last year with U3A.</p>
4	<p>Other Committee input</p> <p>Secretary Tim Baldwin explained that Parish Council liaison is ongoing, but still waiting on their funding efforts. A further meeting is planned in the next few weeks. The PC have agreed to review and renew the Lease ahead of schedule, in parallel with any funding input from the Club. We also have other possibilities for funding grants being investigated on the back of the new path, and the committee are looking into enhancing the clubhouse with such grants, when the PC access is given the go-ahead.</p> <p>Tim (on behalf of Ladies Captain Liz Baldwin) asked the Ladies to sign up for the Trundell & Burnham a.s.a.p, to allow squads to be arranged. Attention was also drawn to the extra Ladies match not on the fixture card, (Flackwell Heath 3x3 Home on August 31st)</p>

	<p>Captain Mike Alderton reported on the Indoor season, where results were improving, (we came within 6 shots against Handy Cross) despite losing all matches.</p> <p>Treasurer Maureen Burbridge reported the accounts remain healthy, with approx £16k overall balance. She also noted that there were some lockers not currently taken , should new members require one. Club Stickers were available in the office, but Maureen drew attention to the cost of the roll of 500 (£75) so members note – DON'T LOSE IT !!</p> <p>Greenkeeper Roger Darbourne thanked a list of stalwart members on the green teams, and those who had worked on the bench refurbishment over the winter. He noted that there were still some benches needing a scrape & paint and sought further volunteers. He also needs a replacement for Arthur Thomas on Monday mornings, following Arthurs house move.</p> <p>Competitions organiser Bob Baker noted the dates for entries and the Draw as in the fixture card, and asked that all parties make efforts to meet play-by dates (not just the 'Challenger' as in the rules) . He explained the slight increase (£2.50) in entry fees is solely to match the prize money and maintenance of the trophies, and is the first rise in living memory !</p> <p>Bob also noted that the list of possible social trips circulated recently had not gathered enough interest to hire coaches etc, but might be developed in small groups with 'own transport'. Two suggestions have been well received, a trip to Windsor Castle & Races, and a Quiz Night, so these will probably go ahead.</p> <p>President Staff Burbridge referred to his 'report' "My First Year" and apologized for missing the Short Mat organizers, John & Pam Anderson, and thanked them for their efforts.</p> <p>Anne noted a comment on behalf of Fixtures Secretary Pat McKay, that an approach from Hendon BC to arrange a match, has been declined due the distance involved, but if enough members expressed interest, this could be re-visited.</p>	
5	<p>Any other business:-</p> <p>The Tea teams have been arranged, and the Meeting to allocate dates is 1st April. All teams were asked to ensure one member was present, with holiday exclusions to hand.</p> <p>The Clubhouse Spring-clean was confirmed as April 6th, and Mike Alderton will be co-ordinating.</p> <p>The season's Cleaning Rota is being managed again by John Anderson, (who also asked that those on the rota contact him with any known holidays, to minimize the need for later swaps.) The Rota will be circulated shortly before the season starts.</p> <p>Michael Facey made a vote of Thanks to the organizers of the Okehampton Trip (Bob Baker) and the Bournemouth Trip (Rose Kirby) both of which were very much enjoyed.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 11.00 after just 30 minutes, and members were invited to take tea and biscuits and complete their Registrations and Competition Entries.</p>	