



Gwynfi Bowls Club

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Annual Report of the Trustees for the period 1st Jan 2022– 31st Dec 2022

Charity Name: Gwynfi Bowls Club

Registered No. 1158830

Trustees of the Charity

Anthony Williams	Chairman
Leigh Jones	Treasurer
Paul Bryant	Secretary
Paul Wilkins	
Robert Quinn	Vice-Chairman

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution document, available for public view on the club website:

gwynfibowlsclub.wordpress.com

All other policies and procedures pertaining to Club governance are similarly available. The Trustees are nominated and elected by the membership at an Annual General Meeting held each January.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be to promote community participation in healthy recreation and social engagement for the benefit of the inhabitants of Gwynfi and surrounding areas by providing and maintaining facilities for playing bowls recreationally and competitively and organising related community events and activities such as coaching sessions, family days, presentations and events for members and guests or similar. The club shall seek to encourage and support participation in the sport of bowls by all interested members of the local community irrespective of age, gender, ability or circumstance and aims to sustain a viable and active membership into the future that represents all sections of the community.

1. Chairman's Report for 2022 – Annual General Meeting 18th Jan 2023

The Chairman welcomed members and trustees to the meeting and was pleased to report the Club had enjoyed a good season in 2022 with a strong performance in both Neath and Port Talbot Leagues, achieving runner-up status in the Neath League 2nd Division and retaining our place in the PT League 1st Division. Mr I. Jones also achieved runner-up status in the Clarence Church Singles tournament and the Chairman received the commemorative plaque and Briton Ferry Steel Cup on behalf of the Club and

presented the Neath League Clarence Church Singles plaque to Mr. I. Jones. Several visiting clubs had commented on the very good quality of the green throughout the season and he thanked those dedicated volunteers whose efforts had been appreciated - it would be even better if a few more members joined their ranks more often! Play could commence whenever the 2023 season got underway. Post-match social events and the annual Presentation Evening had been re-instated in 2022 although were not as well supported as in pre-pandemic seasons. Overall membership had remained stable as new player numbers had matched leavers in 2022 but it had been a struggle to field full teams at times and the Club desperately needed more participants to help maintain income, facilities and competitive bowling. Club tournaments had again been weakly supported and some long-standing categories had not taken place at all. The organisation and scope of club tournaments would need to be reviewed prior to the start of the 2023 season. The Chairman had similarly been disappointed with support for the Presentation Evening but acknowledged that widespread illness in the village had strongly impacted on this. The Chairman thanked Mr C. Trahar for his effort in organising the Bowls Lottery during the season and Mrs Jones for the preparation of the annual statement of account.

2. Treasurer's Report

The club opening balance for 2021-22 was £12,827.80 comprising £190.71 cash and £12,539.09 bank. Total income for the year was £4,562.64 and total expenditure £5,592.13, with the remainder of the minimis state aid still representing the main reserves. The Bowls Lottery had been re-established and represented almost a third of overall income, but the effort to organise this was too great to be maintained unless more volunteers were willing to contribute to its management. Overall expenditure on green maintenance and other overheads had been greatly reduced compared with the previous season and were substantially less than expected, but likely to rise again in 2023. All income strands had recovered significantly although no grant income had been secured during the year and it would be important to maintain and improve upon this position wherever possible. The Bowls Lottery was crucial to club finances as membership and rink / raffle income could not be increased to any appreciable extent. The opening balance for the year amounted to £11,798.31, a little less than that of the previous year but a reasonably healthy position. However, unprecedented rises in energy and all overheads were likely to deplete these reserves significantly in 2023 unless income strands were increased. Given the continuing trend of waning interest and participation in the sport locally as well as across Wales, it would not be easy to achieve this.

3. Secretary's Report and 2022 Grant Application Update

Banking arrangements had worked well during the year and Mrs Jones was thanked for her meticulous management of these; utility overheads had been contained, with negotiation of a new supply contract with Corona Energy to replace EoN with lower standing charges and tariffs. However, when Government price cap intervention ceases in March 2023 this would be subject to review, with the impact on costs unknown. The Secretary would review the costs and benefits of solar power generation during 2023 as a potential offset to electricity overheads and explore grant options to finance this. The main hurdle as before would be the legal costs for building survey and permissions / lease amendment with NPTCBC.

The Club had incurred some fines for non-attendance at League meetings which were a topic of considerable resentment at an outdated system, but legitimate within the current rules of each organisation. Port Talbot League would introduce a new rolling fine arrangement in 2023 which would considerably increase non-attendance fines and the membership were requested to help avoid incurring these costs again. Increases in affiliation and membership fees would apply in 2023 to the WBA, WGCBA and WBCA, but Neath and Port Talbot Leagues would remain the same until 2024.

Grant applications were pending for purchase of a Bannerman mini-topper drop spreader, cost £1200 approx., to Sports Wales and TATA Steel. Outcomes would be communicated in March 2023. There would be an NPTCVS Upper Afan Valley neighbourhood networking meeting at Gilgal Community Church on 26th January 2023 at 5.30PM, with grant application guidance for Pen Y Cymoedd Community

Fund, which Mr P. Bryant would attend. Updating of the Windows operating system for the Club computer and support to make more use of social media for recruitment were subjects for inquiry.

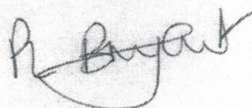
4. Election of Officers: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain , Vice Captain and Fixtures Secretary

All Officers of the Club elected at the AGM 19/1/22 agreed to continue to act for 2023, proposed and seconded by the membership. Current Trustees would continue to serve for 2023. Mr C. Jones agreed to act as President, Mr A. Williams agreed to stand as Chairman, Mr R. Quinn agreed to stand as Vice-Chairman, Mr P. Bryant agreed to stand as Secretary, Mr L. Jones agreed to act as Treasurer, all carried by those present. Mr A. Simpson agreed to continue to act as Captain and Mr R. Quinn agreed to act as Vice-Captain. Mr. D. Cole agreed to act as Fixtures Secretary, all carried by those present.

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature



Full Name : Paul Bryant Hon. Club Secretary

Date: 25th January 2023

Cash-in Hand end of 2021	£190.71
Money in Bank end of 2021	£12,539.09
Money in Boxhorse (Lottery)	£98.00
Total Money in Club 2021	£12,827.80

Rinks and Raffles	£1,899.40
Misc Income	£291.24
Membership	£1,040.00
Grants	
Bowls Lottery income	£1,332.00
Total Money in 2022	£4,562.64

Green Expenditure	£2,688.50
Misc Expenditure	£2,138.62
Water	£353.71
Electric	£391.30
Car Use	£20.00

Money out £5,592.13

Bank Account (2)	£3,001.24
Cash in Hand (To Date)	£3,799.39
Money in Bank (To Date)	£4,997.68

Bowls Lottery Transferred to cash in Hand

Total Money in Club 2022	£11,798.31
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£12,827.80 Total Money in Club end 2021

£4,562.64 Plus Money in 2022

£17,390.44

£17,390.44 Above

£5,592.13 Less Money out on 2022

£11,798.31

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