

The Annual General Meeting of M G Bowling Club took place in Moneyglass Community Centre on Sunday 27/04/2025.

The following committee members were present:

Sean Kerr, Mary Toal, Donal Crawford, Eugene Carey, Joe Carey, Geraldine Kerr, Patsy Boyd, CoSnnor McCann, Henry Graham, Pauline Duffin, A Sean McNeilly, Rose Devlin, Madeline Graham, Breedge Boyd, Henry Marron.

Apologies Siobhan McErlain, Breige Marron.

#### Chairman Report

Sean gave an overview of all that had occurred during the year, specifically the league results and the cup matches.

Proposed Eugene Carey. Seconded Donal Crawford.

#### Treasurer Report.

Pauline had copies of the income and expenditure account and went through the statement in detail. No queries.

Proposed Mary Toal. Seconded Sean McNeilly.

#### Secretary Report

The Secretary read the minutes of the last annual general meeting and asked if there were any matters that needed clarified. The report was accepted as accurate.

Proposed Henry Graham. Seconded Patsy Boyd.

The secretary reported that we were still meeting on a regular basis on a Sunday night. During the past season January – April we met on a Thursday at noon, had a game of bowls followed by soup and sandwiches courtesy of a grant from Antrim and Newtownabbey Council. Many thanks.

We ran a very successful open singles tournament in September. We received a grant of £405.00 from Antrim and Newtownabbey DBorough Council, towards the costs of hall rental, prizes and refreshments.

We also received a grant of £500.00 towards our Annual Christmas Senior Citizens Dinner.

During the season we completed in the Mid Antrim Bowling League, Division 1, completing all our league matches but unfortunately we were not successful in retaining our Division 1 status. We also participated in the League Cup of the Mid Antrim League but were eliminated after two matches. We also competed in the mens singles and doubles charity competitions but were not successful.

During the year we also received a grant of £1500.00 from the Micro Investment Fund to go towards the cost of running a six months programme on a weekly basis where we will provide hot food and bowling to our members and others. Many thanks.

I would like to thank the other office bearers and committee members for their help during the past year.

Proposed Sean Kerr. Seconded Patsy Boyd.

Election of Officers and Committee.

It was proposed that all Officers be elected en masse. All accepted their posts.

Proposed Patsy Boyd. Seconded Henry Graham.

Committee Members. All playing members are deemed to be committee members and all accepted.

Proposed Mary Toal. Seconded Pauline Duffin.

The meeting ended at 8.00p.m.

During the year ended 24/12/2024 M G Bowling had a very active programme, meeting in our local community centre on a Sunday evening where we had 12 -14 members taking part in fun bowls and then a cup of tea and a chat about the weeks activities.

We are also engaged in the local mid Antrim division 1 league which commenced in October and is run normally on a weekly basis. The results might not always be what we would like but we enjoy the bowls and the craic with the other team members.

We also ran a very successful open singles competition in September, with a 50% grant from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council towards the costs of hall rental, prizes and refreshments. We also received a grant from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council £500.00 towards the cost of our annual Christmas senior citizen party.

We also received a grant of £1000.00 from the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Well Warmth Connected, we will be running this programme Jan – April 25.

During the course of the year some of our members took part in bowling competitions organised by other clubs, not successful.

Most of our members come from a very varied background, ages range from mid forties to early eighties but all our members interact very well and we are very proud of the fact that a lot of other clubs compliment us on the family atmosphere in the club and the fact that our membership is approximately 50/50 male and female.

Overall a very small club but a happy club, where everyone feels welcome and everyone is treated with respect,