

**Desborough Bowling Club**  
**Minutes of the Outdoor AGM**  
**held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Item		Action
1 Welcome	President John Bucknell welcomed everybody. 22 outdoor members attended.	
2 Apologies	Michael Whittingham, Michael Hobson, Gill O'Neill, Don Isaac and Geoff Lofthouse	
3 2022 Minutes	Accepted as true record, proposed by Tony Buckley, seconded by Brian Harris.	
4 Presidents Report	Green played very well in the dry summer and was the envy of many visiting clubs who have much less expenditure available. Finals weekend went well, good weather and good games. Thanks go to Mark Peachey for organisation, and to markers, umpires, etc. The BBQ/bowls bash went well, once again thanks to helpers. The Potters week went well with Desborough winning the competition. Finally, thanks to all members of the Outdoor Committee, GL, JL, MP and RW for all their behind-the-scenes efforts with fixtures and competitions. Wished Geoff Lofthouse a speedy and continued return to full health.	
5 Election of Officers 2023	The following were elected unopposed. Chair - John Bucknell Outdoor Secretary – Tony Buckley Outdoor Secretary Ladies - Vacant Competition Secretary – Mark Peachey Men's - Captain - Steve Issac Ladies Captain– Angie Isaac Fixture Secretary – Steve Isaac Committee Members – Bruce Adams, Russ Dale, Debbie Barklamb and Angie Issac. Tony Buckley will also attend Committee meetings as Press Secretary.	
6.1 Captain's reports	An enjoyable season but a lot of Friendly matches were reduced in numbers due to Clubs not wishing to travel, shortage of players or issues over match fees/food.	
6.2 League Manager's reports	In the <b>Kennet League (KL)</b> the <b>A team</b> finished mid-table, an improvement on the previous year. With the influx of some new players, it is hoped we shall be able to achieve 3 <sup>rd</sup> or better next year.	

	<p>The <b>KL B</b> team finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7, a creditable performance in their first year following promotion to Division 2.</p> <p>The <b>KLV A Team</b> came second winning 11 out of 14 games in Division 1 East. Next year's target to win the league.</p> <p>The <b>KLV B team</b> did well to survive finishing 6<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams in Division 1 East.</p> <p>The <b>KLV C Team</b> finished a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Division 2 East winning 9 of 14 games.</p> <p>The <b>KLV D Team</b> finished mid-table in Division 3 Central East winning 7 of their 14 games.</p> <p><b>Ladies' leagues – Royal Shield</b> – finished bottom half.</p> <p><b>In the TVL:</b> Bluebells – came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 7. Buttercups – finished 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>The Hot Dog Trophy</b> was won by Desborough overcoming a large deficit away to prevail on the home leg.</p> <p><b>The Maidenhead Triangular Tournament</b> went ahead on Sunday 16 July with Desborough coming third.</p> <p><b>The Last-Ditch Trophy</b>, was again a success, won by The Herons (Andrew Essex, Paul Melhuish, Chris Bowler, Mandy Boyce and Pat Arnot.</p> <p><b>Finals weekend</b> was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10th September 2023</p>	
6.3 Fixture Secretary's Report	Arrangements for most of the Friendly fixtures for 2024 have been finalised.	
6.4 Competitions Secretary Report	The Club Competitions went well with a very high number of entrants including many new members.	
6.5 Outdoor Secretaries' Reports	Covered in the above	
6.6 Press Secretary Report	General lack of bowls cover in the Advertiser continues however assured this will improve.	
6.7 Social Committee Report	Brian Harris thanked members for supporting the many events and particularly those who assisted. Over £7.3k has been raised for the Club so far.	
7 AOB	When are Sunday lunches to be offered at the Club?	
	Meeting closed at 12:15	

## **Outdoor Committee Membership 2024.**

TBA	Chair and Club President
TBA	Deputy President
Steve Issac	Men's Outdoor Captain
Angie Isaac	Ladies Outdoor Captain
Tony Buckley	Outdoor Secretary/Press Secretary
Vacant	Ladies Outdoor Secretary
Steve Isaac	Fixtures Secretary
Mark Peachey	Men's Competition Secretary
Russell Dale	Men's Representative
Bruce Adams	Men's Representative
Debbie Barklamb	Ladies' Representative
Roger Wyatt	General Secretary