

**Minute of the 69th Annual General Meeting
held at Baillieston Bowling Club, the Faulds, Baillieston, Glasgow
on Saturday, 24th February 2024**

ATTENDANCE

As per sederunt. A total of 18 members attended and 9 clubs were represented.

President Gary Clelland welcomed the members and delegates to the sixty-ninth Annual General Meeting and invited President John Hannah of Baillieston Bowling Club to address the members. President John Hannah welcomed Fellowship Members on behalf of the members of Baillieston BC. He wished the Fellowship a successful meeting and handed the Club over.

President Gary Clelland thanked President John for his good wishes and opened the Annual General Meeting, asking for any apologies.

APOLOGIES

Secretary John M Lassa stated that apologies had been received from Langside, Rattray, Jessfield, Mount Vernon, Inverness bowling clubs and from Ann McConnochie, a life member of the Fellowship.

OBITUARIES

President Gary Clelland called for a minute's silence in respect of Members who had passed away during the previous year, and for Alex Skirving, Past President of the Fellowship.

MINUTE OF AGM 2023

Held in Buchan Park Bowling Club on Saturday, 25th February 2023. As this had been previously circulated to all clubs, Match Secretary Colin McLachlan asked for this Minute to be taken as read and proposed acceptance. Acceptance seconded by Vice President Edna Gold of Baillieston BC.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTE

No matters arising.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary John M Lassa indicated his Report was on the website. The Report was proposed by Colin McLachlan of Baillieston BC and seconded by Vice President Edna Gold of Baillieston BC. and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Olive A Allardyce indicated her Report was on the website. The Report was proposed by Secretary John M Lassa of Langside BC and seconded by Immediate Past President Kevin McKay of Willowbank BC, and adopted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Eddie Nicholson of Bridge of Earn bowling club asked the Treasurer if there was a Trustees report. The Treasurer responded that this was included in the forward to the Financial Accounts, and she had reported all relevant information in her Annual report.

STOCK CONTROL REPORT

Colin McLachlan indicated there was little movement of stock and there were plenty of badges available.

GUARDIAN'S REPORT

As a Guardian, Colin McLachlan reported that he had overseen operations and was pleased to report that all was in order, and that the Secretary and Treasurer were carrying out their duties in accordance with rules and regulations of the Fellowship and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Match Secretary, Colin McLachlan oversaw a number of games, but indicated that covid had put people off playing, and was hopeful for this coming year, where games at Tulliallan and Langside were to be played. Eddie Nicholson of Bridge of Earn questioned Colin as to why games were not played at the greens of committee members. Since 1990, this suggestion was adopted by the then committee. Colin pointed out that the opening game of the Fellowship will be played at Baillieston and the closing game at Langside – both committee members' clubs. Colin also indicated that certain clubs were still discriminating against women bowlers and women disabled members - ridding misogyny has to be paramount in the modern game of bowls

WEB PAGE COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH REPORT

Kevin McKay commented on his outreach duties by visiting various clubs in the Argyll area, as well as visiting Ayrshire clubs during the national bowling competitions at Northfield. Further to these, he visited Thurso and Wick bowling clubs in October last year and encouraged them both to join the Fellowship. Subsequent to his visit, they both joined the Fellowship.

APPROVAL OF THE 2023 EXAMINED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

This was proposed by Eddie Nicholson of Bridge of Weir BC, and seconded by Colin McLachlan of Baillieston BC.

The Treasurer recommended that the **membership Fee** for 2025 remains at £2.00 per Member

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2024

Making his retiring speech, President Gary Clelland thanked those friends who had supported him during his year in office, and to both John M Lassa and Olive Allardyce for their work in the office during his year.. He then declared all offices vacant and called for nominations.

PRESIDENT

President Gary Clelland proposed Vice-President Edna Gold as President for 2024, and this was seconded by Colin McLachlan of Baillieston BC. There being no other nominations, Edna Gold of Baillieston BC was duly elected.

President Edna Gold took the chair and was presented with her badge of office by Immediate Past President Gary Clelland who promised his support for the coming year. President Edna Gold thanked those present for this honour and presented Immediate Past President Gary Clelland with his Past President's Badge and asked for his support during the coming season. Baillieston BC President John Hannah congratulated Edna Gold and promised her the support of Baillieston BC during the coming year. President Edna Gold thanked President John Hannah of Baillieston BC for his good wishes, and addressing the members President Edna expressed her wish to be very pro-active and promote the Fellowship at all opportunities. She was part of a team and she thanked Kevin McKay for his travels throughout Scotland on behalf of the Fellowship, and concluded by thanking all those attending here today.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

President Edna Gold of Baillieston BC, proposed Colin McLachlan of Baillieston BC and this was seconded by Immediate Past President Gary Clelland of Buchan Park BC. There being no other nomination, Colin McLachlan was duly elected.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Secretary, John M Lassa asked the following Member of the Existing Management Committee to stand up when his name was called:-

Kevin McKay of Willow Bank B C

Proposed by President Edna Gold of Baillieston BC and seconded by Gary Clelland of Buchan Park BC

Lesley Honour of Langside BC

Proposed by President Edna Gold of Baillieston BC and seconded by Secretary John M Lassa of Langside BC. Although Lesley Honour was not present at this AGM, she had sent in a letter of apology and had indicated her desire to stand for election.

There were no other nominations and the above were confirmed as Committee Members.

EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The external Examiner would be **Raymond Henry BSc FCA of the Kelvin Partnership**. This was proposed by President Edna Gold and seconded by Secretary John M Lassa

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY MATCH SECRETARY

On a proposal by President Edna Gold, and seconded by Gary Clelland, Colin McLachlan was duly re-elected Match Secretary, and his subsistence of £500 remained the same as in the previous year, which he would receive at the next committee meeting.

There were no other nominations.

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Closure of Office Premises

The Secretary announced that due to health and safety issues regarding cracks in the fabric of the office rooms together with broken down lifts in the building, the committee felt that it would be better for the Fellowship if the office was closed, and that the Treasurer and Secretary would carry on the work of the Fellowship at their respective homes. The Secretary indicated that the Fellowship charity would save around £6,000 yearly by adopting this measure, and that he sought ratification of this proposal from the membership at the AGM. This was duly accepted unanimously.

Replacing the annual badge with an annual pen

The Secretary explained that the use of the annual badge was dated, and that views from member clubs indicated that an annual dated pen would be more recognisable than a lapel badge. Though some club members liked an annual dated badge, others felt that the badge had had its day. Bowlers rarely wore blazers where they attached badges, and many threw their badge away, so it was felt that a pen would be more useful, though the Secretary proposed that a limited amount of prepaid badges would still be bought for members who wished one. After much discussion, on a proposal by Eddie Nicholson of Bridge of Earn BC and seconded by Gary Clelland of Buchan Park BC, that an annual pen be given to members. This proposal was passed by 6 FOR and 4 AGAINST with several abstentions.

There being no other business, on behalf of the Members present, Vice-President Colin McLachlan thanked both President Edna Gold and Immediate Past President Gary Clelland for the conduct of the Meeting, to all those who prepared the sandwiches, anniversary cake and tea/coffee as well as the bar staff who kept everyone watered.

President Edna Gold thanked President John Hannah of Baillieston BC for the welcome extended to Fellowship Members, and handed the Club back to him.

The Meeting closed at 3.40pm.