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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Clubhouse on Sunday 28th November 2010

1. **President** David Thomson welcomed all members to the Meeting. A total of 47 bowling members were present. As this is more than one third of the bowling members, the meeting was quorate.

It was with sadness that David announced the death of 4 of our members over the last 12 months: Joan Laing, John Lucas, Jean Moger and Doug Bates. A minute's silence was observed.

2. **Apologies for absence** had been received from 33 members including 5 written.
3. **The Minutes of the AGM** held on 29th November 2009 had been displayed on the notice board as required by the Rules and no amendments had been requested. The Minutes would be taken as read. They were approved unanimously and signed by the President.
4. **Secretary's Report:** Ed Poole presented the Secretary's Report, a copy of which is appended to these Minutes. David Thomson expressed his thanks to Ed, and also to the other people who had helped in the working of the club, including Helga Thorpe and the gardening team, and Ann Moon and the Short Mat organisers.

5. **Captain's Reports:**

Captain: Captain David Grieve presented the Captain's Report, a copy of which accompanies these minutes. Thanks to all membership, not as successful, but Semi Final national pairs John McGuinness and Richard Reid. Finalists in Bucks cup, regional finalists Chris Rowe for his work on the green, and Bob Leeson for his support - Check notes from David Grieve

Ladies Captain: Thanks to Margaret for her support in both Captain, The Lady Captains Report, was delivered by Marjorie as Margaret was unable to attend, copy is attached to these minutes

6. **Treasurer's Report.** David Hall is currently out of the country, the annual accounts have been circulated to all members and copies of the auditors report have been provided to members present. Copies of both accompanies these minutes. David commented that David Hall is an excellent Treasurer and keeps in contact by e-mail throughout his absence.

The accounts were proposed by and seconded by duly put forward and accepted by the meeting, and duly signed by the President.

Challenge on BT line on Broadband, to be removed by new committee, if contract cannot be cancelled Ed will cover the difference.

7. **Recommendation for change to Membership Subscriptions fees for 2010.**

The Committee did not propose to change the membership fee for 2010.

Junior Members to reduce to £10.00, up to 16- 21 £25 in full time education proposed, Duncan Gauld seconded Denis Ward carried unanimously. Excluding Junior members for levies

8. **Modifications of club rules**

Modifications to the club rules were issued with the Agenda to all members after a short discussion the proposed changes would be adopted with the following additional amendments and added to the Nov 2003 copy. Proposed by Ed Poole and seconded by David Thompson this motion was put to the members who agreed unanimously

9. **Election of President**

The president put to the meeting the nomination of Brian Bristow as President which was unanimously approved, Brian took the chair.

Brian expressed his thanks to David and the committee for their work over the last year.

He went on to say that GXBC members are a fortunate group of bowlers: they have good assets including the buildings and land, and some excellent bowlers. GXBC has an excellent history- among other things were the first club to provide equal status for the lady members.

The new President expressed his respect for the traditions of the game. Bill Church has written an etiquette paper a copy of which is to be issued to all members. Attention was drawn to the last sentence which states that etiquette is primarily a matter of good sense and good manners.

10. Election of Management Committee

Brian said a few words about the experience of each of the people proposed for positions on the new committee, following which the remaining officers were elected unopposed:

Vice President	Ray Merry	Treasurer:	David Hall
Secretary:	Giles Brisbane	Membership Secretary:	David Grieve
Captain:	Neil Farnish	Ladies' Captain:	Marjorie Wane
Vice Captain	Peter Bevins	Ladies Vice-captain	Sylvia Newman
Ladies Secretary:	Angela Davies	Maintenance Manager	Janice Russell
Match Secretary:	Bob Leeson	Green Manager	Chris Rowe
Bar Manager:	Simon Cobb		

11. Election of Hon. Auditor/Examiner. As Peter Fountain has agreed to act as Auditor for 2011, this motion was proposed by Brian Bristow and seconded by David Thomson and the motion was carried unanimously

The meeting closed at 16:15

Questionnaire issued to members in the break, to put in ideas and issues

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Secretary

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President

OPEN MEETING

It was pointed out that we do not always apply the rules we have in club competitions. In particular extensions were allowed in a large number of cases.

Bob Leeson said this had been done in order to accommodate County players who would otherwise be unable to compete because of their heavy (often daily) commitment to County and National fixtures.

It was noted that this is a problem which primarily effects the Championship, and the early part of the season.

It was recognised that rules should either be obeyed or changed. The committee is to improve the situation for next season, possibly by extending the time allowed in the early stages.

It was also suggested that the Championship should be seeded. The committee is to consider how this may equitably be done and take appropriate action.

The committee was also asked to try to increase the number of entrants to competitions.

There being no further questions the President then closed the meeting at 16:00

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I would like to start by saying that it was a privilege to be Captain of Gerrards Cross Bowling Club, and express my thanks to members for electing me.

It has not been our most successful season on the green, but there were some notable achievements:

John McGuinness and Richard Reid reached the semifinal in the National Pairs this is the second season running that Richard has reached the National semi-finals. John & Richard also reached the County finals.

Duncan Gauld, Neil Farnish and Dennis Ward were runners-up in the Benevolent Triples.

We reached the final of the Bucks Cup, where we were beaten by an excellent team from Bletchley Town. Our thanks to all who played in this competition.

We also reached the regional finals of the National 2 Fours competition.

In the leagues our congratulations go especially to the GX Racers, who under Ray Merry's leadership have completed a remarkable run from the bottom division to the top division in just five years.

The Swans maintained their position in division 3, while our team in the Chiltern and Thames League finished third an improvement on last year.

The friendly matches were enjoyed by all who played in them. We had a 50% record in the mixed matches. We did well to win against Broomwade in the Trophy, since we only played the away match. We also won the Friendship Trophy against Iver. This is only the second time we have won both trophies in the same year.

We had a good record in the Men's matches, losing only two.

Our games within in the club were also enjoyed by those who took part. The Monday and Thursday afternoon, and particularly the Friday evening roll-ups continue to be well attended, as did the Over 55s league. Fewer members entered our knockout competitions, but they culminated in very pleasant and successful finals day.

My thanks to the members for making it a most enjoyable year as Captain, and in particular to Bob Leeson for all the help given.

I wish Neil success for the coming year.

Ladies Captain's Report 2010

During the year we played 11 friendlies we won 4 matches, drew 1, and came second in the remaining 6.

I still cannot pick a team, so now is your chance to sack me.

Uxbridge cancelled both home and away due to them being unable to get a team.

The weather was very kind to us during the season with the exception of one game when we were playing Iver Heath at home, when the heavens opened and canoes would have been more use to us. We cancelled the away match against Chesham due to the fact we had the Vi Trundell that evening and were unable to field two matches on the same day.

A handful of ladies entered the county pairs, triples, and fours with some falling at the first hurdle and some making it through to a few more rounds.

Now for the Vi trundell, we came up against Denham, Chalfont St Giles and Stoke Poges in our group. All four teams entered the last match having won one game and lost one game, so it was anyone's match. Gerrards Cross entered the last game being minus 2 shots down. and won the last game against Chalfont St Giles by 11 shots, giving us a plus 9 shot difference, but again we came second to Stoke Poges who had an overall shot difference of plus 11. A very good effort by all who took part.

This time last year when I took over, I had hit rock bottom in my personal life and I had lost all my confidence. I would personally like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for giving me back my confidence and the tremendous support you have all given me over this last year and hope that you will continue to support Marjorie and Sylvia in the same way, as you have given me.

My final thank you must go to the three men in my life, Ed, Nick, and Chris - without their support and help I could not have done this year. I thank you, and all the best for 2011.

Margaret Poole