

2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Venue: March 5th 2025 @ 7.30pm at The Barley Mow, St Neots

1. Present and Apologies:

- Anchor – Dave & Val Sellick
- Crown – Brenda & Pete Bol, Alison Owen, Neil Stubbs & Gregg Peddell-Grant
- Bell – Kevin Grice, Sue Noades & Dale Green. Apologies from Steve Milligan
- North Anchor - Mark Underwood, Matt & Alex Warren.
- Hon. President, Steve Holton.

2. Election of Officers

Dave Sellick agreed to stand for the position of Chairman again. Proposed by Dale Green, seconded by Steve Holton and agreed by the meeting. DS gave notice that he did not intend to stand for re-election at the 2026 AGM and that a new candidate would need to be found during the next year.

3. Minutes from the 2023 AGM

Minutes of the 2024 AGM were approved by the meeting.

4. Financial Report

See Addendum 1 for a financial summary.

Cash in the bank at the beginning of the season stood at £147.45

Income from Competition fees was £192.00

Team 'donations' were £60.00

Expenditure on engraving and medals for the League winners was £254

Closing cash balance for the season is £145.45

Dave Sellick reported that the funds were held in a treasurers' account at Lloyds Bank. Up until now this type of account has always been free from charges. However, from January 2025 the bank is imposing a monthly charge of £4.50. DS proposed therefore, that he closes the bank account and considering the relatively small amounts involved, keeps the cash based finances in the hands of the existing and future Chairman. Agreed by meeting.

5. Matters Arising

League Rules – The Chairman informed the meeting of a number of possible rule changes that had been brought up during the past year

- If a coche or boule touches a lane string without going completely over it then the coche/boule is deemed to still be in play. If the coche/boule hits the wooden/concrete boundary of a piste then it is deemed to have gone out of play. A lane string moved by coche/boule that remains in play can not be replaced until all boules have been played and the end is finished. If the

coche/boule goes out of play then the string can be replaced immediately.
Discussed and agreed by the meeting.

- Filling the hole left by last boule – again (see 2024 AGM minutes) discussed by the meeting however this time it was agreed that the rule be changed so that any 1 hole can be filled rather than just the last one made.
- A league match is normally in the format of singles followed by doubles followed by triples. After a discussion it was agreed by the meeting that games of the same type can be played in any order providing both captains agree at the beginning of the match.
- DS raised the point that according to the league rules the Chairman has the right to alter the rules at any time. After a discussion it was agreed that rule changes should be made at the AGM with the Chairman having the casting vote.

Insurance/Player Waiver - DS told the meeting that he has had quotes for liability insurance for the League but the cost would be prohibitive. The meeting agreed that DS should go ahead and issue a waiver form to the team captains for all players to sign and agree to.

Food – DS queried the need to have food as it still appears to cause problems at the venues as to when the food should be eaten. It was agreed that each of the venues should be contacted to see if they still wanted to provide food considering the difficulties it appears to put them through. If some venues don't provide food then both home and away teams should make a contribution towards the cost of the food when it is provided.

6. League Teams

Two teams from the Bell and one each from the Crown and the Barley Mow were confirmed at the meeting. The Anchor and North Anchor teams were not in a position to confirm their participation due to a lack of players. It was hoped to resolve the situation asap through recruitment (two new players are moving from Spain in the next couple of weeks). To aid this, Steve Holton said that he would provide a recruitment poster that could be used in the local pubs and other venues.

7. League Team Contributions and Competition Fees

It was agreed that competition fees would remain at £2 per player and that a £10 'donation' from each team would be made.

8. League Start Date

DS stated that if we have the same number of teams as last year, the fixture list would be a carbon copy of the 2024 season. The League will start on 23rd April with two pre-season open practice sessions on the 9th (at the Bell) and the 16th (at the Crown).

9. AOB & Member Propositions

There was no AOB and the meeting concluded at 9.02pm

ADDENDUM 1

2024 Financial Summary

2023 Season	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Opening Balance			£215.73
League Fees	£0.00		
Competition Fees	£178.00		
Trophies & Medals		£217.50	
Other- domain renewal		£28.78	
Closing Balance			£147.45

2024 Season	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Opening Balance			£147.45
League Fees	£60.00		
Competition Fees	£192.00		
Trophies & Medals		£254.00	
Other - Domain renewal		£0.00	
Closing Balance			£145.45