**LONG STRATTON BOWLS CLUB**

**Minutes of Pre-Season Meeting held on 29th March 2019 at the Clubhouse.**

The Chairman welcomed those members present.

The Chairman reminded members that the main purpose of the meeting was for our Treasurer to collect subscriptions for the year.

The Greenkeeper’s request for regular help in maintaining the Green resulted in Ivan and Steve offering to help on 30th with scarifying etc.

**WORKING PARTY DAYS:** These are planned for 6th & 7th April from 10 am onwards and it is hoped as many members as possible will turn up to lend a hand in order to get the Green, Clubhouse and surrounds in good shape for the start of the Season in mid -April.

**SPRING BINGO:** Friday 12th April at 7:00 for 7:30pm start at the High School. Raffle prizes needed please. Please take to Bob’s and if not at home, leave in his greenhouse. It would be great if more members could actually attend on the night too please. This is a big fund-raiser for the Club and we need to ensure it is well supported.

**ROLL-UP & OPEN DAY:** Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April at 2 pm. New members will be made most welcome so do encourage your friends and family to come along and have go. The only requirement is a pair of flat shoes.

**IN-HOUSE COMPETIONS:** Peter Smith is the new Competitions Secretary and has devised a simpler entry form. Members were reminded the competitions are open to all members. Information sheets will be posted shortly in the Clubhouse changing room. Closing date for entry forms is 14th May.

**TOUR UPDATE**: There are three rooms left for the tour (7th -9th June). Final payments must be in by 23rd April at the latest. As there are 12 non - members playing we will need to source spare Club shirts. The Chairman will need to purchase three commemorative gifts for the Bowls Clubs we are playing at. (£30 budget). Carl confirmed he is happy to organise next year’s tour but due to numbers etc we may have to introduce a single-room supplement.

**CLUB SHRTS:** Members were reminded that they are required to wear the Club shirt for all matches please. This is now a ruling by Border League. Can members please check that all woods bear the Club stickers.

**AOB:** Bernie outlined his proposed strategy for selection of EBA and UWL teams. He is aiming that all members have a fair chance at selection for these leagues - if eligible - and is keen to promote a supportive and encouraging ethos within the Club. Border League and South Norfolk League matches will still require members to put their names down for selection , either on the Club website or on the team selection lists that are posted weekly in the Club changing room. It is hoped teams will be selected on Friday lunchtimes for the games in the following week.

Steve Garry will have the Honours Board updated by the start of the Season.

Martin was asked to thank the butcher for his generous offer of BBQ meat but it was felt April was too early to consider a BBQ. It is hoped we will have one in August, but whether the offer will be available then is not known.

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:45pm.**