

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Tuesday 5th January by Zoom

1. Present

Robert Goodhand, Ray Swallow, Phil Stevens, Frank Booth, Anne-Marie Stevens, Gerald Andrews, Lionel Mendoza, Dave Evans, Steph Boucher, Janet Ross, Maureen Neale.

2. Apologies

Paull Curtice, Ed Tuck, Sheila Harrison

3. Club Build

Frank gave us an update.

The boards have been put in at the back of the clubhouse. The painters have started but had to stop due to the cold.

The paint was bought by Gerald as we wanted the same colour as the original building.

Robert will check that the paint wasn't included in the price of the building.

Phil said that the spindles on the ramp have been put in upside down. He will redo them.

Tony Jones, the electrician brought in by Phil for the kitchen noticed that we don't have a heat alarm in the kitchen in the clubhouse. Also, the consumer which was checked off on the 17th December has no visible earth. Where is it? To be investigated.

We need to find out if the heat alarm system is included in the build contract. Stef will liaise with Paull to find out.

Frank thinks he knows where the earth connection is and will explain it to Phil.

4. 106 Bid

Lionel said that the application is now with Mendips legal department. There needs to be a legal agreement with the grant and the club.

The council were querying whether we were a charity. Robert said that we are a community amateur sports club, which counts as a charity.

Lionel is fairly confident it will go through.

5. Sports England Bid

Robert has got £1800 for the windows for the clubhouse. He is putting together another bid for new wipe down furniture.

Steff queried whether we have to have wooden windows because of the cost.

Lionel said that the building is ours but the Duchy has covenants written into our lease and would probably have a prevalence for natural windows.

Phil says he will contact Jim Catley in town and see what he will quote.

6. Green Update

Frank says he will cut the green next week. Matt is bringing the lawn sand.

The mower has been fixed and brought back.

7. Site Update

Frank says we will have to make a decision whether the flower beds in front of the new children's bowling area will need to be moved. This would make room for a marquee in the summer.

We decided to leave this decision until the spring.

8. Kitchen Update

Steph said that Phil has done a great job so far.

Some extra costs have been incurred due to some rotten wood in the frame of the building and also a rotten floor in the area of the sink in the kitchen.

We have had an £800 spend so far to repair the fabric of the building which is not in the kitchen budget.

£2300 has been spent so far of the £3100 of the original kitchen refit budget.

We had a great deal from B & Q with a 26% saving.

The plaster board is on now and the electrics have been started.

Phil said that will have to make decision now about the benches in the clubhouse because of the new flooring.

Some of the committee thought that we could keep them on the far side, but the consensus was to take them out completely due to social distancing and hygiene. It was agreed to remove them completely.

9. Bowls Coaching

Robert had a call from George Jameson who was enthusiastic about coaching. This was handed over to Ray as he is Captain.

Apparently, George wants to do some courses and charge £50 per person, which would go to the club.

There were concerns from the committee about charging for the course as this is not what has been discussed. We wanted some members to go on a course to become coaches for new members and existing members. And the club would pay for the course.

We need to tactfully discuss this with George as we appreciate his help.

Dave Evans has contacted Bowls England about courses. They are only doing online courses for safeguarding and will update us when they can start the coaching courses.

Janet already does safe guarding at work and Robert does it at the church as well.

Steff said that the NSPCC do the courses for free.

10. Club Kit

Steph has been waiting for Bowls England to sign off on the kit.

Robert said that he has received confirmation from them that we can go ahead with it.

Steff asked Phil to put the details on our website so he can take orders from the members.

Dave asked if the club could buy and keep some stock available for existing and new members.

This was agreed by the committee. And Steff will keep the extra stock at home.

There will be a link on the club website to the company making them so we can all check sizing.

11. Club Fees

Robert said that pricing is critical to keep membership and trying to increase membership at these difficult times.

Robert suggested that the price should be dropped to £70, but Gerald felt that this was not necessary.

The committee agreed to keep the price fixed at £75 per year for the next two years for existing members. There will be no discounts.

It was agreed that new members will pay a £50 introductory offer, including a new club shirt.

Committee discussed social membership and decided that it will be £15 per person.

The 100 club was discussed and only members can join due to clauses in our license. They will have to become social members to play as we do not have a lottery license.

Robert will email Dave about the regulations.

12. Life Members

This was discussed at the last meeting and Robert has looked into it. We have had 4 life members before. There are two still alive.

We will not debate it but committee members can contact Anne-Marie and nominate members. This will be discussed by the 3 officers of the club, Anne-Marie, Robert and Paull and a decision will be made.

13. AOB

Dave said that an open night for Ivor would probably not be enough. It was suggested that we could have an open night, when possible and he could officially open the new toilets, kitchen and clubhouse, as the longest standing member.

We could also name the bar after him as The Ivor Mitchell Bar.

Robert will put in to extend our bar license from this September.

Frank wants to discuss the new allotment prices. Robert will ring Frank and discuss it.

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd February at 7pm by Zoom