

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Tuesday 2nd March 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, Sheila Harrison, Ed Tuck, Paull Curtice, Jen Coles.

2. Apologies

None

3. Secretary's Briefing Note

- Janet Ross and Steph Boucher have accepted invitations to become Club Officers.
- Jen Coles – Allotments – will pick up some of Paull's site work and will be joining our meetings. On Paull's departure she may consider an invitation to be a replacement Club Officer. We need a volunteer to coordinate Site Maintenance Tasks.
- Steph is now Membership Officer all sections. New email smbtcmembership@gmail.com
- Anne-Marie to be DBS checked and take up role as Community and Welfare Officer – reintroducing role created at EGM Apr17
- New banners now on display. Recovering membership levels is critical. Bowls/Social 2019 48/32 2020 38/19 Losses 20%/50% Existing members signing up this year RG projects 28/13 so further losses of 26%/32%
- The S106 agreement – funding bid - has been signed and returned to Mendip.
- The path will be replaced but clearly very unsafe at present. Restricted access?
- I've put in a bid for our own marquee of industrial standard. Size?
- Bristol Water has replaced leaking main meter. Significant rebate anticipated.
- Brian Clarkson has gone into a home and his family has donated a number of items including several sets of bowls to the Club. I am in touch with family.

4. Membership

Steff has sent an email and letters out to existing members of Bowls and Tennis just to ascertain who may be joining again this season.

There were 15 confirmed men and 11 ladies from bowls. He has also heard from 2 new men and 3 new ladies.

He has only heard from 1 member of tennis, who will be re-joining the club. 2 are leaving and the rest haven't replied as yet.

Robert asked if members could try to bring in at least one new person this season as he is worried about depleting membership.

5. Path

Paull said that Shaun will be getting someone to go down to the club this Thursday to hopefully start repairing the path. Weather permitting.

6. Toilets

No completion date as yet. The partitioning needs to go in and they need to repaint the areas that were flooded by the leaking toilet. Snagging will then be done.

Paull is hoping it will be finished by the end of March.

Lionel wanted to know what outstanding monies we owe the builder. Robert reckons on about £4300.

Phil said that the basin in the men's toilet is not in the right place. Paull didn't think it was a problem.

7. Bids

Robert has now put a bid in for new furniture in the clubhouse. It was agreed at the last meeting that we would have folding tables and stacking chairs.

Paull felt that we needed wipeable surfaces for the chairs and Anne-Marie agreed.

Robert will send the quote he had for furniture to all committee members.

Bids have also gone in for lost revenue for this season and for a marquee.

8. Cleaning equipment storage

There isn't now anywhere to store all the cleaning equipment. Gerald suggested that we could still put it in the toilet area, but most members didn't see that as viable.

Robert and Steph and Paull suggested that we could store the items in the bar somewhere, but Sheila said that the bar is locked most of the time so people wouldn't be able to access it.

Phil suggested that we could build a storage shed at the back of the club with an entrance from the clubhouse.

The last suggestion was that we could store them in the old gent's toilet once they are made waterproof and knock through from the clubhouse. It will need to be stripped out.

Phil agreed to project manage this.

9. Preventing accumulating items in the clubhouse

Robert wants to make sure members do not bring unwanted items into the clubhouse anymore.

We want to keep the area clean and tidy.

10. Displaying of photographs

Steph agreed to price new frames for the photographs for the clubhouse. We will not use the big boards anymore.

Jen suggested The Range, as they are very reasonable.

11. Changing Rooms

Dave and Peter want to start decorating on the 15th March, but they need some guidance on what needs to be done and what colour paint to use. Washable paint preferably.

A work party will be needed to move out the benches and move stuff around on the 13th March.

Robert will send out an email to members.

Anne-Marie asked Steph it would be possible to put our new shirt club logo in them somewhere. He said that he had looked into pricing for them and they were quite expensive. Also, could we move the stuff into one changing room while we did the other one as we cannot put things in the clubhouse while it is still being decorated. Dave agreed that this was what he wanted to do.

Paull suggested that the lockers were not very good and that we should pull them out. He also said that some of the chairs in the ladies changing room needed to be thrown out.

Dave thinks that washable chairs should be used in the changing rooms as well as the clubhouse.

Anne-Marie agreed.

12. Allotments

Jen said that they have been clearing the top end of the allotments and the broken glass has been picked up.

She said that a member runs a rental business and would let us have a digger for free over a weekend if we would advertise his company on the fencing.

All members agreed to this, but we will have to find someone to operate it.

13. Clubhouse Opening Ceremony

We would like to have some sort of ceremony when we are allowed. We would like Ivor to cut the ribbon as it was his 50th year as a member last year.

We will need a sub committee to organize it.

Gerald offered to cook on the barbeque.

Anne-Marie suggested that DI Baker may like to help.

We will organize this nearer the time, around mid July.

14. Reopen Club

Key dates for the Club – subject to no reimposition of covid restrictions are:

29th March up to 6 people can meet outdoors. If our toilets are finished they can be made available to members. (the green will not be ready until the 10th April).

Sign up will be on the 10th April, not in person.

12th April pubs can open for outdoor customers. This means that Sheila can offer a hatch service from the bar with a table across the clubhouse door.

Steph will run a booking system for booking roll ups. Only 2 household. may play together. It will be the same system as last season.

17th April hospitality is allowed to reopen. We will need to see if we want to reopen the clubhouse to members.

21st June covid restrictions will be lifted.

Phil has organized some friendly matches as we are unlikely to be playing league matches this year again. He suggests that the league matches could be run as friendly matches. He will also run 2 or 3 competitions within the club.

Janet would like as many competitions played as possible so it can be advertised to entice new members to join the club. She will organize an open Facebook page as our existing one is for members only.

Steph suggested a singles competition in April.

15. Bar

We need to form a bar committee as per legislation.

Ed, Sheila, Maureen and Dave volunteered to be on it.

They will need to meet once a month and there will need to be a monthly stock check and a report to the officers on profit and loss. The money will be given to the Treasurer monthly with the receipts.

Sheila said that Peter will help as well if needed.

16. Club and Clubhouse security

Phil has intruder alarm fobs for everyone who has a key for the clubhouse. He will fit the alarm system when the clubhouse work has finished.

Janet asked who had a list of keyholders. Robert says he has it.

Phil said the system can be linked to the fire alarm system, but we still need to purchase a fire alarm for the kitchen. It is ready to be wired in.

The combination locks need to be changed for the new season. Ed said he would sort it out.

Phil asked for one combination for all the locks, allotments and bowls.

Anne-Marie asked if we were still looking into an electronic card system to get in.

Dave suggested a touch key pad.

Paull suggested that someone should investigate these systems and Phil and Dave volunteered.

Steph asked who has access to what areas. Paull said once the codes have changed all members will have access, but the code needs to be changed regularly.

Robert thinks a camera system is useful as well.

Robert didn't think that every member needed the code. Anne-Marie agreed and asked if social members really needed the code.

Paull said that he thought that they should have it as some stop by and use the toilets when they are out and a social member sorts out the hanging baskets.

17. Trophies

All the trophies have been collected and are in the bar.

There are 5 unnamed trophies and Robert would like to name them after former prominent members.

Robert said that with so many changes and new look that it becomes even more important to hang onto our heritage. If anyone has names of former members who put a lot of work into the club can they please send them to him.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th April at 7pm by zoom.