

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Friday 10th June 2022 at the Clubhouse.

The meeting opened at 9.30am

### 1. Members

Role	Name	Initials	Role	Name	Initials
President	Paul Kelly	PK	Admin Co-ordinator	Henry Richbell	HR
Chair	Janet Moore	JM	Bowls Co-ordinator	Eddie Dilley	ED
Treasurer	Derrick Alford	DA	Asset Co-ordinator	Tony Woollard	TW
Functions Co-ordinator	Steve Lovell	SL	Admin. Assistant	Brian Wombwell	BW

### 2. Apologies: None

### 3. Minutes of Previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were accepted as a true record.

### 4. Matters arising from previous minutes (not included elsewhere on the agenda).

a) Club Shirts – The shirts should be with us week commencing the 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### 5. Chairperson's Report Janet Moore

We have had another successful month of our Outdoor season with some very good results in both Men's, Ladies and Mixed Friendly Matches. Congratulations to all those who have taken part in these matches.

We have had a few more Cancellations of Mixed Friendly Home Matches and it was necessary to cancel one away match over the Jubilee weekend due to insufficient members being unavailable to play. Something to look at for next year.

Our Jubilee Celebration last Friday was very successful and enjoyed by members who attended. Thanks to all those who helped with the Umbrella Bowls, Catering and Bar. Thank you to the Social Committee for the decorations outside and inside the Clubhouse. Thanks must go to Tony Woollard and John Walker for the most enjoyable music. Congratulations to Di Dagg, Di Troake and Andy Dart who won the Umbrella Bowls.

I have been investigating the purchase of a replacement flag and will discuss this during our meeting. I have also been approached about the purchase of Umbrellas for use during inclement League Matches. When playing away during wet weather, another Club had umbrellas available for their members to use. After a discussion it was decided not to purchase Club umbrellas.

### 6. Admin Co-ordinator Henry Richbell

#### **No written report.**

Henry advised that he had nothing to report except that he had learned that Chris Williams was extremely ill in hospital. He added that we should not contact his wife at this time.

### 7. Bowls Coordinator Ed Dilley

a) I spoke to Watchet about playing them on our indoor green as they, like us, only have one rink.

b) We are still having problems getting players for friendly Matches and we need to consider reducing the number of rinks that we play when necessary.

c) The number of members playing the Friday Umbrella seems have faltered a bit and we will have to see how it goes and reconsider whether it is worthwhile continuing.

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## **8. Asset Co-ordinator Tony Woollard**

- a) The cause of the front door catching has been found and has been rectified.
- b) We have been given a date of early August for the indoor rink carpet to be renewed. The exact date to be arranged as soon as possible to allow us to give advance warning to members. It is anticipated that the work will take around 3 to 4 days.
- c) A blind has been fitted to the window in the disabled toilet.
- d) All the items for the new till have arrived and will be set up as soon as possible.
- e) The alarm has been causing problems lately, resulting in two call outs to "Able Alarms". The first was caused by the emergency button being pushed and the second was caused by user error. I have also been called several times due to user error. I have discussed the emergency button with the engineer who attended the last call out and we agreed that there is no requirement for an emergency button as we have a mechanical handle which acts as emergency exit. So, I propose removing the emergency button to avoid further problem with it being pushed in error. Agreed
- f) Several small maintenance jobs have been done recently, with the following still to be done: -
- g) Brendon Energy to fit new inverter (have reminded them).
- h) Automatic switching to be fitted to fans in indoor rink (anticipate doing while rink closed).
- i) Back gate lock to be repaired.
- j) Light to be installed by bar door.
- k) New light to be fitted outside front door.
- l) There are gaps around some of the paving around the Green. Paul said he would get some grouting and fill the gaps in.

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## **9. Functions Co-ordinator Steve Lovell**

- a) It has been very quiet since the new bowling season started and it is very difficult trying to arrange because people are very busy in the summer. Holidays take a toll.
- b) Jubilee weekend or should I say Day went extremely well. We had the Umbrella competition and most members that came played. The trophies for the winners were donated by myself and Richard Whiting, I would like to thank Marg, Angie and Janet for their hard work in the kitchen and also all the bakers who helped supply the Scones and cakes. Also thank Tony, Pete and John Walker for sorting the music out on the day. Well done to Team Di Dagg, Di Troake, and Andy Dart who won the Trophies. We made £199.00 on the food and the raffle; the bar took £340.00 also Alan Moore sold a Football card another £15 for the club. All in all, it was a very successful event.
- c) We have now been able to come up with a date for our next Bingo which will be 2<sup>nd</sup> July notices are up on the boards
- d) We decided not to go ahead with the outside tour in September as there was not enough interest, I may well look at doing this in 2024 hopefully.
- e) The Tour monies for next year is gradually coming in. Derek and I need to check who has paid or not.
- f) There will be an Acoustic Night 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July with the Art centre guys playing

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## **Greenkeepers Report Paul Kelly**

The pedestrian powered sprayer. Stopped spraying on all nozzles while being used in early May. We replaced the battery and spray head seals. Tracing the spares was straight forward but actually getting them delivered took weeks. Companies state that they can despatch in 48 hours but actually take weeks. The sprayer was finally restored to full working order last Friday. The resulting loss of a month has delayed the application of liquid feeds and wetting agent. With the right weather conditions, we should be able to recover the programme. It cost £260 to rebuild the sprayer but a new replacement would start at £800. The sprayer we

have is no longer produced and I expect the rebuild to give us a minimum of five years before we need to buy a new one.

We have continued with verticutting every 10 days which means we are alternating the direction each time. The cutting height has been lowered to five millimetres now that the Vert cutting surface ground has hardened and unlikely to become soft.

The first reset of the cutting blade on the new mower, to maintain a clean cut, took place last week. The adjustment was very accurate and simple which is a major improvement on the "Dennis" mower, which was very fiddly and difficult.

Crows and jackdaws have been attacking the Green searching for leather jacket larvae. It does make a mess and leave small holes, but we are applying top dressing and brushing the Green to fill the holes as they appear. The grass will soon grow back in the affected areas. I do have a spray which kills the leather jackets, but it can only be applied out of bowling season. I will make two applications this coming winter.

Overall, the green, whilst not looking very green due to lack of feed, is bowling well. The rinks are running true and the 2 rinks with difficult lines in the past seasons are showing improvement as a result of the controlled use of topdressing.

**11 Matters requiring attention: May/June**

No urgent matters at the moment.

**12 Any other business**

We have to report the sad death of ex member Gordon Wedlake. Gordon moved out of the area about four years ago

**13. Applications for Membership – None**

The meeting closed at 11.20 am

**Date of Next meeting:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at The Clubhouse.

**Signed:** ..... Janet Moore (Chair)

**Date:** ..... .2022