

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Tuesday 4th May by Zoom

1. Present

Robert Goodhand, Ray Swallow, Phil Stevens, Frank Booth, Anne-Marie Stevens, Gerald Andrews, Lionel Mendoza, Steph Boucher, Janet Ross, Maureen Neale, Sheila Harrison, Ed Tuck, Jen Coles.

2. Apologies

Dave Evans

3. Boules

Jen said that nothing has been done yet as she has been busy with the allotments.

Gerald and Jen are going to mark out an area.

Robert said that people would have to join as a social member this year to be able to play.

Also, existing bowls and tennis members and allotment holders will be able to play as well.

4. Membership

Steph said that we now have:

14 ladies

28 men

22 social members

6 tennis members

In total membership has raised £3275.

Robert said that we are one of the few clubs who have seen an increase in membership.

5. Fixtures

Ray said that he has heard that Castle Cary will not play away matches.

Phil is writing to every club to make sure that teams will be turning up before each match.

Phil has organized a ladies friendly against Frome. There will be two rinks of three.

Phil re-iterated that government regulations are still in place and we have to abide by them.

Some members are getting agitated about it and are blaming committee members when it is regulation and law.

The calendar has been updated for new fixtures and will constantly be updated to reflect all changes. Members with the calendar integrated on their iPad will see it automatically ammends as changes are made.

6. Roll up

Ray said that rollup is working well and by the 17th May members will not have to book in anymore. Afternoons only though.

We thanked Ray, Gerald and Steph for organizing the rollups so far.

Steph asked if we should open up normal club nights from the 17th.

It was agreed that we would open up for roll-ups as normal on Mondays and Fridays from the 17th May.

7. Clubhouse

Gerald said that if we open up the clubhouse there can be no more than 30 people in 2 family groups. Members will have to wear masks until they sit down. The bar staff will have to wear masks at all times.

Steph said that the tables will have to be 2 metres apart and we need to stick to the regulations, but will members listen.

Sheila said she wants members in the clubhouse and will wear a mask and do table service.

Anne-Marie asked who was going to police this if members do not abide by the rules and Sheila said the bar staff would do this.

Ed suggested putting up a temporary bar in the marquee until June 21st.

There was a vote by the committee whether to open up the clubhouse. 5 agreed , 6 voted against it and there was 1 abstention. It was felt controlling numbers and seating arrangements was an issue which would cause more discord than delaying opening by a few weeks.

Therefore the clubhouse will not be open until the 21st June and we will use the marquee meanwhile.

Gerald wants to do food on both club nights if he can and if there is enough demand.

8. Cleaning toilets

Anne-Marie said that we need to start cleaning the toilets as she checked them before a match last week and they were disgusting. She asked if we should get a permanent cleaner, but Robert said that he didn't want to spend too much money from now on.

Gerald said perhaps we could have a rota and one week bowls could clean it and another week the allotments could clean it.

Robert said he would put out an email to members and ask for volunteers.

Gerald said he would check them before all home matches.

9. Coaching

Gerald, Steph and Janet are now booked into the first course.

First for Sport has taken over coaching for bowls now. The certificate lasts for 2 years but you can renew it without taking another course.

10. Changing rooms

If we use the changing room, masks will have to be on and we will have to socially distance. Due to this the committee decided that we will not use them until 21st June and they will be locked.

Ed asked if we should put locks on the toilet doors. Lionel was worried about vandals, but the rest of the committee does not want locks on them for now.

11. Open Days

Anne-Marie said she will organize the sub- committee meeting at the end of May.

This will include Gerald, Sheila and Di Baker.

12. Paull Curtice

Gerald proposed that we should write a letter of thanks to Paull for all the work he has done for the club. This was unanimously agreed.

Robert will write a letter and we also agreed that he should have 2 good bottles of red wine.

13. AOB

Anne-Marie asked Phil if we were going to have any internal club competitions.

Ed suggested the Jim Hacker knockout competition. It is singles with one long jack and one short jack.

Phil said he is organising an in house team fixture on the 22nd May with 3 rinks of 8. Ray and Gerald will choose teams.

He will also organize pairs and triples competitions to run through May and June

Steph asked Robert about the legal case. Robert said that he had written to the judge as he wants to go to court in person and not do it by telephone.

Ray asked if we could have new mats as they existing ones are not in a very good condition. Steph has priced them and they are about £11 each.

Maureen asked if we are having hooks in the changing rooms. Anne-Marie said that we are, but we need to decide where the chairs are going first.

Ed said we took £44 from the bar on Thursday.

Lionel wanted to know if we had sorted out the snagging on the toilets. Phil said not everything has been sorted out yet, but he has put up the toilet roll holders and the paper towel dispensers on the wall.

Anne-Marie said she would check with Robert about everything else.

The Next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st June at 7pm