

CHELTENHAM WHADDON BOWLING CLUB

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY 03 AUGUST 2023 AT 2.00PM

Present: Dave Simmons, Andy Todd, Dave Hooper, Don Bailey, Peter McGiffie, Jill Whistler, David Hearle, Alan Adams, Derek Fry, Jan Bowd, Debby Hooper, Ray Hawkins, Mike Newman

In the continuing absence of a President, Dave Simmons took the chair for this meeting.

APOLOGIES

Yvonne Anderson-Foss

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The minutes of the previous meeting on 07 July 2023 had been circulated and, having been approved by the meeting, were signed by the acting Chair as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

2. Andy had done some research on the provision of **disabled parking spaces**, which he had set out to the Committee in an earlier message. We had agreed on 2 spaces at an earlier meeting and equality legislation, which applied to public car parks, indicated a minimum of 3 spaces (2 + 3% for 1-50 spaces). We concluded that 2 would suffice and asked the House & Grounds Committee to mark out a second space.

3. Andy had included a **checklist for securing the club** in his latest newsletter. Committee members had noted that lights had been left on several times and Andy would ensure that the guidance included switching off all lights.

4. Thus far the appeal for a member to stand in as President had not been answered. Ray Hawkins then volunteered to fill the vacancy until the AGM in November and the Committee accepted this offer unanimously.

USE OF CAR PARK ON FOOTBALL MATCH DAYS (Andy Todd)

5. The Committee invited Pete from Iglu Bars to outline his plans for use of the car park. He had been happy with the trial matches in July, which showed that the arrangements would work well, though the weather had depressed attendance. Nevertheless, the takings for the 2 matches were £1100, so he had transferred £110 to the club. He explained the importance of the home matches on 12 and 26 August – they were likely to be very profitable: 1300 away fans (sellout for away end) were expected on 12 August and a significant number on 26 August. The success of these was essential to his agreement with the football club and he had already incurred costs. Both games were likely to be profitable for his company and for the club. He asked us urgently to consider moving the game against Caer Glow on 12 August and could we hold the Family Day later in the weekend.

6. After a short discussion we voted overwhelmingly to rearrange the Caer Glow game: Dave Hooper would ask them to play it at their green, but failing that, we would cancel the fixture. We also agreed to move the Family Fun Day to 28 August (Bank Holiday Monday) to avoid the inevitable noise and disruption to access. Dave would also contact Gloucester Co-Op to see if we could play our fixture with them on 23

September away as well, to avoid a similar clash with a home football match. Andy would write to all members to ensure that they were fully aware of these arrangements and explain why the club would be unavailable on the dates of CTFC home matches.

[Post Meeting Note: The fixture v. Caer Glow on 12 August will now be away. The fixture v. Gloucester Co-Op on 23 September has been cancelled: it emerged that they would have difficulty raising a team, due to a competing event on that day.]

DONATION

7. Andy had been in communication with a donor who has offered £500 to the club. The donor wished to remain anonymous but would be happy for the Committee to use the money as it sees fit. As for the previous donation for the defibrillator, Andy felt that we should use this money for a tangible benefit to the club and invited members of the Committee to submit suggestions for possible uses, which we could discuss and decide upon at our next meeting.

AOB

8. Andy had received a request to use our car park for staff parking by Circus Day Nursery, based on Pittville Circus (they are affected by the new residents parking zone in that area of Cheltenham). The Committee agreed that this would not be practical, as it would affect members using the green during the day and midweek club matches. Andy would write back to indicate that we could not help.

9. An estate/pension planning firm (Silvertime Legal) had offered to come to the club to give talks to members on Wills, planning for long term care and financial arrangements. We could see little benefit to the club but Andy would post their leaflet on the club noticeboard and ask members to sign up if they were interested. If there at least 20 members wanted to attend the briefings, then he would arrange for them to take place.

10. David Hearle proposed that he try to sell off surplus glassware, which the Committee approved.

11. Dave Simmons had made progress in starting end of year accounts but wanted the Committee to be aware that we needed a **new auditor**. Our long-serving auditor, Don Hughes, has stood down, and he asked members of the Committee to suggest names for a suitable replacement.

12. Jan Bowd raised a concern about the gender status of a member of an opposing club in a recent Ladies League match. We agreed that this was a matter for the League administration and could not take any action as a club.

13. Peter McGiffie noted that a **bookcase** had been moved into the Ladies toilet area and was thus not easily available. We agreed that space for it should be found in the skittle alley.

14. Alan Adams noted the following dates for next season:

- Opening of the Green would be on 14 April 2024
- Open Day would be on 04 May 2024, with a reserve day of 25 May
- Closing of the Green is scheduled for 22 September 2024

He had arranged a fixture with Newton Abbot on Sunday 19 May 2024, which would be one of our free coach trips. Though members had enjoyed the outing to Lyme Regis, many had missed the bowling element.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15. There was a Ladies friendly match on the afternoon of 07 September 2023, which would be the normal monthly meeting, so we agreed to move the time back to the evening of that day, at 7.00pm.

Andy Todd
Hon. Secretary

Signed as a true
record:

(Chair)