

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Tuesday 6th April 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, Jen Coles.

2. Apologies

None

3. Secretary's Briefing Note

We have now received the S106 funding for the toilets, and we thank Lionel for sorting this out for the club.

We also thank Robert for all his work with getting the grants.

Jen Coles has now been appointed a Club Officer for Allotments.

Anne-Marie is Community and Welfare Officer and will be doing a course imminently.

4. Boules

Jen wants to start up a Boules area.

Social members will be able to play this year to see if we have any interest.

Jen says that she would like it marked out on the grass first before we do anything more permanent.

Ed said that we didn't have much of a response previously.

Lionel thinks we will need some promotion and publicity.

Lionel and Jen have agreed to organize the Boules.

5. Toilets

There are some snagging issues. Robert will meet up with Paull to discuss them.

Steph said that there are a lot of problems in the toilets and some areas are not fit for purpose.

The door locks are not safety locks and the disabled toilet basin is too high.

Robert said that Paull has the detailed plans and will look into it.

6. Changing Rooms

Dave said that they are nearly finished.

The new lights are in on the men's side and they still have to put the lights in on the ladies' side.

The glossing still needs to be done.

He has had help from Peter, Terry and George.

He hopes it will be finished in the next 2 weeks.

Robert said he is very pleased with the progress so far.

Robert asked for a discussion about what seating should be put in there.

Ray said that we cannot use it until the 17th May anyway.

Anne-Marie said that we should not put the old blue chairs from the clubhouse in there as we cannot wipe them down.

Dave suggested putting plastic bags over each chair and then disposing of them after each use.

Anne-Marie did not like this idea as too much plastic would be used and it would not look nice.

Ed suggested we have benches with plastic cushions on them.

7. Clubhouse

Phil said that it is pretty much finished.

He will go in this week to repair the leak.

He will sort out the new storeroom at the end of this season and renovate it.

We wanted to thank Phil, Frank and Steph for all their work on this project.

Robert has had a good response from the members that have popped in to see the progress.

8. Membership

Steph gave us an update on bowls and tennis so far.

Playing members:

17 men

11 ladies

Social members

17

Tennis

3 households

3 single

New members

4

Jen said that one allotment is available. All others are taken.

Some allotments holders showed some interest in bowls.

Robert wanted to say how pleased he was that we have survived Covid 19, as many clubs haven't.

9. Banners and signs

Steph said that the banners are up outside for bowls and tennis.

There is signage to be purchased for inside the clubhouse and on the outside of the changing rooms.

The outside signage will cost £262 and has a 10 year guarantee.

The inside one will cost £195 plus vat.

Steph wanted to clarify which logo to use. The committee voted unanimously on the new one for inside.

Lionel asked if we needed planning consent for the outside signage.

Ed and Robert said that we should just do it.

10. Bar

Sheila said we could open up the bar for outside use on the 12th April in theory, but obviously it is not worth opening yet.

She may open on a Saturday and Sunday when we start rollups if it is feasible.

Gerald says it will have to be table service at first according to government guidelines.

Sheila wanted to know who made the decision about the bar and Robert said that no decision had been made about the bar until this meeting.

Robert said that we have to be cautious and Ed said that we have to be guided by Bowls England.

Janet said it may be worth opening it up on a Saturday.

Sheila asked for two new bins for the bar for recycling, maybe collapsible. Robert said he will discuss it with her and sort it out.

11. Fixtures

Phil has sent out the fixtures list.

He has had confirmation from the police for our first friendly match. There will be three teams of four aside on three rinks.

The WMFL League format has been confirmed as three teams of four. Spectators will not be allowed yet.

Ray said that Bowls England has banned spectators at any matches until at least May 17th.

Steph said that the 8th May is the cut off date for registration for Somerset Bowls.

Phil said he is renovating the notice boards and they will be back at the clubhouse by the weekend.

Ray will then put the team sheets in them.

Sheila will offer a table service from the bar for the friendly on the 29th April, but will help.

12. Bar Report

All the committee received the bar report with the agenda.

Ed said we made £300 last year.

13. Coaching

Ray has looked into the coaching courses and they are intensive and long, therefore he decided that members already experienced with sports coaching would be most suitable.

Janet, Gerald and Steph have been chosen to do the courses.

He suggested that more experienced members could do masterclasses with members.

14. Open Days

Anne-Marie discussed dates for two open days.

The 27th June for a members' open day. Gerald said he can do a barbeque.

The 18th July for an open day for members and invited guests.

These will be organised nearer the time by a sub committee consisting of Gerald, Anne-Marie, Di Baker and Sheila.

Janet asked if we should have an open day on Bowls England Open Weekend, even though we will still be under restrictions.

It was thought that maybe we should have a competition for members on these dates.

Phil said that the 22nd and the 29th May are both free and we could hold competitions on both or either of those dates.

Steph thinks that club competitions will be good for new members.

15. Reclaiming Property

Robert said that we have a lot of property from the changing room and other areas that need to be reclaimed or disposed of.

He will put it on a table outside when we reopen fully.

There are a lot of woods as well that if not claimed we can use for new members.

Ed thinks one set is Sandra from U3A. Frank will ask her.

Ray, Steph and Janet will sort through them.

16. AOB

Anne-Marie asked if we needed a new tennis net as we now have tennis/football players and they are happy to use an old net. She will look into it.

Steph said that he has some club clothing delivered and now has some stock put by for the club. He wanted to know if we need anymore. Anne-Marie suggested that we just order what we need at the moment.

Robert says that we have three club flags and will look at them tomorrow.

Phil wants to know what logo should be on the new flag.

Frank said that the green will be ready on the 17th April for rollups.

But Steph said he had already booked in new members for the evening of the 16th April. Frank said that was ok.

Sheila wanted to know if we wanted the bar open for new members on the 16th April. The committee agreed that this was not a good idea yet.

Dave wanted to know what seating we were having in the changing rooms. He doesn't want benches but some members do.

Robert wants chairs so we can use the rooms for other things.

Anne-Marie said that they are predominantly changing rooms for bowls members and that should be the priority.

Gerald wanted to know where he could store the barbeque. It is in a box at the moment.

Dave said it could go into the changing rooms when they are finished.

Gerald asked for volunteers to help put the barbeque together. Janet and Robert volunteered.

The Next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th May 7pm by Zoom