

WELLINGTON (SOM) BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting held on 10TH FEBRUARY 2016 at the Clubhouse. The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

<u>Present</u>	Geoff Stamp (Chair) Sylvia Lane (President) Brian Wombwell (Secretary) Gill Groves (Ladies Admin) John Cherry	Roland Bath Jay Merrell John Lister
<u>Absent</u>	Bill Heard Jay Merrell Richard Manning	Julia Stanton Paul Kelly

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Julia Stanton, Jay Merrell and Paul Kelly

2. **Chairman's Opening Remarks**

GS prompted some discussion regarding the start date for the work on the roof of the indoor green. It was explained that the Terms and Conditions of the Viridor grant specifically laid down that there must be a draw down from the grant within 6 months of the date on the offer letter which was dated the 11th November 2015 and the grant must be fully drawn down within 12 months. It was agreed that the Rink should be closed on 17th March so that the contractors could submit their first invoice in April which would comply with the grant conditions. GS asked that all members who play indoors should be informed as soon as possible of the date of the closure.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The following amendments had been made to the minutes distributed to members:

Item 7 - Add "Gill reported that Julia was not at the meeting because she was accompanying Lew to the hospital.

Item 10 - Gill Groves has volunteered to take over the role of Ladies Team Captain until a new Captain has been selected (as she is currently the Vice captain). Ann Cowling has passed all the relevant documents to Gill.

Item 12 - A copy of the tea rota will go out with the Fixtures book.

The revised minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. **Matters arising from the previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Secretary's Report**

- BW reported that club membership was holding up and we are still getting new members. The success of the social events had brought in several new social members. We are still getting people coming for coaching and others are joining who have bowled before.
- The newsletter proposed by Richard Manning was mentioned and several requests to include information were noted. The Newsletter to go out after Christmas with the forms to register to buy a club shirt.
- The new club shirts will cost £13 each net but when VAT and carriage charges are added this comes to £16 each. The shirts should be delivered by end of May if ordered in February.
- It was suggested that we should buy a new shed to house the equipment used on the Green. When the cost has been established it will be considered by the Executive committee.
- The new Constitution had been distributed to members of the Executive Committee and the General Committee and it was proposed by BW that it should be adopted. The new Constitution was based on the Bowls England Model but the Rules of the old Constitution had been added wherever possible. If any problems arise these can be raised at the next AGM and corrected at that time. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that it

is adopted with immediate effect. This decision complies with the ruling of the AGM in September 2014.

- BW said he had received complaints from members that the Gen. Committee minutes were not posted on the notice board until they had been approved. This meant that they were always 2 months out of date. He suggested that they could be posted after the meeting but marked DRAFT. All members agreed that this would be acceptable.
- The project to carry out the work to make the club Disabled Friendly had been delayed because the work to the ramp from the road to the Green had been underestimated and the cost included by the original contractor did not cover the extra work. Richard Manning has obtained a price from a different Contractor that matches the new scheme so it can be done within the budget. It is hoped to start the work as soon as possible.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a) The report was accepted by the meeting without comment.
- b) LS reported that Paul Kelly had donated £120 to the club in memory of his wife, Glenda, who died recently. Lew had sourced an industrial microwave oven for £230 which was one of the priorities requested by the Social Committee. He suggested that the the difference of £110 could made up from the Social Committee Fund and that we should purchase the microwave immediately. The Committee unanimously agreed.
- c) SL commented that at a recent Roll Up she had witnessed people making coffee in the kitchen and taking it into the Inside Rink. The Committee agreed that this should be stopped as members should purchase drinks from the Drinks Machine. It was also commented that people were helping themselves to coffee and tea without putting any money in the pig that is kept in the fridge. The coffee and milk does not belong to the club and is not for free consumption by members.
- d) The £1,000 grant from Persimon Homes for equipment has been spent on purchasing 8 new pushers, a score card and 2 new steps. This equipment will be available for the start of the new outdoor season.

7. Ladies Administrators' Report

GG presented the minutes of the last Ladies Meeting.

The Tea Duty Rota for Friendly matches has been completed and will be sent out with the Fixture List. The envelopes have been prepared and as soon as the Fixture List arrives from the printers they will be available for collection from the club house.

8. Development Officer Report

- RM was on holiday so no report was given.

9. Men's Captain Report

- Paul Kelly had sent apologies. As there is very little happening at the moment there was no report.

10. Ladies Captain Report

- GG told the meeting that there will be a motion considered at the next Ladies Meeting to confirm herself as Ladies Team Captain, Win Courtney as Vice Captain and Diane Troake to be appointed to the Selection Committee.

11. Mixed Captain Report

- a) JL will post up the lists for the first set of friendly matches on the notice board on March 1st. This will go up early so that members are available to put their names down before the club closes for the Roof installation.

12. Fixture Secretary Report

- JM was absent through work but had left a message that the Fixture was complete and he has agreed a price with the printer. The books would available soon.

13. Competition Secretary's Report

- No report.

14. Indoor Secretary's Report

- JC offered a written report that is attached to these minutes.

15. Bar Steward's Report

- a. RB reported that due to increased costs from our supplier the bar prices of lager, beer and some of the other drinks have been increased accordingly.
- b. A new motor has been installed in the glass washing machine.
- c. We still need more staff for the bar. Barry Davies has offered to help and will be trained up.

16. Social Team report

GG reported that the last social event starring Jason Toft was well attended and another great success.

Due to lack of attendance at the 13th February event the singer was cancelled otherwise the event would have lost money. The event did go ahead with Mike Groves singing and Bill Heard's grandson Frazer playing music on his PA/Kareoki system. The people who did attend had a great evening.

17. Green Representatives Report

- a. Bill Heard absent.
- b. Roland bath voiced his concern that nothing was being done to the grass. We have pellets to treat the grass and the grass needs cutting. Roland will contact Bill and ask him when this should be done.

18. Building Representatives Report

- EW reported that he would repair the rainwater downpipe on the side of the building following the meeting.
- Brackets for the pusher on the indoor rink have been purchased and will fixed when the contractors have completed the work.
- It has been agreed that the safe is to be supported on concrete blocks. EW to order blocks and base constructed by Rod Troake. BW to sort out the size of the base and liase with EW and Rod .
- The delivery man for our drinks supplier has complained about the lock on the outside door to the Beer Store. GS to investigate and resolve.

19. Any Other Business

- The matter was raised about allowing sponsors to have advertising boards displayed on the grounds surrounding the green. This was agreed and Richard Manning would be asked to enquire with the sponsors if they would be prepared to pay for a suitable board. The boards should all be the same size so that we can maintain a neat appearance.
- Mike Connor and Lew Stanton to make enquiries about obtaining a supplier for the hanging baskets.
- Opening of the Green - No preparation has been done for the Opening of the Green on 16th April. This needs addressing urgently. Our president, Sylvia Lane has agreed to officially open the green. BW to ask the Mayor of Wellington to attend. Martin Speakman has confirmed that he will take the club photograph.
- RB raised the question of Dress Code for the Indoor Green. Competitions and league games White top/grey trousers, Roll Ups smart casual wear. **No outdoor shoes.**
- RB asked if the club would like to take up some advertising space in the Wellington operatic Society programme for their next production. The committee approved that we should take an advertisement for £40.
- John Lister had identified from the Fire Safety report that the front door of the club should be classed as a fire escape. This to be further discussed and resolved by the Health and Safety committee.
- The H&S Committee have had a preliminary meeting and will prepare a report in due course which will be presented to the Exec. Committee. When some final proposals have been drafted the report will come to the General Committee for comment.
- It was decided that when the club is occupied the iron gate at the end of the green should be left open so that members and guests may exit from that route in event of a fire.
- The light at the entrance door is still not working. This problem to be referred to the electrical contractor who is doing the new lighting to the Indoor Rink.

- BW said that he had been approached by Fran Hughes who suggested that we should apply to the Nomads for a grant to purchase a wheelchair ramp for the outside green. This has been done and we are awaiting a reply.
- BW has researched our green wheelchair and found that it is called a "Bradshaw". He has also checked the wheelchair and found that it is complete with all the parts and that it is in good working order.

- The meeting closed at 12.05am

Date of next meeting Monday 11th April 2016 9.30am at the clubhouse.

Signed:.....Geoff Stamp (Chairman)

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