

# WELLINGTON (SOM) BOWLING CLUB

## Minutes of General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the Clubhouse. The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<i>Geoff Stamp (Chair)</i> <i>Roger Murphy (Secretary)</i> <i>Chris Williams (Membership Sec.)</i> <i>Tony Gibson (Treasurer)</i> <i>Bill Warnett (Asst Treasurer)</i>	<i>Richard Manning (Dev. Officer)</i> <i>Paul Kelly, (Men's Captain)</i> <i>Yvonne Abbott (Ladies Captain)</i> <i>Ian Thompson (Mixed Captain)</i> <i>Clive Manning (Asst Secretary)</i>
<b><u>Absent</u></b>	Jay Merrell (Fixture Secretary) Vic Horne ( Estates Manager) John Cherry (Indoor Secretary)	Steve Lovell (Bar Steward)

**1. Apologies for Absence** Roland Bath, Steve Lovell

**2. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Geoff stressed the importance of meetings, and that everyone should be encouraged to express their opinion. Healthy takings and social interaction within the club.

**3. Minutes of the October meeting** were approved as a true record.

**4. Matters arising.**

Chris ask if any progress had been made on short mat bowls. The reply made was that the level of the floor within the bar area may be a problem. So this will have to be fully investigated.

**5. Secretary's Report**

Can confirm that all paper work and computer records have been given to Clive and myself. A new set of keys for the session bell have been obtain and thanks to Tony and Clive for resetting the bell. Spare keys are held by Tony and myself. Since the AGM, Ian Thomson has taken the roll of mixed team captain, assisted in this roll with Alan May and Ian Stuart. Delighted to report that wellington bowling club has won the bowling tours excellence award 2017.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Concerns over the high tariffs of gas and electrics.

**7. Ladies Administrator**

Position Vacant

**8. Development Officer Report**

Richard supplied his report which is attached to the end of these minutes.

**9. Membership Secretary**

Membership has increased over the past year from a total of 211 to 248.

The Committee needs to note that both Gents and Ladies Full Outdoor Membership has varied very little over the year – the current rate of recruitment only just meets the current replacement level. There is therefore no argument for restricting further recruitment in 2018/19.

Male and Female Social Membership also broadly shows little change.

The overall increase in membership comes almost entirely from a much closer monitoring of the Indoor Rink with a great deal of help from the new Treasurer.

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Previously we had only a very vague idea of who were Indoor Rink users only. We have now established that there are at least an extra 41 members – and with a little diplomacy and assorted thumbscrews we may find a few more.

Suggestions for Indoor Rink registration will be passed to the Think Tank for their next meeting.

### **10. Men's Captain**

Nothing new to report as the season has finished.

### **11 Ladies Captain**

The Ladies finally finished 5th in their league which is better than they have done for the past two years.

### **12 Mixed Captain**

### **13 Fixture Secretary Report**

All ladies and men's league fixtures are complete. All bar two mixed friendlies are confirmed. Still waiting for SBA club competitions draws to finalise the 2018 fixture list. I'm discussing with Mike Groves the possibility of the club putting forward a motion to the 2018SBA AGM to have the draw for SBA club competitions made earlier. This will give fixture secretaries more time to arrange fixtures [the main problem being the Ladies Southey Trophy which does not have fixed dates, therefore , needs to be inserted into a fixture list which is usually complete by early November]. John Mullen has kindly agreed to audit the men's fixture list [some 110 fixtures].

In order for Brian to compile the 2018 fixture booklet please can Roland provide him with the Presidents introduction and could Richard provide an up date list of sponsors and partners who deserve an acknowledgment in the booklet 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018.

If any committee member has anything else to enter in the booklet please let Brian have it before the 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018

### **14. Competition Secretary's Report**

### **15. Indoor Secretary's Report**

1. The indoor bowling programme for 2017-18 is running on schedule for leagues and
2. The rink session bell has now been adjusted to give the required warning sound 10 minutes before the end of sessions, as is required. Thanks to Tony Gibson & Clive Manning for this who both know how & where the necessary key is (for any future changes).
3. In the New Year the Indoor Secretary will draft a set of rules to allow for a more closely regulated organisation of future indoor season play, to cover team numbers and player selections, entry of new members into teams, exit of team players, switching team memberships and the payment of indoor subscriptions process. This to apply to both League teams and Roll-up groups - with the indoor subscription payment deadline set at 1st September each year. The draft rules

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will be presented to a General Committee meeting for comment/ revisions before acceptance.

### Competitions

4. The Men's Singles and Ladies Singles indoor competitions are underway. Both are designed for their final matches to take place on 24/12/17 (AM). Hopefully President, Roland, can mark both matches (or share with another Exec member)?? Players and markers need to wear whites for the final matches.

5. Notices and Entry Sheet for the Mixed Pairs Competition will be posted on 4<sup>th</sup> December with closing date of Saturday 16th December (7pm). The draw for the initial matches will take place in the Club on Monday 18th December (about 7pm) opening matches starting on 5th & 6th January 2018

### **16. Bar Steward**

**No report**

### **17 Think Tank**

1. The Think Tank last met on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with six members: Mike Connor, Phil Brigden, Barry Vile, Ian Stewart, Ed. Norris and John Cherry. Alan & Liz May and Bernard Barnes apologised for their absence due to match play.

#### **2. BOWLS TOUR 2018**

Reminders to go out shortly to participating members about the £159pp cost balances due for Club payment by 11/02/18. They will also be invited to a **pre-tour briefing at the Club on Monday 29/01/18 at 6pm** covering travel, parking, check-in, check-out, meals, bowls play inc. required kit, opposition bowlers, match times, team player selections, scoring, prizes for WBC players and information for the non-bowlers going.

#### **CHANGING ROOMS & LADIES LOO DECOR**

3. As offered, Phil Brigden, Ed Norris and others will go ahead with repainting these areas to freshen them up. Also, Steve Lovell has offered to install suspended ceilings to these rooms with lighting alterations by Alan May. A budget cost will be produced but will be minimal for materials only. A system will be adopted to minimise interference to bowlers and allow normal play to operate.

4. **OUTDOOR HOOKS/UPSTANDS FOR WET CLOTHING, ETC** - Suggested by a lady member, that rather than have clothing spread on benches or on the ground a number of wall mounted hooks and/or heavy duty metal clothes stands be fitted or positioned around the outdoor green. Think Tank will research the market for suitable products and present a budget priced scheme for a future General Committee meeting to consider.

#### **5. TROPHY PRESENTATIONS/CHRISTMAS DRAWS (MC)**

Suggestion that both these events be set for a fixed time each year (eg Trophies on last Saturday in October, Christmas Draw on last Saturday in November). These events could then be listed in the outdoor season fixtures booklet.

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### **6. THE GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW**

is planned and organised for Saturday **18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm**. The prize list is extensive, impressive, and sales of entries high with more still available. Christmas decorations will be in place courtesy of several volunteers. A good profit to the Club and a good time on the night is forecast.

### **7. INDOOR TROPHY SHIELD ENGRAVING**

All seven mini shields have now been engraved for league teams and competitions winners from the 2016/17 season. These are back on the large display shield in the indoor rink.

The next TT meeting is set for 05/12/17 at 10am.

### **18. Social Team Report**

The list of events is on the notice board

### **19. Green Representatives Report**

Mower back on site after servicing and with a new throttle fitted, cost not as expensive as first thought.

### **20. Building Representatives Report**

### **21. Catering Team**

Liz now has booker card for catering use. Planning for a complete spring clean within the kitchen in the New Year.

### **22. Any Other Business**

No other business

### **23. Membership Applications**

No new applications.

**The meeting closed at 11.45pm**

### **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.

Signed: Geoff Stamp (Chairman)

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