

WELLINGTON (SOM) BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 2015 at the Clubhouse. The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

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| 1. <u>Present</u> | Alan Bell (Chair) | Geoff Stamp |
| | BW Wombwell (Secretary) | Roland Bath |
| | Anne Cowling | Jay Merrell |
| 2. <u>Apologies</u> | Bob Codd | Lew Stanton |
| | Paul Kelly | Julia Stanton |
| | Ernie Windsor | |
| 3. <u>Absent</u> | Bill Heard | |

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

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

No matters arising.

6. **Secretary's Report**

- a. BW reported that he had met with Roger to discuss the handover of the Club Secretary's role and all the relevant documents had been handed over. BW informed the meeting that he was very grateful to Roger for giving him a great deal of help to make the transition as smooth as possible. BW commented that as a relatively new member of the club he hoped that members would support him with advice and give him the benefit of their best knowledge of the matters.
- b. The meeting agreed that a letter be sent to Roger to thank him for the work he had done for the club.
- c. At present the General Committee minutes are not posted until they have been approved and signed by the Chairman. BW proposed that there is a delay of 4 months before they are posted on the notice board. BW proposed and it was agreed that the latest minutes be posted on the board within two weeks of the meeting and marked "Under Review" information.
- d. The executive committee was approved that BW should temporarily take over the role of Club Secretary until the AGM in October 2015.
- e. The Executive Committee approved BW as a signatory for the bank to take effect as soon as possible.
- f. The Executive Committee approved BW to improve disabled access to the club and refurbish the clubhouse. The work will be completed in two days time. A copy of the specification for this work has been displayed on the notice board for the past month.
- g. Notices have been posted asking for volunteers to fill the various posts for Club Officers and Organisers. It is important that these positions are filled prior to the notices being taken down on 30th September. The Executive Committee can then arrange elections if more than one person applies for the same position. Where a position is not filled, it may be necessary to reduce activities to suit the number of volunteers available. We should not be in the position where we have to fill vacancies at the AGM. It is essential that we have someone take over the role of "Catering Officer" together with a small catering team to take over the catering for next year's summer fixtures.
- h. It was pointed out that it was not clearly stated on the notices that they would be taken down on 30th September. BW said that he would attend to this asap.
- i. The playing membership of the club as at 31st July 2015 is 106 (77 men and 29 ladies).
- j. It was suggested that a working party be formed to discuss the issue of new Club Shirts.
- k. The influx of new members and the increased number of friendly fixtures has meant that there has been a considerable strain on the bar staff. More volunteer bar staff is

needed and this problem will be reported to the Executive Committee for investigation.

- l. The Presidents "Closing of the Green" ceremony will take place on Saturday 19th September 2015.
- m. A Presentation Evening is being organised for the 10th October 2015.
- n. BW asked all members who report to the meeting that they prepare a short written report for the Secretary to be included in the minutes. This is relevant when members are unable to attend a meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. Due to the absence of LS, BW handed out copies of the July financial report, which was approved and met with no comment. BW said that the books had been closed at the end of July and would be at the accountants during the next few days. This action is in compliance with the agreement made at the last AGM, so that the year-end financial statement can be considered at the next AGM in October. The figures will, of course, be for a 10-month year.
- b. The glass washer in the bar had developed a leak and BW had to carry out the maintenance wanted £250 to carry out repairs. It is an old model and is extremely expensive to maintain. In the circumstances the Executive Committee decided to purchase a new glass washer that will be installed this week.

7. Ladies Administrators Report

Julia Stanton gave apologies - no report.

8. Captain's Report

- Paul Kelly was absent. It was reported that both the "A" and "B" teams were doing well in their respective leagues. The "A" team are currently second and the "B" team fourth.
- AC reported that the Ladies results were good and she was very pleased that all of their fixtures had been filled this year, which has not been the case for a while. AC said that where possible new members are being incorporated into the Ladies Teams.
- New lady members are being invited to attend meetings where they are given help in understanding the "E" rate which is reflected on the Green.
- AC suggested that the competition application form should include a tick box that asks "Are you willing to play with the 'E' rate?"

9. Fixture Secretary's Report

- JM reported that he was very pleased by the response from members who had put their names down for 'friendly' matches. The games were all over-subscribed and this had been a very busy and measurable season for all participating members. JM has discussed the ladies fixtures with Ann and it has been decided for him to take the responsibility for ladies fixtures until the AGM. If this arrangement is approved at the AGM, JM will continue with this role for the 2016 outdoor season. It is JM's intention to arrange some 'Ladies Friendly' games for next season.
- JM discussed with Paul the Men's competitive fixtures for 2016 season, Paul has indicated for the first time in several years, men's competitive fixtures have been over-subscribed and some members have shown disappointment at not getting a regular game. Our entry into the Exeter and District 'Mens over-60s Triples League' will alleviate some of these concerns, but other options are being explored.
- JM is reviewing the Membership booklet, to bring it up to date before reprinting. A copy is given to all new members.
- Exeter District League matches are being arranged starting in October. Two people have agreed to attend the meetings.
- Two touring teams have arranged to visit us next year.
- We currently have 245 followers on our "Twitter" account.
- Fixtures are still coming in for next season and dates are being arranged. We are awaiting league and county match fixtures to be confirmed.

10. Competition Secretary's Report

This position is vacant at the moment so there was no report.
It was commented that all the club competitions were progressing well.

11. Indoor Secretary's Report

- The preparations for the Indoor Season are well under way. It was anticipated that at least two new league teams would be formed.
- All teams must be registered by the 7th of September 2015 and the league games will commence the last week of September.
- The roll-ups will continue as last year. When rinks have been booked for roll-ups and league games, it will show if there is space available for additional games. If this is the case, then our new members will be encouraged to organise more roll-up sessions, to be supervised by a coach or an experienced bowler.
- There will be a ladies indoor league consisting of three teams this season.
- The club competitions will start in December.
- In the past there has been some confusion regarding fees for indoor registration fee must be paid by 30th September and anyone not registering will not be eligible to play in roll-ups, league games or competitions.
- Roll-up secretaries should aim to collect match fees (£2 per game) for the whole season; or half season i.e. Sept to December and January to April, rather than weekly. *This would save the Treasurer a lot of extra work.*

12. Bar Steward's Report

- RB reported that the bar takings had increased significantly and the prices charged to members were still showing a healthy profit.
- The increase in takings is due to a higher number of friendly games; the hosting of the County Matches and the presence of new members.
- RB also commented that the temperature of the bar area was excessive which is due to the coolers and the fridge. RB said this issue could be overcome by the installation of two fans, one to discharge the heat and the other to bring air into the bar area. The fans are controlled by a temperature thermostat, so that they would only work when the temperature is raised at the next Executive meeting.

13. Green Representative's Report

Bill Heard absent therefore no report.

14. Building Representative's Report

Richard present and reported no report.

15. Social Team's Report

The Social Team have not submitted a report but it was noted that details had been posted on the notice board with dates and details of the social evenings and corresponding artists who were to appear.

16. Any Other Business

- The question of the broken fence panel on Corams Lane was raised and BW said that this was in hand to be replaced.
- BW requested that all committee members (1) bring a short written report to the meeting that would save minute taking, or (2) post a report in the Secretary's box if they are not attending. (3) It would be helpful if any correspondence could be sent direct to BW by email "bwombwell43@yahoo.com". If not able to attend, but have something they would like raising at the meeting, it would be useful if this could be communicated to BW as stated above, 7 days prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.35am

Date of next meeting 14th October 2015, 9.30am at the Clubhouse

Signed:.....Alan Bell (Chairman) Date: