

**Much Wenlock Bowling Club**  
**Committee meeting**  
**13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at MWBC Clubhouse, Gaskell Recreation Ground**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:**

R Kinson (RK)	Mrs B Moore (BM)	Mrs V Hodgetts (VH)
D Davies (DD)	D Turner (DT)	M Theobalds (MT)
P Gylward (PG)	R Perry (RP)	Mrs E Mumford (EM)

**1. Apologies:**

R Mumford (RM)	B Davies (BD)	W Jarvis (WJ)
E Bree (EB)	V Skidmore (VS)	A Swales (AS)

**Action**

- 2.** In the absence of PG, MT took the chair and welcomed Committee members
- 3. Minutes** of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were approved as a true record
- 4. Secretary's report:**

DT had no report other than papers circulated between meetings

**5. Treasurer's report:**

MT set out financial position, including replacing statement sent out by email by a current one. The financial position was noted [REDACTED]

Other matters discussed included:

- Where is the off-license certificate? MT
- Liability insurance premium paid
- Contents insurance – MT reiterated that replacement value of equipment is around £[REDACTED]. He has spoken to a recommended broker without success and will now approach others, e.g. NFU Mutual and was given authority by the meeting to place our assets on cover. MT
- RP spoke of the need to create a sinking fund for equipment replacement and, after some discussion, it was decided that RP and officers would set out an example of how this might look for the next Committee meeting. PG MT  
DT RP

**6. Green maintenance**

- a.** MT referred to the correspondence that had passed between the Club and the Gaskell Management Committee (GMC) since the last meeting. He, together with RM, DD and DT had met GMC on 30<sup>th</sup> June when MT chaired the meeting.
- MWBC Committee members had seen the notes of the meeting previously circulated by DT
  - There was lengthy and wide-ranging discussion between Committee members about the meeting, the background to the unprecedented increase in green fees and manner in which GMC had communicated – or had failed to communicate - with MWBC.
  - Amongst the points raised:
    - DD said that GMC had made no contribution to the maintenance of the clubhouse or pavilion. MWBC had attracted two grants towards improvements which had saved GMC money and improved facilities for the green.
    - BM said that the free use of the Gaskell Recreation Ground by local residents did not seem to apply to bowling green
    - The need for green preparation before the opening of the season and only limited work following the close.

- The GMC's disinterest in the failed cuts in 2015 despite asking for a record of them, which had been provided.
- RP said that, despite the swingeing increase, he had reluctantly come to the conclusion that the proposed fee was acceptable. The means of communicating it was not acceptable.

**b. Next steps**

- DT proposed that MWBC should set out its position in a letter, accepting the current level of fees, but setting out very clearly its disappointment at the GMC's approach and identifying outstanding concerns and what MWBC is doing to address its financial and membership issues.
- **It was decided:** that DT would draft a letter (or email) for Committee comments and this would be sent in the name of Chairman PG. DT
- After discussion **it was decided** that a notice inviting new members would be inserted in the August/September edition of the Wenlock Herald (post-meeting note – the notice has also been sent to Under the Wrekin and Village Voice [Cressage] magazines). DT
- After a discussion about involving youngsters **it was decided** to hold a family bowls day on the afternoon of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. This would be included in the above notice and the schools would be advised. DT All

**7. Team and League reports**

- EM reported that the Monday team had enjoyed three wins
- VH reported that the Tuesday team is at the top of the league
- DD reported that the pensioners are in the bottom half of their league
- AS had reported by email that "As far as Friday's Mid Shropshire 3rd division team we are still languishing at the bottom of the league due to disappointing results and having played away more in the first half of the season. It is of extreme importance that Much Wenlock remains in the 3rd division as finding 2 teams on a Monday would put the survival of the club in jeopardy." MT said that it is vital that we have the best players available to take part in the Friday team

**8. Date of next meeting** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**9. AOB**

VH reported that following the enjoyable social bowling invitation from Atcham BC last season, we should reciprocate this season. **It was decided** to invite Atcham BC for a social on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August and members are encouraged to put their names down and to assist with hospitality – contact VH (727752) for further details

All

DT suggested a review of the bar tariff. **It was decided** to review next season.

It was suggested that the notice boards be moved from the pavilion, where they can be obscured by jackets, to the clubhouse where they can be reviewed more easily. **It was decided** to move the notice boards in due course

Meeting closed at 19:12