

WELLINGTON (SOM) BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting held on 15th March 2017 at the Clubhouse.

The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

Present	Roland Bath (President) Geoff Stamp (Chair) Brian Wombwell (Secretary) John Hunt (Treasurer) Jay Merrell (Fixture Secretary)	Paul Kelly (Men's Captain) Gill Groves (Ladies Captain) John Cherry (Indoor Secretary) Vic Horne (Estates Manager)
Absent	Bernard Barnes (Asst. Treasurer) Ian Thompson (Mixed Captain) Richard Manning (Dev. Officer) David Dagg (Asst Treasurer)	Chris Williams (Membership Sec.) Bernard Barnes (Asst. Sec.) John Lister (Bar Steward)

1. Apologies for Absence

Bernard Barnes, Ian Thompson, Richard Manning, Chris Williams, John Lister, David Dagg.

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

- 1) Geoff has received a suggestion from Jay that we should split the General Committee into two Committees i.e. one committee dealing with administration matters and the other dealing with Playing matters. Geoff stressed that this is just a suggestion at this stage and asked the Committee to think about it. The reason for change would be to reduce the time taken for the General Meeting which is usually two and a half hours. Brian responded by saying that some members would then have to attend three meetings, three sets of minutes to prepare and distribute, and with some issues being discussed at all three meetings.
- 2) Bob Clarke has made it clear that he will not have any involvement with the competitions this summer. We are now looking for someone to take charge of the competitions and Barry Vile has been mentioned but we have not had time to confirm this with him as he is away on holiday.
- 3) The Green is looking good and we should thank Paul, Ernie, and John Mullen for tidying up the area at the end of the Green now that the fence is complete.
- 4) A new supply of Bowls Stickers has been purchased and they are now available from behind the bar.
- 5) The Think Tank have submitted a badge design to the Exec. Committee and it was approved last week. Posters have been put up asking members to order as soon as possible so that we can order them before the start of the season. A sample was shown to the committee who were all in favour of the choice.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January were approved as a true record.

4 Matters arising.

The matter was raised as to how new Member Applications should be processed. It was decided that all applications should be:

- a) presented for approval to the first Exec. Meeting after the application has been received.
- b) pinned onto the notice board where it shall remain for two weeks so that any member can object.
- c) the application is then removed from the board by the Membership Secretary who will then liaise with the relevant coach who will advise the membership officer when the new member has completed their coaching or if an experienced player that they have been assessed by the coach as satisfactory.
- d) When the new member has been signed off by a relevant coach, a letter is sent advising that they will become a member when they have paid the membership fees.

- e) The Membership Secretary should contact the previous club of any experienced players to check that they are of good character.
- f) Social members are pinned up on the notice board for two weeks and then presented to the Exec. Meeting for approval.

5. Secretary's Report

The Fixture Booklets, Reregistration Forms, and Competition forms are all ready for collection in the clubroom.

The Competition Rules have been completely revised and are on display on the Notice Board.

The Tea Rota is being produced for April and May. A rota for the remainder of the season will be formulated in May when we have a list of Full Members.

Honour Boards - They will be updated after the final of the Indoor Open Singles result has been announced.

The Exec. Committee has accepted an invitation to stage the 2017 Regional Men's Singles Championship for disabled bowlers.

6. Treasurer's Report

- 1) John presented the monthly financial report that was accepted without question
- 2) David Dagg and John Hunt are still working to resolve issues around the Lockers.
- 3) All Officers dealing with capital equipment are to be involved in compiling an Asset Register and assessing depreciation.
- 4) We have purchased the 6 sets of new bowls from Bowls England that Richard successfully negotiated which will be used for coaching beginners.
- 5) Our Ice machine broke down and we have purchased a new machine from at a cost of £564 including delivery and installation.
- 6) Paul has requested that we urgently purchase a "Turf Doctor" at a cost of £251 that will allow him to remove the bare patches from the green and swop with good patches from the corner of the green. This was agreed by members of the Exec. Committee and it is now on site.
- 7) The order has been placed with Dales to replace the grippers in the Indoor Green, split the centre seam, move the centres to the ends, re sew the seam, and then give the carpet a thorough clean. The work will be done on 24th August. The total cost will be £1,125.00 plus VAT.
- 8) John reported that he has been entering information into the accounting books as has been done previously. A new Excel accounting system has been recommended by the auditor and this is now being used. It will be reviewed with the auditor in due course.
- 9) We have paid £90.00 to register three teams with the West Somerset bowls League.

7. Ladies Administrator

This position is vacant.

The role of the Ladies Administrator:

- a. call a ladies meeting to discuss County competitions
- b. Compile the tea duty rota
- c. Arrange two Ladies meetings each year to discuss issues that need raising at committees or the AGM

8. Development Officer Report

Richard is on holiday so no report.

At the last Exec. Meeting Richard reported that he had submitted some applications for grant funding in relation to the proposed alterations to the Clubhouse.

9 Men's Captain

- a. The chart has been put up in the Changing Room for members to indicate which leagues and matches they would like to compete in. Paul urged all Full members to put their names down as soon as possible.
- b. Brian to send reminder email to members re Men's Practice.
- c. Handicapping is being sorted.

10 Ladies Captain

Up to now only 10 Ladies have applied for Ladies League.

11 Mixed Captain

Ian Thomson not available today

Team sheets for members interested in playing in the first 4 Friendly matches of the summer have been posted on the Notice Board.

12 Fixture Secretary Report

An extra fixture has been added on Friday 26th May when we will play Pines Gardens (Exeter) in a mixed friendly Home match.

13. Competition Secretary's Report

No Report. There are no competitions running at the moment

14. Indoor Secretary's Report

Indoor League matches are now nearing conclusion and final scheduled matches are as follows:

Men's final game is on 13/04 Wellington 1 are top at the moment.

Ladies final game is on 31/03 Kingfishers have a big lead.

Midweek final game is on 18/04 Demons are leading

Weekend 08/04 Woodpeckers and Pilgrims are fighting it out.

Roll -ups will ideally finish on Friday 14th April but there is no set finishing time.

At least three members have indicated that they wish to play indoors this summer so booking sheets will be inserted into the binder based on the normal £2.00 per person for two hours. Should sufficient people be interested John will explore the possibility of setting up a fixed Roll -up programme.

Indoor Competitions - The Indoor Open Singles is still in progress with the final match set for Sunday 26th March at 11.30pm.

The Honour Boards need bringing up to date for this year and last year's competitions.

15. Bar Steward

John Lister is on holiday.

Roland reported that the dishwasher and Ice machine have not been cleaned recently and they should be included in the regular cleaning regime by bar staff. (Diane is not tasked with cleaning anything in the bar area.)

16 Think Tank

The Think Tank met on the 14th February and the following items were raised:

- 1) **Name badges** - A supplier, specification and cost has been established and approved by the Executive Committee and a notice supported by emails will go out in the next few days to members. The badges have a magnetic fastening and the cost is £4.00 each to members as long as we can reach the minimum order quantity of 50. When a composite list has been established the order will be placed.
- 2) **Bowls Tour** - Over 40 people have shown interest and it has been decided to progress investigations into a 4-night stay at the TLH Leisure Resort in Torquay for 9th to 13th April 2018. Price £184.00pp. with a supplement for a single room. The charge includes B&B with evening meals, organised bowling on the four indoor rinks, and use of the resort facilities. TLH require a holding deposit of £250.00 within four weeks. Members are required to pay the club a £25pp deposit by the end of July to enable the deposit to be paid in full to TLS by middle of August. Members pay the balance direct to TLS at the end of their stay. More details will follow after a meeting at the resort between Mike Connor and John Cherry on Wednesday 22nd March.

3) New Suggestions

- a) The final plans for the major club alterations should be put to members for approval at the AGM or EGM before they are implemented.
- b) Jay Merrell has suggested that we have a set of Club Rules that indicate the behaviour expected from members which are not included in the Constitution. The list would be an evolving document that can be added to or changed without recourse to the AGM or an EGM.

Typical items would be:

Not interfering with heating controls

Switching lights off when rooms are not in use.

Treat all members with respect at all times.

Members are asked to contact John Cherry if they would like to put forward any items they think should be included in the list.

17. Social Team Report

The final Social Event of the winter season will be the Cleverly Everlys. The sheet will be posted on the social notice board on Richard's return.

18. Green Representatives Report

- 1) Paul says that his team is working hard to get the green into the best possible condition ready for the Opening of the Green.
- 2) Paul presented a soil analysis report which showed that the various soil conditions had either improved or stayed the same. The chemical treatment we apply this year will be based on the current state of the soil that should lead to further improvement. It will take several years to bring it up to the best standard.
- 3) There are no plans yet for planting the beds. Pergolas have been planned for the paved areas at the end of the green. Paul made it clear that nothing is to be planted without his express permission. **It is important that we do not have any plants which can contaminate the green by seeding, rooting, or leaf dropping**
- 4) Richard will be asked to sort out the hanging baskets as last year.

19. Building Representatives Report

- 1) Vic reported that the light at the front of the Indoor Green has been repaired
- 2) Vic is investigating methods of controlling the indoor green temperature in a way that cannot be tampered with.
- 3) Richard Manning says that the new Building Management Team are carrying out a full survey of the Building and Grounds and will report in due course.

20. Catering Team

- 1) Opening of the Green should be a Bring and Share event. Note to go out to members
- 2) It has been planned to do a deep clean of the kitchen prior to the Opening of the outside green.

21. Any Other Business

There were no issues raised

22. Membership Secretary

Chris presented a report that we currently have 89 Men full members, 36 Lady full members, 3 junior members, 4 life members Total **132**

We also have 77 social members.

The meeting closed at 12.05pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.

Signed:Geoff Stamp (Chairman)

Date: