

WELLINGTON (SOM) BOWLING CLUB

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Extra General Meeting

Monday 14th November 2016 - 7.30pm at the Club House.

Minutes

1 To receive the Year End Accounts from our Auditor.

The auditor Kevin Dickenson handed out the Annual Accounts and there were no questions from the floor.

Mr Dickenson then went on to say that 2016 was a fantastic year for the Club. The financial position of the Club has seen a turnaround of a loss in 2013/4 to a substantial increase in income this year. There had also be a considerable investment in modifying and improving the buildings and facilities due to the successful access of various grants. The membership had also grown substantially when in previous years there had been a steady decline. This has led to an increase in membership fees and a substantial increase in bar takings. He noted that the various social activities had also made a significant contribution by raising money that was used to buy equipment for the kitchen.

He congratulated all the members who had worked hard to make this all these improvements possible.

Mr Dickenson finished by saying that he was proud to be associated with the club and hoped that our success would continue in future years.

2 To discuss and agree any changes necessary to the new Constitution.

- i. The Executive Committee proposed at the AGM that the Social Membership fee should be raised from £5.00 to £10.00 and this matter was referred to this meeting for further discussion.

The Chairman opened this debate by reporting that the General Committee had discussed this matter again and they now agreed that there should be no change in the cost of Social Membership.

*There followed contributions by many members and the conclusion was that there should be **No Change the cost of Social membership will remain at £5.00***

- ii. Club Secretary - It has been brought to my attention that part of Section 4 is not fully explanatory and can be misinterpreted. I would like to propose that clause 4.1.2 should read as follows:

Full members can use the facilities offered by the club including the outside green without charge. They must also pay the additional Indoor membership plus £1.00 per hour when playing on the Indoor Rink.

It was agreed unanimously that the Secretary should make this clear in the Constitution.

- iii. Section 2.1 The original Constitution says that there should be "a President and two Vice Presidents one of whom shall be a woman". This is not included in the new Constitution. I propose that we should include "a President and a Vice President".

It was agreed that the Constitution should be changed to "a President and a Vice President."

Changes to the Constitution proposed by Dai Helps

- a) A hard copy of the Constitution should be given to all new members once they have been accepted and have paid their subscription.

It was agreed that all new members should be given a copy of the Constitution and that all future amendments should be sent by mail or email to all new members.

- b) All official communications to be sent to members either electronically or by hard copy as they choose. The Secretary reported that this procedure is already in place. Communicating with members was easier and quicker by email and did entail any printing or postage costs for the club. It is also easier and cheaper for members to keep documents on file for reference.

No voting was necessary.

- c) A draft copy of the AGM minutes to be published and displayed on the Club Notice board no later than two weeks after the AGM.

After some discussion an amendment was tabled to extend the original motion to four weeks. **A vote was taken and the amendment was passed unanimously.**

- d) A draft copy of the General Committee meeting minutes to be published and posted on the club notice board no later than two weeks after the meeting.

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- e) Items c) and d) to be incorporated into the job description of the Club Secretary.

This was passed unanimously.

- f) An extra Motion had been put in the Secretary's box on the day that the EGM was called but not found until the following day. This was proposed by Mike Connor and stated " That Richard Manning should become a member of the Executive Committee". The Chairman said that it is not constitutionally correct to vote a member onto a committee. He proposed an amendment that the position of Development Officer should be appointed to the Executive Committee and as Richard fulfilled that role already he would automatically become a member of the Executive Committee.

This was put to a vote and it was agreed that the Constitution should be amended to appoint the Development Officer to the Executive Committee.

- g) Some minor changes were requested from the floor as follows:**

Clause 3.1.2 The membership fee for Indoor Membership should be paid by 31st October and is for a full year. **Approved**

Clause 5.1.9 should not refer to indoor.

Indoor games are white tops and grey bottoms. **Approved**

Clause 3.5.9(a) This clause to be deleted and replaced by ***"When a candidate has been elected they automatically become a member immediately after they have paid the relevant membership fee. If the fee has not been paid within calendar one month they will deemed to be in default and their application will be void unless sufficient cause for delay can be demonstrated. Approved***

3 To approve the adoption of the new Constitution subject to the changes necessary to accord with the decisions made at the recent AGM and at this meeting.

It was agreed that the Constitution as distributed to members is formerly adopted by Wellington Bowling Club subject to the Secretary making the amendments all as agreed at the 2016 AGM and the Extraordinary Meeting of 14th November 2016.

4 To elect the Auditor - Robin Dickenson was elected as our Auditor for 2016/17.

5 Vacancies - To elect members as Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Lady Administrator, Assistant Treasurer.

John Hunt was appointed as Treasurer, Chris Williams was appointed as Membership Secretary. The position of Lady Administrator and Assistant Treasurer remain vacant

5 The Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm