

GOSPORT BOWLING CLUB

Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 17TH May 2021

Attendees

Christine Hall	(CH)	Malc Weston	(MW)	Ken Mogridge	(KM)
Brian Kelsey	(BK)	Tom Start	(TS)	Doreen Gill	(DG)
Paul Tansley	(PT)	Derek Collins	(DC)	Jean Turnbull	(JT)

The meeting was preceded by the Chairman expressing his wish for a vote of thanks from the club to the Secretary, Paul Tansley and all the maintenance crews who have worked diligently throughout the Covid period for the sake of the club and its members. This request was unanimously supported by all present.

The Chairman also asked for a minutes silence to be respected for all the fellow members we have sadly lost of late. This request was unanimously observed by all present.

1. Apologies Received MB - Vice Captain attending, Doreen Gill

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held on 5th September 2020, was proposed by PT, seconded by TS and unanimously agreed by all present.

3. President's Report (CH)

Due to Covid restrictions and Lockdowns there has been very little activity involving the President.

One item that I have been involved with is the organisation of the Big Bowls Weekend. The purpose of the weekend is to attract new bowlers to the game. This is an incentive by Bowls England, which is to take place over May Bank Holiday Weekend.

It has been encouraging to see the number of bowlers that have registered so far this year and looking forward, I believe that the club membership will increase as the season progresses.

As some restrictions for bowls have now been lifted, I would like to hold the Club's Memorial Day on Saturday 24th July. I believe by this date more bowlers may be participating in the sport to make this event viable. It would also be good if all the Club's officers were in attendance.

A second proposal was made to hold the Founders Day alongside the Memorial Day on the 24th July, a vote was taken with all present unanimously in favour. Further details will be forthcoming soon.

4. Secretary's Report

Doors and Windows

During an inspection in January by the council surveyor, I pointed out that my interpretation of the terms of our lease meant that the council should be partly responsible for the cost of the new patio doors and windows we have had to install due to the condition of the frames. I also raised the subject that the front and fire doors were not in our view of sufficient quality for external security doors.

Following some drawn-out negotiating we ended up agreeing on the solution that each party would pay the costs with regard to their responsibilities under the terms of the lease and therefore the council would reimburse GBC the sum of £3038.10 of the £4400.00 cost and also replace the external hollow construction doors with solid hardwood doors.

CCTV

The Secretary reported that the CCTV is fully installed and working well, this was fully financed from a grant secured from Sports England under the Return to Play - Small Grants Award.

This is not only acting as a huge deterrent for anyone thinking of entering the property but has also enabled me to use it as a tool to negotiate a discount on the club insurance.

Disability ramps

With the goal of making the GBC a fully inclusive club in the near future, Derek Collins and I managed to secure sponsorship from Straightline Taxis and Electrotrade Ltd to cover the purchase costs of disabled ramps for the internal kit room door and for the internal and external of both patio doors.

These were purchased with the assistance of Dales Sports who kindly ordered them on our behalf from the supplier using their discount terms and saving the GBC an extra 10%.

Insurance

The combined insurance policy has been renewed for another year through Higos Insurance Services.

One additional benefit of the extra security from the CCTV is that it has enabled us to negotiate a discount on last year's premium of £221.42. We have also now added cover for malicious damage to the AWG of 60K.

The Secretary advised that we shall need to add a further CCTV camera situated on the pavilion covering the AWG to ensure that any malicious damage is recorded to guarantee we have a chance of a successful claim.

The Secretary is to obtain quotes from suitable installers and report back to the committee.

Constitution

The Secretary advised that he was in receipt of the revised Constitution from the revision committee and will disseminate copies to the Mancom this week for individual review.

A date was agreed for a revision meeting by the Mancom in June.

Friendlies

The Secretary advised that of the 10 friendlies arranged for the 2021 season, 8 had already been postponed and rearranged for the same weekends next year and in consultation with the opponent of the last standing fixture the consensus is that as the social side of this fixture as planned was not going to be possible that we will probably also rearrange this fixture for next year as well.

5. Treasurer's Report

Net worth. Balances as at 16/05/21

Savings	£30,401.76
Current	£25,884.86
Cash	<u>£467.57</u>
Total	<u>£56,754.19</u>

Other assets

Club shirts	£1,170.96
Club stickers	£71.56
Gold badges	£6.00
White badges	<u>£135.00</u>
Total other Assets	<u>£1,383.52</u>
Grand Total	<u>£58,137.71</u>

Liabilities

Lower green	£27,390.13
Bond loan	£0.00
Locker Keys	£325.00
President	<u>£207.60</u>
Total liabilities	<u>£27,922.73</u>

Net Worth £30,214.98

Our net Worth has increased by approx. £10.5k since our Mancom in March last year, due mainly to the various grants we have received from Gosport Borough Council and Bowls England.

Expected expenditure over the next three months, to the end of August, will be in the region of £2,500. I managed to get 100% discretionary relief for our business rates which has saved around £4,000. I have removed the disability liability from the list as we have all the disability equipment we require and any need to supply more will come out of club funds.

As you all may know, I am retiring from this post at the next AGM, Deral Putt is double banking me in the meantime although we haven't much opportunity so far because of the lockdown and the fact we were both in a vulnerable group that had to shield,.

6. Club Captain's Report - Nothing to Report

7. Ladies Captain's Report - Nothing to Report

8. Social Committee Chairman's Report - Nothing to Report

9. Maintenance Manager's Report - Nothing to Report

10. Derek Collins' Report

National

The club entered 3 teams for competitions - 2 x Men and 1 x Mixed - All games have been arranged.

County

The County Draw has been made and players informed. The County Club Gosport are away to Alex but awaiting confirmation for dates.

County Friendly

E-mail notification for members to play in County Friendly Games has been distributed with teams selected during the first week of June 2021.

P&D

The club has entered 2 teams for competitions - 1 x Div 1 and 1 x Combined - Notice has been distributed for P&D Competition.

Agenda Items

A. Opening of Clubhouse / Spring Clean (CH)

The President proposed that although we shall be having our usual spring clean prior to reopening the club for social functions, once restrictions allow, and whilst our standard spring cleaning regime is certainly sufficient for the rest of the premises it may be prudent to bring in a professional company to administer a 'deep clean' to the kitchen due to the length of time it had been out of action.

It was agreed that MW would investigate the costs involved and report back to the committee.

B. Safe Play (MW)

Although BE have advised that it is now possible to have up to 48 on a green, this is still subject to the individual circumstances of each club with regard to social distancing.

As we have a fence around our green preventing members from moving off the end of the green we need to be able to move sideways to enable safe distancing on a rink when playing triples and fours.

It has therefore been agreed that to enable the playing of triples or fours on our green for league matches we shall only use alternate rinks (1, 3 & 5) with the markers placed on yellow.

For daily play the booking officer will determine which rinks can be utilised for which format required and will advise the rink marker colour accordingly.

C. Open Weekend (MW)

The secretary advised that the club has signed up for the BE Big Weekend initiative and will be holding Open Days on the 29th and 30th May. The basic format for these days is to invite the public to Come and Have a Go Sessions on the Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon along with the opportunity to watch our members playing a game on the Saturday afternoon (Sat Roll Up) and on the Sunday morning

(Sun Morning Pairs). We also have a special guest on the Saturday the England Senior Team Manager and Commonwealth Games Coach Kirk Smith.

D. Disabled Toilet (MW)

The Secretary advised that he, Andrew Sherwen & Paul Tansley had reviewed the project for a disabled toilet in the main clubhouse and presented a design utilising the current office space.

Landlord permission had been applied for and has been granted.

MW explained that the project had been fully costed out and sufficient funds had already been secured through a donation from a benefactor with no money being required from club funds for the project.

The plan was reviewed by the committee and then voted on with a unanimous majority in favour of the proposal.

MW will now move the project to the next stage by applying for planning permission.

E. Cleaning Contract (TS BK MW)

TS advised that following the last meeting TS, BK & MW had completed the feasibility study on the subject of in-house cleaning of the clubhouse. BK confirmed that our previous cleaning contract cost was the equivalent of basically 30% of our membership fees and this is still subject to an advised but unknown increase on renewal.

The proposal of putting the study forward to the membership at the next AGM was voted on with a unanimous majority in favour.

F. Returning Officers / Vacancies (MW)

The Secretary advised that he was to start the advertising process for the current club officer vacancies and asked those present to formally declare their intentions to either remain in post or decline to remain in post after the 2021 AGM by the end of this month, an email request will be sent out by the 21st May.

The secretary proposed that as the incumbent President had again, due to the Covid pandemic, not been afforded a fair opportunity to undertake the duties of President in 2021 she should be offered the opportunity of rolling over for 2022.

A vote was taken with 2 abstentions and the rest in favour.

Date of next meeting: 28 / 06 / 2021 Time: 6.00

M Weston
Honorary Secretary