

Much Wenlock Bowling Club

Committee meeting

15th February 2016 at 32 High Causeway, Much Wenlock

M I N U T E S

Present: R Mumford (RM) R Kinson (RK) R Perry (RP) Mrs E Mumford (EM)
D Davies (DD) Mrs V Hodgetts (VH) Mrs B Moore (BM) B Davies (BD) M Theobalds (MT)
D Turner (DT)

1. Apologies: V Skidmore K Gardner W Jarvis A Swales
E Bree

Action

2. In the absence of the chairman W Jarvis, MT took the chair

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2015 were approved as a true record

4. Secretary's report:

DT reported Meole Brace Ladies Open Bowls Competition – Finals Day 10th July 2016
Mid-Shropshire form to be completed

DT

5. Treasurer's report:

MT reported no change in Club finances from AGM, with practical handover from B Davies taking place this evening
MT asked when the Club should pay the GRGMC the rent. It was noted that this should not be paid until an invoice was received.

MT/BD

6. Items arising from the AGM

a. Subscription rates had been agreed at the AGM in January

Match fees are to be advertised at the clubhouse. BD said that 40p goes the League and, therefore the Club has hitherto only retained 60p.

b. At the AGM it had been agreed to field four teams for the 2016 season.

c. Captains for teams:

- Monday team – to be decided at 2nd March meeting but provisionally E Mumford with M Theobalds under guidance of K Gardner
- Tuesday – V Hodgetts with R Mumford
- Wednesday afternoon – D Davies
- Friday – A Swales

d. Any other matters:

- RM reported that he had attended the Mid-Shropshire AGM.
- Secretary M Fletcher had thanked RK for all his work on behalf of the Club.
- The Much Wenlock Bowling Club logo may be used on club shirts.
- Insurance is now available online (Secretary and Treasurer to liaise)
- Mid-Shropshire website is now open for players
- The players' list has to submitted one week before the season opens. Season opens on 1st April.
 - On Wednesday 2nd March there would be a general meeting at the Methodist Church Hall
 - RK tendered his apologies, but prepared to play Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Also available for Tuesday.
 - Players' names are to be sent to County by 30th September, and the Club will be billed the following year.

MT/DT

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- Highley League DD went to meeting with RM. DD reported that Highley League is £6k in profit and is considering grants to clubs. Should MWBC apply if they become available? Club secretaries will receive £10 p.a. for printing emails!
- Highley League presentation night was not well-attended. VH and DD received £100 for coming 2nd. A prize was also awarded to K Banks and A Howells for their success.
- RM proposed purchasing 1,000 scorecards for £10 – agreed. RM
- Four captains books are to be ordered ?
- After 2nd March meeting DT will be required to advise M Fletcher (Mid Shropshire Bowling League) of names of new players. DT

7. Communications

- DT advised that he intended to send agendas minutes etc. to members wherever possible by email. It was agreed that DT would endeavour to get an advertisement in the Wenlock Herald regarding the 2nd March meeting. RM suggested a donation to the Herald but, after a short discussion, this proposal was shelved DT
- DT advised that he had set up a MWBC website which would hopefully prove to be a useful resource for members and for potential members.
Website address: www.muchwenlockbowling.club

8. Date of next meeting 16th March at MWBC Pavilion. At this meeting we will need to consider green maintenance

9. AOB

- DD – An invitation to the Senior Citizens Bowling Club Presentation night at Sinclair Bowling Club on 10th March had been received. To be raised at 2nd March meeting
- DD – The green. DD concerned that the minutes of the Gaskell Recreation Ground Management Committee (GRGMC) show that contractors would be meeting on site. No invitation to MWBC had been received. Club members had topped the green by Flymo. Maintenance by GRGMC will involve cutting grass to utility standard. DD asked for members to list hours worked on the green in the hope that the £[REDACTED] rent will be reduced pro-rata.
- GRGMC is considering seeking grant funding from sponsors in exchange for displaying their names
- The pavilion accommodation needs to be reviewed. A working party will be needed for maintenance works.
- DD reported that GRGMC intends to meet Much Wenlock Cricket Club and MWBC, but nothing had been heard yet. There was interest in the GRGMC's intentions regarding grounds maintenance including the paths and hedges. Trees on the Linden Walk have been pruned but there was no sign of any work on the bowling green hedges and trees. Also concern about low hanging bough over pavilion. Hon Sec to contact GRGMC DT
- EM suggested moving gate in hedge. Proposal shelved.
- VH reported that polo shirts can be bought for £8.95 and sweatshirts for £13.95 each. Alternatively £20 for one of each. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the strip would be purple with gold logo. Measurements would be given on 2nd March when quantities could be decided.
- RM reported that two floodlight bulbs were not working. Agreed to purchase four bulbs RM
- BM raised the topic of the start position. It was agreed to move it to the school side of the green this season.

- BD reported that Club insurance only covers members and people working on the green. It does not cover equipment. This needs to be placed on cover – inventory required BD
- BD asked about the proposed pavilion lean-to. DD has made a mock-up and will consult T Motley.

Meeting closed at 20:45