

Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Committee meeting
20th September 2017 at MWBC Clubhouse
MINUTES

Present: D Davies (DD) Mrs V Hodgetts (VH) A Swales (AS) M Theobalds (MT)
D Turner (DT) Mrs B Moore (BM) A Harris (AH)

1. Apologies: R Kinson Mrs E Mumford B Davies W Jarvis
P Gylward (PG) R Mumford R Perry (RP)

Action

2. Vice Chairman AS welcomed Committee members

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2017 were approved as a true record.

4. Secretary's report:

- We requested of the Gaskell Management Committee access by minibus for the Wheatland Care Home's residents to watch the bowling on the Gaskell Field. The response received was *"I'm afraid we have a policy that only allows vehicles on the ground for maintenance purposes. However, I understand that the school may be willing to allow access so I suggest you get in touch with the school or the Leisure Centre directly to make arrangements."* Further oral representations to the Mayor yielded no movement on this position. It is, of course, not feasible for these vulnerable local residents to walk any distance or to negotiate steps and this worthy proposal has had to be shelved.
- On 26th August we sent an email to the Gaskell Management Committee about a new disabled access through the rear of the cabin which will allow us to modify the steps and give clear wheelchair access to the toilet. We also set out details of the proposed new roof and combined shelter. Materials and labour were quoted. No response has been received other than D Gibbon saying "this will be an agenda item at our next committee meeting and will reply in full then."

5. Treasurer's report:

- MT reported no expenditure since last meeting. [REDACTED]
- The green usage fee of £1,200 has been reserved, as has the Senior Citizens' league fee. [REDACTED] although green maintenance, the water heater and plumbing may dent this sum.
- Grant application to BCGBA had not been acknowledged. We will not be pursuing this further.

MT/PG/DT

DT/MT

6. League meetings

- **R Mumford had reported from the Mid-Shrops meeting** that a Wolverhampton bowling club, EEC, want to join the league. Members felt that, in the absence of other information, distance to away matches alone, would sound a cautious note. RM to decide.
- The league dinner is on 13th January 2018 at White House Wellington. We should decide who goes as all clubs are charged for two tickets. Menu should be on their website.

RM

7. League reports

- Mon -Mid-Shopshire League Division (5): MT reported that we remain in 9th place, although a significant distance ahead of 10th and 11th–placed clubs.
- Tue - Highley League Division (1): VH reported we are still bottom of the league
- Wed - Senior Citizens Division (2): DD reported we have dropped to 6th place.
- Fri - Mid-Shropshire League Division (3): AS reported we remain in 6th place.
- Committee members noted that Monday evening requires a captain to take over the role from Mrs E Mumford who has done a sterling job for several seasons. Succession planning generally was discussed, incoduung ensuring that captains have a good grasp of the rules and protocol.

8. Club competitions

- R Mumford had submitted a report as follows:
 - i) Ladies singles winner Rene Wildblood; Runner-up Liz Mumford
 - ii) Mens singles winner Keith Banks; Runner-up Peter Gylward
 - iii) Rods Cup to be announced on night
 - iv) Ladies Doubles winners Rene Wildblood & Judy Blakeway; Runners-up Barbara Moore & Vera Hodgetts
 - v) Mens Doubles winners Tony Howells & Don Davies; Runners-up Ivor Moore & Tony Swales
 - vi) Keith Gardner Shield winners Bob Perry, Jim Glancey & Alan Harris
 - vii) Two further cups are still to be played down to final
 - viii) One cup being played this Friday the 15th
 - ix) P Gylward sent comment “Continued lack of support for competitions - only mere 8 turned up for last Fridays competition , Why lack of support from Friday night team players - Is there a need to play competitions on a wk end during day light hours”

9. Teams performance and player selection

c/f

10. Response to GMC 10-year management plan

- The draft position statement should be sent to the Gaskell Management Committee, with a copy to the Cricket Club

DT

11. Ramp and shelter

- See secretary’s report

12. Maintenance etc.

- Invoice required for water heater
- Benches had been painted. Many thanks to those who picked up a paintbrush!
- Green maintenance. Steps need to be agreed very soon to “put the green to bed” for the winter. Agreed to write to the GMC as follows “The Club will be playing the last game of the season on Monday October 2nd when we will be in a position to work with the Gaskell Management Committee in "putting the green to bed" for the winter. As usual, members of the Club will be pleased to provide the labour carrying out the work. Would you please let us know as soon as possible whether you will be providing the materials required to keep the green in good order or will you be wanting MWBC to purchase them on your behalf. The Club are prepared to contribute to the cost of this required upkeep.”

DT

13. Life membership

- Format agreed, to be framed – for delivery on Presentation Evening

DT

14. Cup proposal – trophy report

c/f

15. Presentation evening

- 11th November at The Pottery, tickets £18.50 to include a meal. Tickets to be printed by MT. Tickets to be available from VH and MT
- Rena Wildblood’s excellent quiz to be distributed via team captains

VH/MT
EM/VH
DD/AS

16. Date of next meeting

- To be confirmed

PG/DT

Meeting closed at 7:24pm