

## Wellington (Som.) Bowling Club

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**The meeting was opened** by the Chairperson at 0930.

1. **Present:** Allan Bell (Chairperson) (AB), Roger Peddle (Secretary) (RP), Lew Stanton (Treasurer) (LS), Julia Stanton (Ladies Administrator) (JS), Ann Cowling (AC), Geoff Stamp (GS), Roland Bath (RB), Jay Merrell (JM), Bob Clarke (RC), Gordon Wedlake (GW), Ernie Windsor (EW) and Brian Wombwell (BW).
2. **Apologies for absence:** Paul Kelly and Bill Heard.
3. **Absent:** Bob Codd.
4. **Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **Matters arising:**
  - 9(b) AC informed members she had met three new lady indoor members who had all expressed an interest in playing outdoors.
  - 10 JM informed members he had updated the new fixture list.
6. **Secretary's Report:**
  - (a) RP brought members up to date regarding the installation of solar panels. Derek Vile has had a look at the lease and also reviewed the comments from the insurers. A meeting will be arranged with Brendon Energy to query one or two items before it is signed off.
  - (b) RP showed members the email from the think tank which caused some concern. The wording implied that they wanted to run the outdoor competitions rather than the Competition Secretary. Members also felt that a £2 entry fee for all competitions was better than a £1 entry fee for each competition. JS also felt that the Amy Stanton trophy should be added to the list. It was also suggested that the item regarding new bowlers needed to be clarified.
  - (c) RP stated that some members had said that the Executive Committee should be abolished and that there should just be a General Committee. Concerns and questions were raised at this prospect and a vote of confidence was passed endorsing the continued existence of the Executive Committee.
  - (d) RP told members about the forthcoming meeting with SASP but said he would unfortunately be unable to attend.
  - (e) It was recommended that March 9<sup>th</sup> would be the spring meeting. RP will put up a notice about it.
  - (f) RP brought members up to date with the latest meeting of the WSF and said we should produce a copy of the money paid out for the work done on the fire exit doors to try and get a grant towards it.
  - (g) RP suggested that we appoint a safety officer but members suggested a "risk assessment" officer would be a better title.
  - (h) RP brought members up to date regarding entries into Bowls England competitions.
  - (i) RP told members that due to a lack of entrants doubts remain whether the club will be able to run both the forthcoming quiz and the social event featuring Ian Lockyer.
  - (j) RP updated members regarding new applications for membership.
7. **Treasurer's Report** is attached, plus:
  - (a) LS told members about the various quotes that have been received for the emergency lighting and fire/smoke alarm detection system. RP said he would seek clarification from the fire brigade as to what level of cover they would be happy with.
  - (b) LS reported that the bar takings were considerably higher than this time last year. It was suggested that bar prices could be raised to offset no increase in annual subscriptions but RB thought there was no need to unless the cost to the club rose.

**8. Ladies Administrator's Report:**

(a) JS brought members up to date regarding the tea issues brought on by the letter from the Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club.

**9. Captain's Reports:**

(a) Nothing from the men's captain.

(b) AC advised members she would try to ensure that ladies would be entered into competitions.

(c) AC suggested that shirts used for the ladies league games could be loaned out, washed and returned.

(d) GS mentioned about new indoor members playing outdoors and whether there could be any reduction in their subscriptions. JS thought that if they got 6 weeks coaching for free they should then pay £64 rather than £80. GS also asked RP for a list of members which he agreed to send.

**10. Fixtures Secretary's Report:**

(a) JM outlined new fixtures with Fosse Way, Morchard Bishop and Sherborne.

(b) JM mentioned one touring team had withdrawn and that the fixture with Sidmouth had been cancelled as we would be classed as a touring team with associated expenses.

(c) JM mentioned the possibility of joining the Exeter and District Men's over 60's triples league in 2016 and will put up a notice about it. They play on Wednesdays.

(d) The fixtures books will be printed shortly once issues with sponsorship have been sorted out.

**11. Competition Secretary's Report.**

(a) He was not aware of the "think tank's" proposals but would be happy to work with them.

**12. Indoor Secretary's Report:**

(a) GW passed on congratulations to AC and Mike Connor for their success in the mixed pairs competition.

(b) GW stated that he was disappointed that no ladies had entered the open singles competition.

(c) GW suggested that new teams could be formed but they would really need to have at least one experienced player in them. BW said he welcomed that idea.

**13. Bar Steward's Report.**

(a) Bar takings continue to rise.

(b) RB stated that the bar really needed more staff to run it but despite a notice having been put up a few months ago there was very little response.

**14. Green Representative's Report.** He was not present but had passed on that a sea weed and iron mixture had been put on the green but that it really needed some rain to wash it in. The green will be spiked shortly.

**15. Building Representative's Report:**

(a) The fence panel by the tree will be repaired.

(b) Walls are in the process of being painted.

(c) The front door is due to be varnished.

(d) The old wooden club sign will be renovated

(e) The seat in the ladies toilet will be replaced.

**16. Catering Officer's Report.** There is no report as the post has still not been filled.

**17.Social Secretary's Report.**

(a) AC reminded members of the club dinner at the Oake Manor Golf Club in April and told them that a menu together with a form to fill in with seat options was on the noticeboard. The main course choice and money needed to be with her by the end of March.

(b) AC told members that the bin in the kitchen was often full so RB offered to empty it.

**18.Any other business:**

(a) Members agreed to thank Mike Connor for his efforts in acquiring the trophy cabinet.

(b) Members agreed with the think tank's idea to re-instate the presentation evening.

(c) Members suggested that the Mayor of Wellington be invited to either the Opening of the Green or the Open Day and RP agreed to write to his office with an invitation.

(d) Pending a decision on new shirts members agreed that existing ones be sold off at £5 each.

**There being no further business** the meeting ended at 1150.

**Date of next meeting** will be Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 0930.

Chairperson.....07/04/2015