

GOSPORT BOWLING CLUB

Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 04TH October 2021

Attendees Barry Sykes - Chair
Christine Hall (CH) Malc Weston (MCW) Ken Mogridge (KM)
Tom Start (TS) Paul Tansley (PT) Jean Turnbull (JT)
Derek Collins (DC) Mandy Wilde (MW) Madge Burns (MB)

1. Apologies Received Paul Tansley

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 28th August 2021 was proposed by CH, seconded by TS and unanimously agreed by all present.

3. President's Report (CH)

I was very disappointed that we had to cancel Founders/President Day again, due to lack of numbers. My hope is that, next year when we are back bowling on grass, we will not have to cancel such an important day to the club and its members.

As President I have not had many duties recently apart from the Summer Trophy presentation which went well and was enjoyed by all who attended.

I also attended a Presentation for our P&D Ladies teams, who were both promoted in 2019. The trophies were presented to the ladies by Hazel Marke, past Bowls England President. I would like to thank Derek for arranging this. It was very much appreciated by all.

It is good to see the Winter Season proving to be more popular than ever this year.

4. Secretary's Report (MCW)

An update on the current winter membership which is now up to 164

GOSPORT – 65

OTHER CLUBS – 99

AWG Maintenance

We had a visit by Dalessport to inspect the AWG to advise if there was any maintenance required the technicians remarked that the green looked remarkably good for nearly 5 yrs old and could not find any necessary work that was actually required. We pointed out the lip around the edge of the green and were advised that it was normal but that it was possible to lift the carpet and re-screed the first meter to raise the level. This re-screed would eliminate the lip around the outside edge of the green to the ditch and as advised by the technicians this was not deemed as necessary maintenance as most greens do have this due to the settlement of the sub base over time, and was common on an AWG to find a lip around the edge whereas most grass greens tend to have the opposite and taper down towards the ditch.

As the technicians deemed the work as non essential the committee unanimously agreed to leave a re-screed until other work was required, to be reviewed annually.

5. Treasurer's Report (KM)

Net worth. Balances as at 01/10/21

Assets

Savings	30,403.28
Current	29,255.32
Cash	105.08
Total	59,763.68

Other assets

Club shirts	1,170.96
Club stickers	71.56
Lapel badges	17.00
Gold badges	6.00
White badges	135.00
Total other Assets	1,400.52

Grand Total 61,164.20

Liabilities

Lower green	32,787.63
Disability equip't	2,058.86
Disabled toilet	2,916.00
Locker Keys	340.00
President	415.30
Total liabilities	38,517.79

Net Worth 22,646.41

The lounge decoration is now completed at a cost of £1920.78, the foyer should be next but most of the materials have been purchased already, included in the lounge figures.

160 winter bowlers have signed on this season, bringing in a total of £5417.50, this goes towards the money set aside for maintenance and replacement of the artificial green.

6. Club Captain's Report

All Weather Green Information from 2015

Back in 2015 it was the then President Peter Jackson's Vision/Dream to replace the lower grass green (which was very rarely used, because it looked like a world war 1 battlefield) with an All Weather Green (AWG). It was agreed by members at the 2015 AGM that the club would proceed with the project.

Permission was granted by Gosport Borough Council and an AWG committee with 8 volunteer club members. They gave up many hours of their time over the coming months, as they all had different tasks and they visited and played on AWG's in the surrounding area to gauge the best type for Gosport B C.

At that time the two main companies to contact were 'Dales' (Dynamic Green) and 'Greengage' (Engineered Green) which refers to how the base is prepared before underlay and carpet are laid. After comparing the alternative constructions the order was awarded to Dales to transform the old grass green to what we have today.

We had to arrange funding to cover the invoice cost of £102K plus VAT. We applied for a grant from Sport England and were awarded £75K, Hampshire Count Councillors contributed £5k, Gosport Bowling Club £20k, Peter's Presidents fund £1709, TML Accountants £250 and Co-op Funeralcare £250. Gosport Council placed the order with Dales for us and therefore covered the £20K VAT costs. Special thanks to them all as we wouldn't have been able to achieve and complete the AWG project without their generosity.

Peter Crowley and Cowplain Bowling Club helped us immensely with our grant application to Sport England, in that they loaned their application documents, to assist us, as they had applied for a grant a couple of years earlier.

The 'Dales Cup' was awarded to the Club by the company, and is played for by Cowplain BC and Gosport BC annually and this year's match happens to fall on our green's fifth anniversary of Opening Day.

Our AWG's Opening Day was 30th October 2016 and dignitaries present were Mayor of Gosport, Ken Graham Hampshire President, Chris Carter and Peter Edgar Hampshire County Councillors and Andy Thomson England International, among many other local Club's Officers.

Since opening local schools Leesland, Alverstoke, Gomer and Haselworth have allowed their pupils to come and try the green during term time. Members from local Bowling Clubs have joined us for the Winter season and have enjoyed their time with us (whether their bowling is good or bad on the day).

The AWG is available for the community of Gosport and residents are most welcome to come and see what we have on offer. It has been a tremendous asset to our club and the Gosport area.

7. Ladies Secretary's Report

Well done Maria Mogridge for runner up finalist in P&D ladies 2 wood P&D/county comps – will be displayed in the ladies changing room before end of Oct/early/Nov

The ladies get together proposed dates are 22/23/29th Oct. And will be confirmed ASAP.

8. Social Committee Chairman's Report (TS)

The Barbecue went well and was well attended.

Jacuzzi Jazz - an extremely good Sunday lunchtime event but not well supported.

Those who did attend thoroughly enjoyed the event but the Social Committee would like to see more Club Members in attendance.

Due to the competition from 'Strictly' we have decided to change the Bingo from Saturday to Friday evening. Fingers crossed this will improve attendance!

The Quiz night was poorly attended - perhaps we need to promote this more.

The Children's Christmas party is already booked with the same Children's entertainers employed as were the last time we held the kids party. They were very successful.

Future events are already booked for the New Year - watch this space.

Last, but not least, a new member has joined the Social Committee. Debbie Fensome is a very welcome addition to the team.

9. Maintenance Manager's Report N/A

10. Derek Collins' Report - Nothing to Report

AGENDA ITEMS

A. DALES CUP (MCW)

The Secretary advised that the Dales Cup match calling notice had received a great response and was already well oversubscribed, the Secretary wished the Men's and Ladies Captains the best of luck in sorting that one out.

The match will take place at Gosport on Sat 30th Oct at 1300 hrs.

ALL SPECTATORS ARE VERY WELCOME.

B. TEA BOAT PROTOCOL (TS)

Tom Start asked the question as to where the profits from the tea boat are deposited; the Treasurer confirmed that any proceeds received from the tea boats are deposited in the main club account.

The President advised that following an impromptu survey carried out by the Ladies Treasurer where the honesty box was emptied before the start of bowling on one of the most popular sessions.

Bowling was carried out as normal with approximate numbers of coffee/tea drinkers noted by the participating Ladies Treasurer.

At the end of the session and after all bowlers had dispersed the honesty box was emptied once again and the monies counted.

The results were distressing as it showed that only just over 50% of bowlers drinking a beverage had actually paid for it.

The Secretary also commented that there has been a number of complaints with regard to the state that the pavilion was being left in with unwashed cups, and food debris over the table and floor and a member has proposed that the club does not undertake to provide any refreshments at a cost to the club and that any members who wish to have coffee etc bring their own and take any residue home with them.

The committee discussed the situation and has unanimously decided that we shall continue to supply tea, coffee, sugar and powdered milk for the consumption of the members at a cost of £0.30p per cup but that each member will have to provide their own cup which they will need to bring with them and take away at the end of each session. Members are fully entitled to bring their own beverage and make full use of the boiling water supplied, FOC.

C. CHUB INSPECTION

Chub Security has now completed their annual inspection and has renewed the fire safety certificate for the following year.

D. An Open letter received from Nick Payne

An open letter from Nick Payne was reviewed and discussed by the committee.

It was unanimously decided to answer Nick privately and a letter of reply was drafted and forwarded.

Date of next meeting: 08 / 11 / 2021 Time: 1800 hrs

M C Weston
Honorary Secretary