

Wellington (Som.) Bowling Club

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 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), 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, Ann Cowling 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:** Nil
6. **Secretary's Report:**
 - (a) RP brought members up to date regarding the installation of solar panels - a notice will be displayed advising members of the dates when they will be installed. Members were also advised as to the lease and the deed of appointment which has been reviewed and updated with two trustees named on it.
 - (b) RP told members that it had been some time since a written report had been received from the think tank. A member of that team will be invited to attend the next meeting.
 - (c) RP confirmed that the Mayor and Mayoress of Wellington would be coming to officially perform the "opening ceremony of the green" on Saturday 11th April.
 - (d) RP told members about the meeting with SASP in regard to the "open day" and coaching course. The cost of the coaching course is heavily subsidised by SASP so there will only be a small cost to the club but spaces are limited so only two members will be asked if they would be interested in attending.
 - (e) RP told members he would be attending the next meeting of the WSF and was hopeful of receiving a grant towards the work done on the fire exit doors.
 - (f) RP has spoken to Nick Channon regarding a risk assessment programme but this has yet to be formalised.
 - (g) RP handed out a leaflet about club structures and told members that the Executive Committee was looking into this issue and would report back at the next meeting.
7. **Treasurer's Report** is attached, plus:
 - (a) Discussions took place about closing the annual accounts so that they could be presented at the AGM rather than at the spring meeting. Whilst it would technically mean altering the constitution it was agreed that this would make sense.
 - (b) LS reported that following advice received at RP's visit to the council offices the club would present the Mayoress with a bouquet of flowers purchased from club funds.
8. **Ladies Administrator's Report:**
 - (a) JS brought members up to date regarding the installation of emergency lighting and fire alarms. To minimise disruption in the club it had been agreed with the contractors that the work would commence on 11th May and was expected to take about four days.
 - (b) JS reported that the tea rota had been issued to all members and that following her forthcoming hip replacement operation Helen Ilsley would be taking on some of her duties.
 - (c) JS reported that she had been informed that Brenda Manning would be the spokesperson for the Social Committee.
 - (d) Fixtures books have now been enclosed with competition entry forms and subscription slips.

9. Captain's Reports:

- (a) Paul Kelly had passed on that there was an attendance sheet on display for male members to fill in.
- (b) GS advised members that teams for the first three friendly games would be picked tomorrow. He also asked if he could be informed as to the actual membership status of anyone picked.

10. Fixtures Secretary's Report:

- (a) JM asked that members put their names down for friendly games even if they were oversubscribed. This would give him a better feel for next season as to whether the number of rinks could be increased or should be decreased.
- (b) JM mentioned that it would be difficult to fit in "finals days" for 2015 as there did not appear to be any free space available and thought needed to be given for dates in 2016.

11. Competition Secretary's Report.

- (a) RC reminded the committee that any entrants into any competitions must be fully paid up members.

12. Indoor Secretary's Report:

- (a) GW passed on congratulations to John Lister for winning the open championship.
- (b) GW commented on the condition of some of the indoor trophies and suggested that the think tank be asked to look into the possibility of replacing some of them.
- (c) GW reported that the Hemyock team had pulled out of the afternoon league.
- (d) GW suggested that a combined indoor/outdoor presentation evening be set up.

13. Bar Steward's Report.

- (a) Bar takings continue to rise and RB saw no need to increase prices unless suppliers increased theirs.

14.Green Representative's Report. He was not present but had passed on that the green had been scarified and cut and that it had been sprayed to prevent worm casts.

15. Building Representative's Report:

- (a) Doors and benches had been varnished.
- (b) The seat in the ladies toilet had been replaced.
- (c) Brickwork around the back iron gate is due to be inspected.
- (d) The repair to the fence around the tree has yet to take place.
- (e) EW is looking into the possibility of building a ramp to enable wheelchair access to the green.

16.Social Secretary's Report.

- (a) AC was not present and her role will be taken over by the social committee.

17.Any other business:

- (a) RP will put up a notice (with a deadline) about removing items from the changing rooms.
- (b) BW updated members with his progress on grants and disabled access.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1205.

Date of next meeting will be Friday 12th June 2015 at 0930.

Chairperson.....12/06/2015