

WELLINGTON (SOM) BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting held on 10th October 2017 at the Clubhouse. The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

<u>Present</u>	Roland Bath (President) Geoff Stamp (Chair) Brian Wombwell (Secretary) Chris Williams (Membership Sec.) Vic Horne (Estates Manager) Tony Gibson (Treasurer)	Paul Kelly, (Men's Captain) John Cherry (Indoor Secretary) John Lister (Bar Steward) Gill Groves (Ladies Captain) Ian Thompson (Mixed Captain) Clive Manning as observer
<u>Absent</u>	Jay Merrell (Fixture Secretary) Richard Manning (Dev. Officer)	Diane Troake (Catering)

1. Apologies for Absence Jay Merrell, Richard Manning, Diane Troake

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

This is the last meeting of a very busy year and Geoff thanked everyone for the contributions they have made to the Committee and to the club.

3 Minutes of the September meeting were approved as a true record.

4 Matters arising.

A question was asked if any progress has been made about putting up a notice displaying the names of members who are qualified First Aiders. Brian informed the meeting that an email had been sent out and he had received 5 responses. Three of these have recently re qualified and have experience and two were not now qualified but have had training in the past but their certificates have run out of time. The three qualified are Steve Lovell, Francis Wade, and Christine Willcocks. An email has been sent asking for their approval before displaying the names on a notice.

5. Secretary's Report

- The AGM documents have been sent out by email and addressed hard copies are in a box in the clubroom for those without email.
- Brian explained that the question of what teas we are prepared to serve at home Friendly Matches had been discussed at the last meeting but a vote had not been taken. A vote was taken, the decision being that Jay should be asked to limit teas to Tea and Biscuits but where necessary he should be allowed some discretion to agree to Light Teas.
- Brian suggested that we should invite Fran Hughes to the AGM so that we could thank her for all the work she has done over the years in coaching people who are new to bowling and have now joined as members. This was readily agreed and Brian was asked to contact her.

6. Treasurer's Report

A meeting has been held with the Auditor and he has been given all the accounts figures which have now all been reconciled.

Bill said this had involved a great deal of work as he and Bill only took over at the beginning of August and there had been several problems. He apologised that he had not had time to prepare a financial report this month because he and Bill were busy working on the year-end figures.

7. Ladies Administrator

Position Vacant

8. Development Officer Report

Richard has been away on holiday and is now unwell. He sent his apologies for not attending and not giving a report.

9. Membership Secretary

The members with Full Membership have all been identified but the number of members playing on the Inside Rink is still being established. The final figure will not be known until 31st October which is the date required to pay. To date 81 men members have paid and 41 Ladies.

Chris then raised the question of when Social Members should pay their membership. Brian informed the meeting that the Constitution does not state when Social membership has to be paid and this is complicated because people are allowed to join at any time during the year. If the Constitution is to be changed an Annual renewal date should be stated. As this lasts for a year it should be either be 1st April or 1st September to coincide with the other memberships irrespective of when the initial Social Membership application was accepted. It was decided to add an addendum at the AGM to the Proposal by Dai Helps to raise the Social membership to £10.

10. Men's Captain

Nothing new to report as the season has finished.

11 Ladies Captain

The Ladies finally finished 5th in their league which is better than they have done for the past two years.

12 Mixed Captain

An analysis of the Friendly games shows that we won 72% of the matches played over the summer which is a big improvement over last year. We had a good start and finish to the season but lost our way for a while in the middle. That we are improving is very encouraging. It is also encouraging that we had 6 new lady members participating in the friendlies and they did very well.

13 Fixture Secretary Report

Jay was working so his written report was read out by Brian.

- a) We have been allocated a place in the Devon Over 60's League for a "C" Team.
- b) Jay will be working in the Falklands from 8th January to 17th April. Brian agreed to take responsibility for getting the summer season fixture list printed.
- c) As discussed earlier Jay requested some flexibility when agreeing "Teas" at home matches especially with clubs who travel long distances. When this is agreed he will contact the teams who have not already agreed "Tea and Biscuits" and when necessary offer "Light Tea". (This has now been agreed.)
- d) We are still awaiting the WSBL and Exeter League men's fixture lists but these are expected very soon. The Mixed Friendly 2018 fixture list is almost complete. The first draft will be published as soon as we receive the required information.

14. Competition Secretary's Report

The outdoor competitions have finished.

15. Indoor Secretary's Report

- 1) League and Roll-ups.- The Indoor bowling programme for 2017/18 is up and running with details of the members in league teams and roll-ups, and match fixtures pinned to the notice board in the Indoor Rink.
- 2) Some minor adjustments are still being made as new recruits finish initial training and want to be included in the roll up groups. The process this year has been chaotic with team players being poached from other teams, others have signed for more than one team in the same league, recruits assigned to teams before membership, last minute team switching or withdrawal, incorrect name spelling and lack of contact details etc. **The process for planning/preparing the Indoor teams and play programming, coupled with introducing new members into this must be more closely regulated in future.**
- 3) Completed score cards will be recovered by team secretaries and used to create weekly league tables as usual. The second card to be placed in the Publicity Officers wall wallet even though this post is still vacant.
- 4) Where vacant sessions are available for booking we are now operating the new system and there are booking forms up to the start of club competitions in the binder. When club competitions start there will be fewer vacant sessions available. Instructions on how to make the bookings are in the binder with examples.
- 5) The notices for the Men's Singles and Ladies Singles competitions were posted on the Indoor Notice Board on 9th October. The entry closing date is Friday 20th October. A draw will be made after the AGM on Monday 23rd October with the first matches to be played on Sat 4th and Sunday 5th November.

- 6) Similar actions to be taken for the Mixed Doubles and Open Singles later in the season.
- 7) The competition entry fees to be £1 as previous. This money to go towards the cash awards and the display shield engraving.
- 8) The Indoor session bell has yet to be re set to ring 10 minutes before the end of each session and to accord with new session times.

16. Bar Steward

- a) The bar is much quieter now that the outdoor has finished
- b) John is showing Steve Lovell how everything is done ready for handing over after the AGM.
- c) Steve is accompanying John to Bookers so that he can be shown around and introduced to the staff.

17 Think Tank

- a) Bowls Tour 2018 - a reminder in early November will be sent to participating members that the £159 a person cost balances must be paid to the club by
- b) 11 February 2018 after which the combined amount must be paid by the club to TLH resort by 11 March
- c) Kitchen Painting - this has been completed to a very high standard by Phil Brigden and Ed Norris with minimal inconvenience to members.
- d) Given that the hoped for financing of the major clubroom alterations has fallen through Phil and Ed have now offered to provide basic painting to all the changing rooms and the ladies toilets to brighten up these rather tatty looking rooms. The committee decided that this be done as soon as possible.
- e) Other Clubroom improvements - now that the major alterations are not going to happen the suggestions made some time ago should be considered again. These include a better display of the framed photographs, replacing the large Honour Boards with something more modern and compact and better notice boards. The committee agreed that these items should be discussed at the next meeting when Richard Manning is present.
- f) Short Mat Bowling - should we now make use of the short mat bowling equipment in the club room to augment the reduction in availability of the Indoor Rink due to more matches and Roll-ups being played. The committee agreed that this was a good if the problem of the bump where the dance floor joined the carpet could be overcome. This problem is being looked into.
- g) Stackable Chairs - Another 30 or 40 Black stackable chairs like those in the clubroom are available from Relyon. These will be requested and brought to the club around 13th October if the committee agree. We can then arrange disposal of the old padded wooden chairs. The committee agreed that we should accept the chairs from Relyon and the old chairs should be given to the Rugby Club for their bonfire.
- h) Trophy Presentation Night - The Trophies are currently with Alpha Trophies of Taunton for engraving /repairs. A new Ladies trophy is to be purchased. Indoor trophy shields will need engraving later. Overall cost estimate is about £540 (a breakdown of the cost is available. If the competition entry fee is increased from £1 to £2 this would generate about £100 extra. The committee agreed to the costs and that the competition should remain at £1 this year.

18. Social Team Report

The list of events is on the notice board

19. Green Representatives Report

- 1) All of the winter treatments have been applied to the green including the top dressing. The team will make regular inspections to check for moss etc. and fungicide will be applied when necessary.
- 2) The mower will be sent for servicing when the temperature drops and the grass stops growing.
- 3) The Team have all confirmed that they will continue next season.
- 4) Attempts have been made to improve rink 2 which has presented some problems and also to improve the levels generally.

5) The mower will be going away soon and will have a new blade pack fitted and a general overhaul. The turnaround time will be about 10 days.

20. Building Representatives Report

Vic has experienced difficulty in finding a suitable contractor to service the two gas heating boilers. An engineer has now been found and the boilers will be serviced on Thursday this week.

AN estimate has been obtained for replacing the frost damaged bricks on top of the retaining wall outside the club by the road. To take off the old bricks and replace with engineering bricks the cost would be over £4,000.00. The alternative to use concrete coping would be £2,300.00. We are seeking better quotations. Some of the bricks are loose and if they are dislodged and cause any damage to passing vehicles or pedestrians we may be held liable.

21. Catering Team No report

22. Any Other Business

Brian asked the Committee members to discuss each of the Proposed motions which are to be put to the AGM so that they could assess their merits or otherwise. Minutes were not taken and no decisions made.

23. Membership Applications

No new applications.

The meeting closed at 11.45pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.

Signed:.....Geoff Stamp (Chairman)

Date: