

Wellington (Som.) Bowling Club

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Friday 12th June 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), and Ernie Windsor (EW).
2. **Apologies for absence:** Paul Kelly, Jay Merrell 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:**
 - 7(a) Annual accounts will close on 2nd August so that they can be presented at the AGM.
6. **Secretary's Report:**
 - (a) Following the recent open day RP reported on the meeting he had had with Brian Wombwell regarding recruitment and grants and informed members that a building site plan would be drawn up and saved on a disc/USB stick for future use.
 - (b) RP read out the report from the think tank which queried the role and responsibilities of the grant application team. RP told members he had replied to the think tank spokesperson's query and had also asked about the ongoing situation regarding the honours boards.
 - (c) RP proposed that applications for posts for 2015/2016 should close on September 30th in order to send out ballot papers should there be multiple applications.
 - (d) RP told members that anyone who proposed or seconded membership applications should think very carefully before they did so and not just treat it as a "tick in the box" job.
 - (e) RP told members John Cherry had agreed to take on the post of Indoor Secretary.
 - (f) RP confirmed that the solar panels were now in place.
 - (g) RP reported that the emergency lighting and fire alarm system had been installed.
 - (h) RP was pleased to see that the changing rooms were now looking a lot tidier.
 - (i) RP was pleased to report that the Wellington Sports Federation had given a £200 grant towards fire safety improvements.
 - (j) RP reported that Bob Clarke had resigned as Competition Secretary and that a notice seeking a replacement would be put on the noticeboard.
 - (k) RP read out the notes from Bob Clarke about an incident on the outdoor green, and the report from the ladies welfare officer and the card sent to JS. Members were told that the incident had been dealt with and agreed that the ladies welfare officer should be advised that correspondence is sent on the behalf of the club in general and not just one section.
 - (l) RP read out the note from Bob Clarke.
7. **Treasurer's Report** is attached, plus:
 - (a) LS said that partial repayment of the loans towards buying the mowers would be made on 1st July.
8. **Ladies Administrator's Report:**
 - (a) JS brought members up to date regarding the forthcoming tournaments.
 - (b) JS reported on the forthcoming president's day at Hemyock. Members agreed to ask Win and Den Courtney if they would like to play and Ann Cowling agreed to join too.

9. Captain's Reports:

- (a) Members were told that there had been some concern over the men's team sheets and were told that Paul Kelly would be asked if there could be separate sheets for each team.
- (b) AC brought members up to date with the results of ladies matches and also told members that although there were 23 lady members eligible to play it was sometimes difficult to raise enough for a team.
- (c) AC asked why no lady member had been approached to go on the recent coaching course. JS responded by saying that was not the case and Gill Groves had been asked but declined.
- (d) AC reported that more ladies' friendlies were needed and this has been discussed with the Fixtures Secretary.
- (e) GS brought members up to date with the results of mixed friendlies and he also stated he would not be standing for re-election at the AGM in October. He also asked if RP could advise team captains when any changes were made to membership lists.

10. Fixtures Secretary's Report:

- (a) RP read out the report from JM, a copy of which is filed.

11. Competition Secretary's Report.

- (a) As reported earlier by RP, the Competition Secretary has resigned and a replacement is being sought.

12. Indoor Secretary's Report:

- (a) As reported earlier by RP, John Cherry has taken over as Indoor Secretary and will attend the next meeting.

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 and had not passed on anything to report.

15. Building Representative's Report:

- (a) Doors and benches had been varnished.
- (b) The hedge has been trimmed.
- (c) The repair to the fence around the tree has yet to take place.

16. Social Team Report.

- (a) The Social Team Representative was not present but had prepared a report which RP read out. The report confirmed that their representative would not physically attend meetings but would provide copies of their own meetings to the committee.

17. Any other business:

- (a) Members queried whether having a "hog roast" might be a good idea.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1225.

Date of next meeting will be Wednesday 12th August 2015 at 0930.

Chairperson.....12/08/2015