

Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Committee meeting
15th March 2017 at 45 Sheinton Street, Much Wenlock
MINUTES

Present: R Perry (RP) Mrs B Moore (BM) A Harris (AH) R Kinson (RK)
B Davies (BD) Mrs E Mumford (EM) M Theobalds (MT) A Swales (AS)
D Turner (DT) R Mumford (RM)

1. Apologies: Mrs V Hodgetts W Jarvis D Davies
P Gylward

Action

2. Vice-Chairman AS welcomed Committee members, welcomed AH to his first committee meeting and thanked BD for hosting the meeting

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2017 were approved as a true record, subject to a minor change.

4. Secretary's report:

- DT reported:
 - Highley League Pre Season Meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st March at Bridgnorth Bowling Club at 7.30pm. Clubs not represented at each league meeting will be fined £10. AS to attend
 - Local resident Glyn Williams had made a donation in memory of his late parents. His father was a keen bowler. Consideration of how this sum is to be used will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

AS

5. Treasurer's report:

- MT reported that all income received since the last meeting had comprised membership fees, apart from Glyn Williams' donation.
- Subscriptions for 2017 thus far total £596. Last year totalled £748.
- The current account currently stood at £[REDACTED]

6. Team and League reports

- The first home match is Pensioners on 5th April
- 7th April at home to Harlescott
- 4th away to Broseley

7. Membership renewal and team update from 8th March recruitment meeting

- MT reviewed paid-up members and highlighted new members. A few who have expressed interest, but not committed, to be chased up.

DT/MT

8. Report from meeting with Gaskell Management Committee 13th March

- RM reported as follows
 - a) Green preparation – the first cut will be on 24th or 27th March, but this has not been confirmed by the GMC. K Banks has already undertaken four cuts and applied mosskiller.
 - b) Parking - there is no news on access to the school car park.
 - c) Wenlock Olympian Games – no progress, so **it was decided** to write to WOS with an update
 - d) The GMC wants MWBC to install a water meter in the standpipe by the clubhouse. The suggestion is that MWBC will only be billed for the water that is used. Apparently GMC will reimburse the cost of the installation
 - e) A requirement to install a ramp to the clubhouse was raised.
 - f) GMC suggested that the Club write in asking that the two large conifers skirting the bowling green be removed.

DT

- A lengthy discussion ensued in which:
 - BD advised that the first cut would be on 24th March
 - It was decided to organise a meeting on site to look at the steps, wheelchair access and the water pipe.
 - It was decided that the Club was broadly in support of the Management Plan but, without having seen it, the Committee could go no further.
 - **It was decided** to write to GMC organising a meeting of both parties on the green
9. **Wenlock Olympian Games – suggested date of bowls competition to be weekend prior to main event**
- MT suggested that, if car parking had been resolved by the date of the Olympian Games, we could have our internal competition the week before the Games and the Open Competition the following week.
 - It was decided to contact the Wenlock Olympian Society accordingly DT
10. **John Langford Cup - Craven Arms green on 29th March**
- RM noted the likely participants RM
11. **Pavilion security**
- MT had found the BCGBA website unhelpful and his efforts to contact officials had proved fruitless. Work in progress MT
12. **Lighting**
- John Heath may visit the green on 17th March, weather and ground conditions permitting. RM
13. **Water heater**
- John Heath to investigate RM
14. **Bench maintenance**
- The benches are a mess. **It was decided** to invite members to adopt a bench – we should appeal for volunteers DT
15. **2017 Fixture list**
- DT to contact Ernie Bree DT
16. **Bar prices**
- **It was decided** that AS and VH should review AS/VH
17. **March working party**
- The green has been cut four times
 - Grass around the green requires attention
 - Tidy up fallen twigs etc.
 - Clear ditch and replace rotten boards
 - Set out and clean/repair benches
 - Prepare kitchen for the season All
 - **It was decided** that an invitation to be sent to all members for 25th March DT
 - Phone RM if the weather sows the seeds of doubt!
18. **Life membership**
- Obtain template for certificate from E Bree DT
19. **Cup proposal**
- RP suggested a knock-out competition in memory of a recently-deceased member. After discussion **it was decided** that the competition would be open to all members and RP would investigate suitable trophies/cups/shields RP
20. **Date and location of next meeting** DT
- Probably 5th April at the Club house – DT to advise
21. **Any other urgent business**
- BD reported that the Club house door is rotten and needs to be replaced.
- Meeting closed at 21:05