

Malmesbury Bowls & Social Club General Committee Meeting 28 March 2022

1. Present

John, Paul, Tom, Joan, Roger, Graham, Roy

Apologies - Derek

2. Matters Arising from any previous meetings/activities

a) Access to the club-house

This is now a priority with the first game of the season in less than two weeks. John will contact Wayne to set the alarm by remote timer. This system will be trialled with a view to adding a key fob access system at a later stage if it is required.

b) Steps and ramp

There has been no success in obtaining alternative quotes for this work. Tom will meet with Ruby to review the design.

c) Tree

A letter has been agreed and will be sent to the owner.

d) If the membership fee is due to be changed then the current club policy is to raise this at the end of season meeting (usually held in September but could be later as the season has been extended).

3. Treasurer's Report

The club finances remain in good health.

An external accounts review was positive with a note for the need to reconcile petty cash.

All cheques currently cost the club an unsustainable amount (£10.00 per cheques regardless of value). Regrettably therefore the club will only take money via cash, Sumup or bank transfer in future.

4. Club Status

Various issues related to CLG status were raised and discussed.

The presentation by Alan Lane cannot now take place on April 5th as a re-arranged skittles game has taken that slot. Alan is able to attend on April 6th instead.

As the friendly bowls game on April 23rd has been cancelled the final deadline for members expressing a preference on the club status will now be Sunday May 1st.

A voting process was agreed.

5. Club House Report

A simplified version of the report was used as the basis for discussion.

It was agreed that health and safety issues should take priority with some items being tackled 'in-house' and others being offered as contracts.

Tom will re-present the list with further details so that items can be more easily allocated to responsibilities and a timescale.

6. Cotswold league 2022

a) Selection

Names for the first A V B game (now moved to Wednesday May 4th) have been identified. A B team captain will need to be identified. This person will then become the second contact for the Cotswold League.

All players will be encouraged to participate in the early season away friendlies to gain some experience on grass greens, before the season starts.

Rolls and crisps will be offered after home games.

7. Other Fixtures and Competitions

a) 2021 competitions must be completed by Friday April 29th at the latest. Any outstanding quarter finals by April 7th, semi-finals by April 14th. Matches will be forfeit if not completed in time.

2022 competitions will then be launched.

b) There was a discussion concerning the continued use of a digital process for signing up and informing members. Over the last two years a digital format was essential for most games. Some organisers will use this method while others will return to the club board/paper based approach.

At the end of season meeting members will be asked for their preference.

8. Bar Issues

a) Bar staffing was allocated to re-arranged skittles games

b) Staffing the bar throughout the season will be challenging. It may be possible to allocate paid bar staff to some games however a volunteer system will also need to be in place.

A blank rota will be published at least a month in advance and members asked to sign up against it. Where there is no offer from a club member (or associate) then the players will have to run the bar themselves.

c) A proposal was made to switch from self-supported to industry supported bar stock, including pumped beer. The initial outlay would be viewed as a long term commitment, to be recouped over time.

9. Maintenance

Nothing to report

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a) A loyalty scheme for a local pub has been publicised

b) The current process for alcohol licensing is being reviewed.

c) A taster session for some potential members has been arranged the morning of April 9th

Date of next meeting – Monday April 25th 2022