

CHELTENHAM WHADDON BOWLING CLUB

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY 05 OCTOBER 2023 AT 2.00PM

Present: Dave Simmons, Andy Todd, Dave Hooper, Don Bailey, Peter McGiffie, Jill Whistler, David Hearle, Alan Adams, Jan Bowd, Debby Hooper

APOLOGIES

Ray Hawkins, Derek Fry

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Secretary had circulated the minutes of the previous meeting on 07 September 2023. There were no amendments, so the Chair signed the printed copy as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

2. There were no matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings.

PROPOSALS FOR AGM

3. We had agreed at the previous meeting to reach a decision on a proposal on subscription fees to put to the AGM. Dave Simmons repeated his recommendation that we increase fees by £10 this year and then by £5 in the following year. Though not yet audited the annual accounts showed a net loss of £5000: there were some unusual and 'one-off' items which inflated this outflow, but our costs, in particular gas and electricity, would continue to rise and we could not sustain this without more income. He noted that Coors, our bar supplier, had raised their prices again, so we would have to review bar prices to maintain our 40% margin. Nevertheless, our bar prices would remain significantly below those charged at public houses (though not those at some 'competitor' clubs).

4. Debby Hooper had also proposed some changes to Social members' subscriptions (see attachment 1) and we considered these before deciding on full membership fees. There was some support for her contention that Social members enjoyed a very good deal, taking advantage of lower bar prices and paying much less than Full members for these facilities. However, against this, these members did support club events and without them our bar income might suffer. We had simplified our membership structure last year and did not want to reintroduce a further tier of membership, which would not have a significant effect on income (7 social members playing in Short Mat, so this would only generate £140).

5. In conclusion we agreed to propose the following increases in membership fees to the AGM:

- Full membership to go up by £10 next April and a further £5 the following year, so rising to £150 in April 2025.
- Social membership to go up by £5 next April and a further £5 the following year, when it would be £30.

6. We had received a proposal from Yvonne Anderson-Foss (see Attachment 2) to amend the club rule on dress, which would require all teams representing the club, including Ladies' teams, to wear club shirts (in effect abolishing the Ladies uniform). This would avoid confusion over correct dress and promote club recognition. We discussed this at some length and agreed that we would put the change to the AGM for ratification.

PRESENTATION EVENING

7. Jill reported that arrangements for this event were in hand and she and her team would have access on Saturday for preparations. The Committee thanked Jill and her helpers for their efforts in making the arrangements and going back to the original date.

COUNTY COMPETITIONS

8. We agreed that the club would enter the County 2 Rink and County Challenge Cup for next season. We also agreed that that we would offer our green to host later rounds of County competitions. Andy reported that we already had several individual entries into County competitions, including Ladies, for the first time in several years,

SELECTION OF TEAMS

9. The Secretary had received several comments from members questioning the selection for club teams (affected all teams, Men's, Club matches and Afternoon Triples). Members were concerned that newer players may not have been treated fairly. He drew attention to the club's selection policy, drawn up several years ago and emphasised that selectors must be aware of and adhere to selection policy, regarding fair allocation of games. Dave Hooper took this opportunity to thank Ray Hawkins and Don Bailey for their help in selecting Club and Men's teams and gave a reassurance that the Selection committee did try to abide by the policy.

10. In this context Dave also noted that there was a proposal to be debated at the NGL AGM that club's should submit a list of players at the beginning of the season and only these nominated players would be eligible to play in league games. The initial proposal was for a squad of 24 but we were concerned that this was too few for a 20-player team: 30 would be more sensible. There was also a proposal to reduce the length of games to 18 ends, which we would be in favour of.

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11. David Hearle noted that there was **lost property** in various parts of the club and suggested that we should have a lost property box, so that people would know where to look for any lost/misplaced items. We agreed to set up a lost property box and to list items on the club's website.

12. Dave Hooper had a number of questions:

- **Updating of Honours Board:** Andy reassured him that the Honours Board would be updated soon and with the agreed change replacing the Waghorne's Trophy with the John Adam's Trophy winners. Waghorne's would revert to its existing board.
- **Progress of club Who's who:** since there would be changes at the AGM, Andy would take action to provide a board, showing club officers and their photos, after then.
- He wanted to know how much income we had received from **hiring the car park** for football matches. Dave Simmons replied that so far, we had received £500.

- **New oven:** David Hearle had found some candidates in the right price range to replace an oven and would consult with Ray Hawkins on the most suitable one.
- He was concerned that the freestanding bookcase in the lounge looked untidy and that we had too many **books for sale**, taking up too much storage space. As a result of the discussion which followed, it was decided to make space for overflow books by moving crockery in the cupboard in the Ladies toilet. Pat McGiffie would sort through the books to remove those which are unlikely to sell.

13. We agreed that we should have a **Christmas Raffle** this year.

14. Don Bailey noted that the **House & Grounds** had made some steps to improve access to the green. Foxes had again caused some small damage to the green and that they had now fixed chicken wire to the new gates, which is where they were getting in. Their winter tasks would include repainting the boiler room and Ladies toilet.

15. Alan Adams had received a request from Hereford BC for a game and had agreed a date.

16. Jill Whistler reported that the **Gent's toilet** had been left in a mess on two occasions. We agreed to put a notice on the door to remind members that they should leave it as they find it.

17. Debby Hooper said that the **Skittles evening** had made a profit of £70 for the club.

Andy Todd
Secretary

Signed as a true
record:

D. Hooper (President)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18. We agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 7 December at 2.00pm.

Attachment 1

MEMBERSHIP FEES (See Para 4 above)

Social membership to stay at £20 per annum. Paid by ALL SOCIAL Members

A further £20 payment by SOCIAL members to upgrade to Short Mat playing membership.

FULL Membership to stay as is.

The reason for this is that I feel that Social Members that wish to play in short mat games are getting a lot for a very small sum of £20 while Full members are Paying £135 for the same consideration. Everyone pays £1 per game so I don't feel that justifies not charging the upgrade.

We have recently had an influx of Social Members that are not only getting the benefits of club bar prices AND inclusion to our regular Social Events but are flooding the entry to Short Mat matches.

It's not fair to make ALL Social Members to pay more so I feel that the current £20 should stay for those just using the bar on a Friday evening or a Saturday Social event.

Debby Hooper. Membership Secretary

Attachment 2

Proposal on Dress for club matches for 2023 AGM (Para 6)

[Proposed by Yvonne Anderson-Foss, seconded by Julia Honer]

Dress on the Green

Para. 7(b) of APPENDIX B (CLUB RULES) of the Constitution states:

For Club and Competitive Matches Members shall wear club shirts or white collared shirts with grey or white trousers or skirts or tailored shorts, as advised for the match. Socks, if visible, should also be grey or white. If required, white outer or waterproof clothing may be worn.

This proposal has two parts. These are independent of each other but are provided together, as they both refer to the same paragraph in the Constitution.

Proposal A is to delete “or white collared shirts”.

Currently, for ladies matches, the ladies wear white collared shirts with, if needed for warmth, green waistcoats or cardigans. The proposal is that for all Club and Competitive matches the club shirt should be worn by everyone.

Reason for proposed change

1. It's easier to turn up in the right top if you don't have to work out which one you're supposed to be wearing (on a couple of occasions this season a team member played in the 'wrong' top, i.e. club shirt in a ladies match, white top in a mixed match). It's bad enough working out what colour trousers to wear!
2. There's no rule about what design a white top should be - it can be a polo shirt, a fully buttoned blouse or shirt, long sleeved, short sleeved, etc, and can be made of any material so the result doesn't send out 'team' signals. Imagine the confusion if we were playing against another Club that also had random white collared tops as their 'uniform'. Surely, we should make it clear which club we're representing.
3. The green waistcoats and cardigans are 'recycled', i.e. when someone leaves they hopefully donate their green clothing to the Club so that it can be passed on to a new player. No supplier has been identified for the purchase of new tops in the correct green colour (which apparently is Devonshire green).

Proposal B is to change the final sentence to “If required, club or white outer or waterproof clothing may be worn”.

Reason for the proposed change to the wording:

To change the Constitution to reflect what is actually happening.