

GOSPORT BOWLING CLUB

Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 04th March 2023 0930

Committee Members

Malc Weston	(MCW)	Barry Sykes	(BS)	Graham Olden	(GO)
Tony Horne	(TH)	Andrew Sherwen	(AS)	Jason Wilde	(JW)
Chris Goodchild	(CG)	Mandy Wilde	(MW)	Paul Tansley	(PT)
Jim Oswell	(JO)				

Apologies Janet Cowan

Chairperson Mandy Wilde

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the Mancom meeting held on 21st Jan 2023 was proposed by TH, seconded by GO and unanimously agreed by all present.

2. President's Report NTR

3. Secretary's Report NTR

4. Treasurer's Report

A quiet financial period since our last Management Committee meeting, although our funds were given a healthy boost by a donation of £750 from Fat Face Foundation (many thanks to Club Chairperson Mandy for her successful application on our behalf) and a refund of £1,166.44 from last year's insurance charges (many thanks to Club Secretary Malc for his perseverance in bringing this to a successful conclusion on behalf of the club).

Thanks to these two receipts, which more than covered our business-as-usual running costs for this time of the year, club funds are now showing a small but very welcome increase since we last met.

As I am sure you all know bank interest rates on current and deposit accounts have been extremely low for some considerable period of time. So low in fact it has made little difference to a club such as ours whether our funds were held in a current or deposit account. Just recently our bank (Barclays) has increased the interest payable on our deposit account to 0.6%, whilst our current account continues at 0.0%. I propose, therefore, to transfer £20,000 from our current to deposit account (subject to any comments made at this meeting) which would yield £120 interest in a full year, assuming rates remain at 6%. Obviously should rates fall so will the interest we receive but something is better than nothing, which would be the case if this money remained in our current account. Furthermore, on a regular basis, I would plan to adjust the balances between our two accounts to maximize our interest earnings from funds held at Barclays.

To reassure members, our deposit account provides easy and same day access by transferring funds to our current account. Transfers to and from the deposit account require dual authorization by any two of the three existing mandated club officers (Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or Secretary). This is the same procedure for authorizing payments from either account.

I trust that this proposal will meet with your approvals.

5. Club Captain's Report NTR

6. Ladies Captain's Report NTR

7. Social Committee Chairman's Report

- To date we have had 11 successful BOB nights with an average take up of 26 members per event. BOB nights are a fortnightly Friday night event that run only in the Winter season. I would like to thanks Bob, Deral and Mandy for opening the bar. I would also like to thank those members who have supported this new Event, I can confidently say this has been a success, not only has it been additional revenue for the bar/club, but a great take up of over 300 visits since October. For those members who are yet to join in BOB night (bars open bowlers) please note the remaining dates for this season 3rd, 17th 31st March, pop along for a drink and a chat, we now have a dart board set up for those wanting to participate.
- Friday night Bingo continues to be a success and I thank Richard and Andy for leading this event, this will move to fortnightly on Saturdays in the summer seasons.
- We hosted a fun Mr and Mrs style quiz night in February, this was supported by 33 guests and although I was unable to attend, I hear it was an enjoyable evening.
- A new event was supported by 27 members, Shrove Tuesday at the club, will be in the social calendar next year. Thank you Bob and Ros for your hard work in the kitchen
- Horse racing social on Saturday 25th March
- Vocalist event is planned for Saturday 15th April
- A social calendar will be shared as a priority asap

8. Ladies Secretary Report NTR

9. Maintenance Manager's Report

1 The small area next to the ladies changing has been completed carpeted and the old desk cut down and fitted we now have a safe area for the TV Security System

2 The AWG The bank tops have been moss treated and the dead moss has been removed.

A new supply of moss treatment has been purchased and the green and ditches have been treated I would like thank the AWG teams for their excellent work we urgently require new members to join the team as we are losing 6 members at the end of March

3 We also need new key holder to lock up the club at night

4 We also still require club member to help clean the club house at the moment we have no members.

ANY HELP WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

10. Safeguarding Officer's Report

1. Safeguarding Update

An update on safeguarding was given detailing Bowls England stance on the requirement of Safeguarding Officers in every club, the deadline of 2025 season for every club to register their officer with Bowls England or forfeit their right to registration and the business risk posed by damage to reputation and loss of revenue as a consequence of clubs not complying.

2 Trans Gender

The Bowls England Trans and Gender Diverse policy was explained and an open discussion took place amongst the committee.

Agenda Items

1 BREAK DOWN OF UTILITY BILL CHARGES PT

I have start talking Electric & Gas Meter readings so we know what we are using according to the electric smart meter we are charged Standing Charge 0.25212p Per Day & .15336p Per Unit kWh I'm not sure of the correct VAT rates is I feel the bill from the Council should show Standing Charge Unit Price per kWh and the VAT rate

GO proposed that he should contact the council to discuss the bills.

The committee voted on the proposal with 8 in favour and 1 against.

2 USAGE OF THE AWG DURING THE SUMMER PT

Some members have problems to play on grass are there any ways to organise competitions on the AWG

The competition secretary's confirmed that the intention is to run various comps and roll ups on the AWG during this summer, inc a short format league programme for any member who wishes to play on the AWG. Full details to follow.

3 CHANGE SECURITY CODE NUMBER ON THE ENTRANCE DOOR PT

The committee discussed the need to change the main door code, the secretary pointed out that as we had not had a problems and now have the security of full internal CCTV coverage there was not any need for a change in the code as this would only cause its own problems for our members.

PT proposed that we change the entrance door code.

The committee voted on the proposal with 3 in favour and 6 against.

4 CLUB HOUSE CLEANING PT

Being as we have no member on the cleaning rota should we go back to having a contract cleaner on nights that the club is used the club is left clean and tidy.

The committee discussed the problem of no volunteers now coming forward to clean the clubhouse as agreed at the 2021 AGM. It was agreed that the reemployment of contract cleaners was prohibitively expensive and that we need to encourage more members to step up and help the club.

5 GENERAL CLEAN UP OF THE OUTSIDE AREA ROUND THE UPPER GREEN PT

PT pointed out that we need a team of volunteers to help with an external clean up prior to the start of the season, the committee agreed on the date of Sat 1st April 0930 for an external spring clean session.

Would volunteers please kindly contact Paul to confirm your availability.

6 CLUB PRESIDENT 2025 TH

The above position for our centenary year, to be available by committee invite only.

This prestigious position for that year should be offered to someone, of long service, who has gone above and beyond, for the benefit of the club.

The committee discussed the proposal and it was agreed that on an annual basis prospective candidates will be chosen by the committee on the grounds of longevity with and service to the club and invited to stand for the role of president following a year as the vice president. This procedure will be added to the rule book.

The committee voted on the proposal and all present were unanimously in favour.

7 CLUB LOCKERS TH

After the initial deposit of £5, lockers should be supplied FOC.

TH proposed that the rule for an annual fee to be charged for the use of a locker should be rescinded and lockers should be, after the collection of a £5 key deposit, supplied FOC.

The committee voted on the proposal with 1 in favour, 7 against with 1 abstention

8 RULE CHANGE AS

The scrapping of the current rule which only allows full members to use the club on a Saturday afternoon. Reason; Saturday afternoons are a particularly good time to 'showcase' the fun side of our bowling in addition to the rest of the facilities that are available, it would be a good time to bring guests and prospective members along to take part and see the club at its 'best' and possibly even members of other clubs visiting the area.

The committee discussed the above and agreed that even though this was in fact not an actual club rule and that as the handbook does advise that this session is for full members only which is limiting the possible attendance of others wishing to play and therefore requires changing to ensure that all know the Saturday PM roll ups are open to everyone.

9 PAY TO PLAY AS

Discuss the possibility of introducing 'Pay to Play' at certain times within the week as per Bowls England recommendation. Benefit to the club is generating income from idle rinks with potential use by existing bowlers visiting the area and another source of prospective members from the local population.

AS suggested that advertising the availability of AWG rinks on certain days would be advantageous to the club and that BE are running an online booking system which we could take advantage of. It was generally agreed that it could prove to be advantageous and that AS could follow up on the idea.

10 BE BOWLS BIG WEEKEND AS

Discuss 'Big Bowls weekend', what if anything should we plan for this weekend?

The secretary advised that following discussions after last season's participation in the Bowls Big Weekend it was agreed that we should in future look at holding our open day a couple of weeks before the BBW when we would not be in competition with other local clubs for the visiting public but rather get in first and hopefully take advantage.

It was agreed by the committee that this was a good idea and certainly worth a go.

The GBC Open 'Come and Try' Day is programmed for this year on Sat 13th May.

Date of next meeting: 29 / 04 / 2023

M Weston
Club Secretary