

Wellington (Som.) Bowling Club

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10th December 2014.

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), Bob Clarke (RC) and Gordon Wedlake (GW).
2. **Apologies for absence:** Bob Codd, Paul Kelly, Jay Merrell and Ernie Windsor.
3. **Absent:** Bob Codd and Bill Heard.
4. **Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - 6(e) Jay Merrell has been given access to the website in order to update the fixture list.
 - 6(f) RP updated members regarding the fire risk assessment carried out and that the ensuing report was long overdue. He also updated members on the visit from the fire brigade and mentioned the fire extinguishers had not been serviced.
6. **Secretary's Report:**
 - (a) RP brought members up to date with his meeting with Mike Connor who told him about his visits to insurance companies and forthcoming visit to the rugby club.
 - (b) RP told members he had put up a new post holders list but there were still issues with the Social Committee that needed to be resolved before the Social Secretary vacates her post.
 - (c) RP told members that Brian Wombwell would be happy to look into obtaining grants to improve the clubs facilities. He also mentioned that the WSF may give some money towards updating the emergency exit facilities.
 - (d) RP mentioned there was a leak in the roof of the indoor green and this will be investigated.
 - (e) RP mentioned he had put up a locking/unlocking notice.
7. **Treasurer's Report** is attached, plus:
 - (a) LS stated that there were still a few annual indoor subscriptions outstanding and a notice had been put up to that effect.
 - (b) LS updated members on the amount raised from the Xmas draw and it was suggested that a letter be sent to Mike Connor to thank him for his efforts in that respect.
8. **Ladies Administrator's Report:**
 - (a) There will be hot dogs and target bowls on Boxing Day and a notice will be put up to that effect.
9. **Captain's Reports:**
 - (a) Nothing from the men's captains.
 - (b) AC advised members she had written to new members at the same time as the secretary.
 - (c) GS advised members that he would not be available for weekend fixtures and it was suggested that in his absence a captain of the day might be appointed instead of Dai Helps. It was felt this was a good idea as it gave more players the opportunity to see what the captain's role entails.
10. **Fixtures Secretary's Report.** He was not present but had passed on his report and fixture list. Members were very complimentary on his efforts but there was a little concern over some of the fixtures being too close together.

11. **Competition Secretary's Report.** Nothing to report.
12. **Indoor Secretary's Report:**
 - (a) The men's singles were ongoing.
 - (b) GW stated that he was very disappointed with the lack of entries for the mixed pairs championship and would extend the closing date in the hope of getting more interest.
 - (a) Fixtures books are now available.
13. **Bar Steward's Report.**
 - (a) Bar takings continue to rise.
 - (b) RB stated it was likely that Mike Twyford would have a reduced role behind the bar on some Thursday nights so ideally new staff will be needed as cover. Don Wilson has agreed to cover where necessary.
14. **Green Representative's Report.** He was not present and had not passed on anything to report.
15. **Building Representative's Report.** He was not present but had passed on that the skip had been filled up with rubbish and thanks were passed on to him, Nick Channon and Roland Bath for their efforts.
16. **Catering Officer's Report.** There is no report as the post has still not been filled.
17. **Social Secretary's Report.**
 - (a) She reminded members of the forthcoming Xmas evening social event.
18. **Any other business:**
 - (a) AC mentioned that the light outside the entrance was playing up and this will be looked into.
 - (b) Members were concerned about the state of the changing rooms and the amount of bags/bowls and shoes left lying around. It was agreed that a notice will be put up in due course advising members that anything left behind after an announced date will be disposed of.
 - (c) AB expressed concern over the state of the fence in the proximity of where the tree had been felled.
 - (d) There appears to be a discrepancy between the application form on the website and the hard copies behind the bar. RP promised to resolve this.
19. **There being no further business** the meeting ended at 1120.
20. **Date of next meeting** will be Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 0930.

Chairperson.....10/02/2015