



*Buckfastleigh Bowling Club
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Executive Meeting

Meeting held on 25 January 2022 at 2.30pm.

Present: Mike Anderson – Chairman; Jeanne Pinney – Vice Chairman; Sue Heyes – Acting Secretary; Keith Stowe – Acting Treasurer; Sonia Bowden – Club Captain; Ham Sampford – Green Manager; Ladies Representative – Pauline Manfield.

Chairman's Welcome:

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies:

None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 28 July 2021 were signed by the Chairman as correct.

Matters Arising:

None.

Chairman's Report:

Mike informed all present regarding the withdrawal of the men's teams from the MDL due to the attitude of the larger clubs in the MDL towards the smaller clubs, all the motions put forward by the small clubs were thrown out.

So the formation of a new league provisionally to be known as South Devon Bowling has been created. The next meeting for the new league is on 18 February 2022 at Dartmouth Bowling Club and as Mike will be unavailable, he asked for a deputy to attend and Ham volunteered to deputise. So far 6 clubs have expressed interest in the league, to be played on a home and away basis, 3 triples either single sex or mixed teams. Mike put forward a suggestion of having up to 3 subs on the night so that any player who feels they can only play 9 ends could be substituted so as to keep as many members bowling as possible. This to be discussed at the meeting on the 18 February 2022.

Action: MA/HS

Green Manager's Report:

Ham presented the committee with a written report (attached to the minutes) and said that the servicing of the green mower is likely to be about £500 but due to covid restrictions may be later going to workshop than usual, i.e. towards the end of February was thought a likely time.

Any Other Business:

1. Annual Membership Fees

After a short discussion it was agreed to increase the yearly membership to £80 for full members, proposed by Ham and seconded by Pauline. It was recognised that this was necessary due to the cost of goods needed for the green and matches etc increasing. The fees for other sections to remain the same as follows:-

Junior member: £12

Associate member: £40

Social member: £7.50

New member (new to bowls): £20.

Sue, as acting secretary, to send out letters asap as soon as bank details are known with members being given the option of payment by cheque or BACS transfer.

Action: SH/KS

2. Big Bowls Weekend 27 – 30 May 2022

This is a National event to try to attract new people to the sport of bowling. Mike to find out more details regarding what Bowls Devon are planning as the note came from them.

Action: MA

3. Smart Meter for Electric

Everyone thought this a good idea and Tom Bowden to meet with Mike to explain meter, readings, etc. then the electric company can be contacted to provide and explain it.

Action: MA

4. Mixed Friendlies

Sue explained that she would arrange mixed friendly games as usual on a home and away basis to give players as much bowling throughout the season as possible. So far 12 matches against 6 different clubs and also against the Patrons have been arranged.

Action: SH

5. Safeguarding Officer

This position has been very kindly filled by Pauline.

6. Borders and Flower Beds

Discussions took place regarding the flower beds and replanting. Ham has offered to put in to beds composted grass as fertilizer prior to replanting with roses and then annual plants etc. A budget of £250 for roses carried over from last year was agreed. Jeanne also proposed that a low wall on the left hand side of the gate inside the green be built and filled as the current beds are to enhance the appearance as you enter the club, this to be discussed at the next meeting in March.

Date of next meeting: 3 March 2022, 2.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4pm.

Signed as correct:

Chairman

Green Report to Executive Committee Tuesday 25th January 2022

Following on from report at AGM on Thursday 14th October 2021;

Green was closed on last Saturday of September 2021 and work started to 'put the green to bed for the winter'. Grass cut, scarified, seed and granular fertiliser applied, left for a month to allow seed to germinate and grow to establish root and height ready for cutting. Cut in November. As weather closed in with wet and colder conditions, green left to 'survive'. However, it had to be treated with fungicide again to treat 'Dollar Spot'.

Now into 2022.

Cold, frosty and wet weather has prohibited work on the green, but supplies of feed and top dressing available for application in February provided the weather and conditions allow.

The Green Team are keen to get back into activity as soon as possible. We would welcome more members to involve themselves with the green as and when they are able to give time. Any odd hours would be useful, either as a machine operator, or 'chaperone' or helper.

General tidy-up needed in late February and March 2022.

With the possibility of covid restrictions being lifted let's hope that 2022 will be a better year for bowling. The Green will be ready!

Cheers

Ham

BBC Green Manager