

GOSPORT BOWLING CLUB

Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: SAT 15th OCT 2022

Attendees Barry Sykes - Chair

Christine Hall (CH)	Malc Weston (MCW)	Simon Batcheler (SB)
Graham Pistorius (GP)	Tom Start (TS)	Chris Goodchild (CG)
Mandy Wilde (MW)	Paul Tansley (PT)	Andrew Sherwen (AS)
Jim Oswell (JO)	Janet Cowan (JC)	

Apologies Received CH, JO, JC.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the Mancom meeting held on 22 Aug 2022 was proposed by PT, seconded by TS and unanimously agreed by all present.

1A Direction of Play Counter Proposal – Rob Roberts

The committee acknowledged receipt of the above counter proposal from Rob Roberts. Unfortunately counter proposals to a previously agreed and voted on proposal by the committee are not accepted.

The counter proposal was in regard to a previously minuted item which was just one line from a rule which is still in draft stage and as such was only intended to clarify the general rule on the basic direction of play.

The committee agreed that the document received did contain some valid points and comments which shall be taken into consideration and all relevant points will be included in the final draft of the ruling.

2. President's Report (CH) N/A

3. Secretary's Report (MCW)

I am very happy to report that for the first time for many years we have volunteers for every officer position on the list for the AGM and in spite of the couple of dissenters and doom merchants I believe that shows that the club is definitely on an upward trajectory.

I have been amazed by all the support I have received following my decision to reapply for election as club secretary and that has made me realise that the vast majority of the membership were actually appreciative of the work and

commitment I and the committee had put in over the last two years which was very refreshing when normally all you actually hear is just the moaning and groaning of the few.

It has shown me that the general membership through their contacts with myself are starting to believe in what the committee is doing and the plans and continual hard work that has been put in over the last couple of years is building solid foundations for the future longevity of this club.

We have a fair way to go to make this club once again the best it can be, albeit with maybe a smaller membership and on a tighter budget than in its heyday, but we all have to realise that is where this sport is in general in 2022.

We need to realise that we are not actually doing it all wrong as some would have us believe, unless every other club in the country is as well, but possibly we merely have to adopt a different attitude, maybe a new approach and a bit of forward thinking and then finally drag the club into the 21st century where it belongs.

4. Treasurer's Report (SB)

Balances as at 30th September 22

Bank Account £28,346.57
Savings Account £30,416.46
Bar £7,439.02
Social £2,344.09
Ladies £1,991.98
TOTAL £70,538.12

After 11 months of the year, the indications are that the club will have made a small profit but this will depend on how much is 'donated' back to the main fund from the three ancillary funds above.

5. Club Captain's Report (GP)

Winter Registrations. : It is disappointing to note that the registered numbers for winter playing this year is appreciably down on previous years. Should this trend continue for whatever reason, the impact of lower subscriptions could potentially effect the continued usage of the lower green in it's present format. Due to a large number of members also finding the heavy weight of the upper green to be extremely difficult to play on, unless the upper green's surface can be improved upon going forward, thought may have to be given in the future to the greater usage of the AWG as the main playing

6. Ladies Captain's Report (CG) N/R

7. Social Committee Chairman's Report (TS) N/R

8. Ladies Secretary's Report (MW)

Ladies Secretary report

- Ladies secretary from Crofton has reached out to see if our ladies would be interested in playing weekly friendly roll ups for the 2023 season – these could be both afternoon or evenings roll ups
- A few month back we successfully ran a corporate event for Fatface, all employees involved had an amazing time and wanted to thank the club and those who volunteered to help. In January I will be applying for a for a grant from Fatface charity foundation and up to £750 could be awarded to GBC, fingers crossed they will see our club as a worthy cause for their funds.

9. Maintenance Manager's Report (PT)

The All Weather Green has been moss treated and sanitized

The water boiler in the pavillion and club have been descaled

Chubb carried out an inspection of the Fire Extinguishers on the 10th October, one was replaced due to it age

The gas central heating boiler and the kitchen gas hob are booked in for a service and inspection on the 4th November

Thank you to the member who have been looking after the flower beds

Thank you to the members who have joined the All Weather Green maintenance team

I still require a couple of member to join the key roster to lock up the club at night

10. Safeguarding Officers' Report (AS) - NTR

AGENDA ITEMS

A. G&F AGM proposal (MW)

MW proposed that for 2023 we should register one of the G&F teams to play their league matches on the AWG as this would enable the bowlers who felt that they were not able to play on grass to join a team on the AWG.

PROPOSALS

MW proposed that we register a G&F team in 2023 to play on the AWG.

Seconded by AS.

The committee voted on the proposal and it was defeated by a vote of 3 for & 5 against.

B. Men's P&D (PT)

PT commented that some P&D clubs were supposedly reducing their number of teams entered in the Mid Week Triples and therefore maybe we should look at staying with two teams from Gosport. It was advised that as the decision to only enter one team from Gosport in 2023 was based upon the lack of bowlers available this season and the problems that had caused the captains having to cancel fixtures that it was the only option available.

No proposal was tabled.

C. Activities of individual club members in external Bowling Associations. (GP)

GP proposed that the following members' names be recorded for recognition.

Administrative : 1. Simon Batcheler. Men's P&D Secretary
2, Janet Cowan. Ladies P&D Treasurer.
3. Neil Rodrick. President of Bowls Hampshire
4. Mandy Wilde. Executive Committee member and

Selection Committee member for Bowls Hampshire. Mandy has already been appointed Secretary for Bowls Hampshire Year Book for 2023, which will bring her into contact with 112 Bowls Clubs County wide.

Players :

1. Simon Batcheler won the Ivan Robb Trophy for singles.
2. Ian and Wendy Homeyard and Mandy and Jason Wilde with Simon Batcheler lost in the final of the P&D Mixed 4's
3. Tony Horne, Simon Batcheler, Pete James and Ian Homeyard reached the County Senior 4's semi finals
4. Janet Cleaver reached the semi finals of the Ladies P&D 2 wood singles
5. Chris Goodchild, Di O'Connor, Maria Mogridge with Val Grinaway reached the semi finals of the Ladies P&D triples.

D. Suggestion/comments box (MW)

MW proposed that we could do with a club suggestion box for members to be able to post any ideas or comments for the committee to discuss.

The Sec advised that we did in fact have a suggestion box which is situated on the wall outside the men's changing room alongside the white board although it does require a new sign which he will sort ASAP.

E. Investment bonds (PT)

PT enquired as to what stage the proposal for an investment bond had reached. SB advised that he had the papers ready but MCW had not agreed to sign them at present.

MCW confirmed that as the terms of the bond meant that the money invested could not be withdrawn at any stage during the 12 month period and therefore due to the size of the investment could leave the club vulnerable to not being able to meet the cost for repairs to the AWG if it was to suffer serious damage which was not covered by our insurance.

Also it would in the case of the club disbanding mean that the trustees would not be in a position to disseminate the clubs proceeds under the terms of their office until the term of the bond had finished and therefore this was beyond his authority and that he would require committee approval first.

The general consensus of the committee was that as these were unlikely events and under such a situation we could rely on our membership to step up in the intervening time that it was not a serious problem and the sec could sign the papers.

SB proposed that the club should invest the sum of £40k in the 12 month bond under the terms stated and the interest received to be added annually to the AWG replacement fund.

The committee voted on the proposal but agreed the sum of 35k and the vote was carried 7 for and 1 against.

F. Officers Report process (MW)

MW proposed that the committee members apart from the sec and treasurer should have to tender their reports to the secretary at least one week before the date of each meeting to enable inclusion into the agenda thus allowing committee members time to digest the contents and therefore saving time at the meetings.

AS added that it would also help if the agenda items contained a full description of the item rather than just the heading.

The proposal was that all reports have to be in for inclusion in the agenda at least one week prior to the meetings and that all agenda items have to have a full description of the topic to be included in the agenda.

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

G. Constitution (AS)

AS presented the latest draft of the new constitution which had been disseminated to the committee members prior to the meeting, various items were discussed and it was agreed that it will be included in the AGM agenda for approval by the membership.

Date of next meeting: Pre AGM Meeting 12 / 11 / 2022 Time: 0930 hrs

M C Weston
Honorary Secretary