

WELLINGTON (SOM) BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting held on 13th September 2017 at the Clubhouse. The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

Present	Roland Bath (President) Geoff Stamp (Chair) Brian Wombwell (Secretary) Chris Williams (Membership Sec.)	Paul Kelly, (Men's Captain) John Cherry Indoor Secretary John Lister (Bar Steward) Ian Thompson (Mixed Captain)
Absent	Jay Merrell (Fixture Secretary) Gill Groves Ladies Captain Richard Manning (Dev. Officer)	Vic Horne (Estates Manager) Diane Troake

1. Apologies for Absence Jay Merrell, Gill Groves, Richard Manning, Vic Horne, Diane Troake

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

It has been a good season overall but we have had some mixed results. The A team in the Premier 2 Division have been relegated by only one point which is disappointing but our performance in the early matches was badly affected by the car accident after the first game away at Knowle where four of our players were injured.

There is much better news that both of the Over 60's teams in the Devon League have got promotion. Geoff understands that we have applied to enter a third team in this League. In the Friendlies we have won some matches and lost some but all our players have enjoyed what has been a very busy season.

We are now near the end of the season but the Green is still in as good condition as it was at the start of the season which is a tribute to Paul and his team.

3 Minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record.

4 Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

5. Secretary's Report

Indoor Rink- Indoor Green - The fitters who arrived to do the work apparently had not been fully informed of the work to be done. They said that they had never split the carpet and swapped the ends to the middle and explained that it was not possible to do this without having holes showing where the carpet had been fastened to the gripper. After discussion Bill and I agreed that they dismantle all of the carpet and turn it over. We did insist that the Gripper rod was screwed down. Unfortunately the sewing machine broke down and two different fitters turned up and completed the job last Wednesday. The carpet has also been stretched and cleaned.

Bill has been supervising the work and is quite satisfied with the finished product. The rink is now open for use.

First Aid Kit - Following a minor accident at the club it was discovered that the contents of the First Aid Kit were out of date and the Accident Report book had gone missing. Steve Lovell has agreed to get replacements and these will be placed in a highly visible location for ease of access when needed.

AGM Nominations - Brian asked that if anyone is not standing can they please let him know as soon as possible so that a replacement can be found.

Bar Steward-John Lister has indicated that he will not be standing, for health reasons, as Bar Steward but Steve Lovell has agreed to take over. John says that they have sufficient bar staff and this should not present a problem.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a) Bill has now taken over the books from John Hunt and he confirmed that John has been most cooperative and helpful with the handover. Tony is dealing with all the cash and banking transactions.
- b) The bank mandate has now been submitted and Bill and Tony are approved to sign cheques. John Hunt will be cancelled but Brian Wombwell will remain as a signatory if needed.

- c) Bill said that he has reconciled all of the bank statements and current accounts and the figures add up but there is a small discrepancy of about £39.
- d) The amount in the bank now stands at £31,000.00
- e) The monthly figures were presented, discussed and agreed.

7. Ladies Administrator

Position Vacant

8. Development Officer Report

- a) A copy of Richards Report is attached.
- b) It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Fran Hughes and Norman Shuttler.
- c) Everyone agreed with Richard's proposals to amend the proposed plans for modifying the clubroom now that we had learned that the Sport England grant had failed. The new plans are less ambitious but are sensible and achievable with a smaller budget. Richard explained that he will have to raise the money from several sources in order to put a package together. He also made it clear that the new plans are not cast in stone but are up for discussion.

9. Membership Secretary

Chris reported that he had identified 14 players who had played in the Indoor Leagues or Roll Ups and we had no contact information for them. All players must fill in an Application Form and pay their membership fee otherwise they are not a member, not covered by the Club's Insurance and not allowed to play. Some of these players have now been contacted and issues resolved.

When we have a defined list of Indoor bowlers this problem should not occur in future years.

10. Men's Captain

- 1) We have had mixed results this season.
- 2) 38 players used in the Leagues over the season and 3 have played 10 matches.
- 3) In the 'B' side only 3 players played every match. The good news is that 4 players in the 'B' side will be considered for the A Team next season which will hopefully strengthen the side.
- 4) Paul says he is standing down as Captain as he has been doing it for 6 years and thinks it is time for someone else to take over.
- 5) It has been an enjoyable season with two promotions in the Over 60's and he hopes that we can do the same next season.

11 Ladies Captain

As report attached.

12 Mixed Captain

It has been a good year and we won more matches than we lost. In the first quarter we won most of our matches but then lapsed but then we won the last four out of five. Some of our results suffered because of commitments to League games but it is pleasing to note that all of the opposing teams enjoy playing us.

Ian suggested that we should consider running a club mixed league on one night during summer.

Ian also suggested that additional coaching should be offered to new members after they have joined as members and have had some experience on the green. This would help them to accelerate an increase their skills and knowledge of the game.

13 Fixture Secretary Report

- a) We will host the Middleton Cup match between Cornwall and Herefordshire men and a provisional date of Saturday 7th July 2018 has been agreed.
- b) We are in the process of arranging a friendly match with Friends of English Bowling in 2019. This will be a prestigious fixture with some of the proceeds going to their charities.
- c) The Director of the Taunton Deane Triathlon has confirmed that next seasons Triathlon will be held on the weekend 19th/20th May next year. There may be a home men's league match on that Saturday which we will have to work around. Our Open Day will be moved to Sunday 13th May to avoid the clash of dates. A second Open Day is booked for Sunday 1st of July.

- d) We have formerly applied to enter a 'C' team in the 2018 Exeter and District Triples League.
- e) Mike Connor has asked me to keep the first Sunday in September 2018 free for a possible Finals Day. This has been done subject to agreement of the AGM. I have emailed the Committee members with my objections to this and look forward to the opportunity to speak at the AGM should this issue be raised as a motion.

14. Competition Secretary's Report

The Competitions have all gone well and have been enjoyed by everyone who participated. There have been only a few minor problems but these were all resolved amicably.

15. Indoor Secretary's Report

- 1) A copy of the Indoor Secretary's report is attached.
- 2) It is clear that there has been considerable unnecessary time spent sorting problems because we cannot compile a list of Indoor Members until the membership fees have been paid at the end of October. The membership and number of Teams and Roll Ups cannot be established and this makes formulating a timetable which starts at the end of September impossible. All this organisation takes a considerable amount of time and it was agreed that a Motion be put to the AGM that Indoor membership should be paid by 1st September.

16. Bar Steward

- a) Everything rolling along very smoothly and staff are very willing and able.
- b) All staff have been trained on the new till and everyone is very happy with it.
- c) John informed the meeting that he has some health problems and he will not be standing as Bar Steward at the AGM. However, Steve Lovell is very experienced in the trade and has agreed to take over. John will still help by doing bar duty when required.

17 Think Tank

Please see attached report.

18. Social Team Report

Nothing to report

19. Green Representatives Report

- 1) Top dressing has been ordered and there will be more treatments necessary over the winter which will increase costs but this is necessary if we want the Green to remain in top condition.
- 2) The mower will be sent for servicing when the temperature drops and the grass stops growing.
- 3) The Team have all confirmed that they will continue next season.

20. Building Representatives Report No report

20. Catering Team No report

21. Any Other Business

- 1. If no one stands for Club Captain then arrangements for administration of teams will have to be discussed at the AGM as the club Captain is an Officer according to the Constitution.

Option considered is to have a Captain and a separate Team Selection Committee.

22. Membership Secretary Report

No new Applications

The meeting closed at 11.45pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th October 2017 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.

Signed:.....Geoff Stamp (Chairman)

Date:

Attachments

Development Officer's Report, Plan, Lady Captain's Report, Think Tank Report, Indoor Secretary's Report, Treasurer's report