

WELLINGTON (SOM.) BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held, using Zoom, on Friday 18th May 2020

ACTION

1 Members

Role	Name	Initials	Role	Name	Initials
President	Gill Groves	GG	Admin Co-ordinator	Henry Richbell	HR
Chair	Janet Moore	JM	Bowls Co-ordinator	Eddie Dilley	ED
Treasurer	Tony Gibson	TG	Asset Co-ordinator	Tony Woollard	TW
Functions Co-ordinator	Steve Lovell	SL	Admin. Assistant	Brian Wombwell	BW

The meeting opened at 9.30am

2 Apologies: Everyone present

3 Minutes of Previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May were accepted as a true record.

4 Matters arising from the previous minutes (not included on the agenda).

Steve Lovell informed the meeting that the bar stock that was close to the sell by date had been dealt with. The food items had been donated to the charity SEE-Ability and the remaining items given to the Green Team who have been carrying out necessary maintenance to the green over the winter and the Lock Down period.

5 Resumption of Outdoor Bowling

After a considerable amount of discussion the following main points were raised:

- a) Before we can resume Bowling, safety measures must be agreed on how we can best protect our members from the Corona Virus whilst they are at the club. A strict set of Rules should be formulated so everyone visiting the club is clear about what they can and what they must not do. All members should be informed so that there are no excuses for infringements.
- b) Whilst the Government Guidelines are in force regarding social distancing we should strictly follow Bowls England recommendations. At present this means that a member may play one other member subject to them both being fully paid up Outdoor members. There are also rules that exclude the use of equipment and how to position the Jack without handling.
- c) Paul Kelly has indicated that it would be possible to use rinks 1, 3, & 5 for one week and then revert to 2, 4, and 6 the next week. This system to alternate every two weeks.
- d) Paul has also notified the Executive that his team are not prepared to open or close the club during the Lockdown period.
- e) There is also a problem in that if the green is to be used it will require mowing twice weekly and until the Council tips allow trailers to offload we cannot dispose of the grass cuttings. It was suggested that we obtain some 60 litre bags, which can be filled with the cuttings and members can be asked to collect these and take them to the tip in the boots of their cars. The bags could be temporarily stored at the side of the club between the Indoor Rink and the Squash Club. An alternative would be to ask Derek Alford if he could get rid of the cuttings. Tony Woollard offered to contact him.

Exec.

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<p>f) If the lockdown persists and we decide to let Bowling commence some members will need to access the club to get to their lockers to retrieve their kit. When the time comes we must factor this into the 'new' arrangements.</p> <p>g) Whilst there are restrictions everyone who visits the club for any reason must fill in the forms that are positioned inside the front door so that should anyone contract the virus we can supply the information so that their contacts can be traced.</p> <p>h) We should purchase some Sanitizer for members use when bowling commences.</p> <p>i) The question of Toilet access arose when bowling is commenced, as this will give open access to the rest of the premises. To ensure that all areas are safe and free of the virus would then become a major problem!</p> <p>j) Rink Bookings - It has been suggested that the club should purchase an on-line system for rink bookings. It was agreed that is not the right time to be considering this matter but we should investigate it further in the future.</p> <p>k) It was also suggested that we should keep our members informed when major decisions are taken and ask for their comments when necessary. We should also be mindful of members who do not have email and to use the post when necessary.</p>	TW
<p><i>Bearing in mind all of the foregoing discussions, it was unanimously decided that there were too many difficulties to overcome at this time. As we are responsible for the safety of our members we should postpone any decisions until the situation becomes clearer. In the circumstances the clubhouse and all facilities are to be locked up and only the Green Team will have access. The situation to be reviewed at the next Exec. Meeting on 5th June</i></p>	Exec.
<p>6) Membership Fees</p> <p>The committee agreed that everyone who wants to play on the Green when it is opened must pay the remainder of their subs to a total of £85 by the end of May. When it has been decided what the reduction should be it will be credited against the membership in 2021. Anyone who has not paid the full membership will not be a member and will get their reserve membership refunded of £20 but they can re-join in April 2021. The amount of credit for those who have paid the full membership will be decided via a proposal at the AGM.</p> <p>This information to be passed to all members who have not already paid the full £85.00 membership.</p> <p>It should be noted that Bowls England have recommended that members of all Bowls clubs should be asked to pay the full Outdoor Membership subscriptions to keep the clubs afloat under these very difficult times. Whilst Lockdown continues and the restrictions of no friendlies, no matches and no social activities, Membership is our only source of income.</p>	
<p>7) Constitution</p> <p>A member has raised a problem within the Constitution and he insists that in his opinion the situation should be resolved immediately. The committee's view is that the situation is not absolutely clear and it is unlikely that any other club or organisation has made provision for the present circumstances.</p> <p>The committee agreed that the Constitution should be amended to reflect the Law under Civil Contingencies so that should a disruptive event occur in the future then the outcome <u>will be clear, concise and relevant to our club.</u></p> <p>Henry will write to Bowls England and ask them to let us have some suitable wording which can be adopted and Tony Woollard who has some knowledge of this subject will carry out some research and he will bring back to the meeting in June. The committee agreed that it is very important that when we amend the Constitution it must be absolutely correct.</p>	HR TW

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a) Cleaner

See Reserved Business

Any other business

a) Tony Woollard reported that one of toilet cisterns was overflowing and suggested that it should be isolated from the water supply until the building is re opened. This was agreed.

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b) Tony Woollard will investigate the possibility of removing the walls and fittings of the old ladies toilets now that they are no longer used. He will report back to a future meeting.

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The meeting closed at 11.45am

Date of Next meeting: Friday 5 June 2020 at 09.30am

Signed:Janet Moore (Chairman)

Date:2020.

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