

WELLINGTON (SOM) BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting held on 11th April 2016 at the Clubhouse.

The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

Present	Geoff Stamp (Chair) Sylvia Lane (President) Brian Wombwell (Secretary) Gill Groves (Ladies Admin) John Cherry	Roland Bath John Lister Ernie Windsor Richard Manning Julia Stanton
Absent	Bill Heard Jay Merrell	Paul Kelly

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Jay Merrell and Paul Kelly

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman said that he was very pleased to see that the building projects were now proceeding and good progress is being made.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Secretary's Report

Arrangements for Opening of the Green 16th April - The Green will be declared open by Sylvia who will then deliver the first bowl. Food will be supplied by members, photos by Martin Speakman, and the Spider will be organised and officiated by Sylvia. The money collected from the Spider will be donated by Sylvia to a charity of her choice. Dress code for the event shall be whites and club shirts should be worn by those who have them.

Open day 15th May - We need members to attend and play, coaches to show prospective members how to play, members to chat to our guests and persuade them to come for coaching. Sylvia to welcome visitors to the club. BW to put advert in Welly Weekly and be on hand to take details of guests. Refreshments to be arranged.

Grant Application to Nomads - We have received a cheque for £250 towards a ramp suitable for the Bradshaw wheel chair. Julia and Richard Manning are to research a suitable design.

New shed - It was agreed that the new shed should be for the storage of playing equipment only. The garage will be used for the storage of tools. When the garage has been sorted a complete inventory will be compiled and a notice to go up stating that no tools or equipment belonging the club shall be removed from the site. The garage and equipment is to be surveyed as part of the Health and Safety Survey.

Dress Code for the Outdoor Season. - for all league games, friendly matches and club competitions club shirts are to be worn with white trousers in the daytime and grey trousers in the evening. In the competitions the finals are to be played in white trousers regardless of when they are played. Roll ups are to be played in smart casual wear. Ladies may play in skirts or trousers.

No Smoking Policy - This subject generated a discussion about whether we should have a complete smoking ban or allow smoking in a designated area. A decision was made to limit smoking to an area at the rear of the new shed. It was also decided that the ban should apply to e cigarettes and vapour smoking. BW to make a poster announcing the ban and will put it up in the club. A sign indicating the Smoking Zone will be purchased.

6. Treasurer's Report

a) The report was accepted by the meeting without comment.

b) Lew commented that the bar takings were at a record level last year and the current takings are already higher than at this point last year.

c) Richard Manning asked why prices had not been increased. Lew responded that some of the prices had increased because the supplier had increased their prices to us. Our supplier has been taken over by another company and we are waiting to see what happens before we assess our prices.

d) Hanging Baskets - Lew had received two quotes: Willowbrook - Said our baskets had deteriorated and would supply new baskets @ £22-99 each and fill all the baskets for £409-18. Jacks - quoted £380 to fill our baskets and tubs. Richard said he would get an alternative price

and liaise with Julia. The committee agreed that Lew and Julia should place the order when the best price has been obtained.

7. Ladies Administrators' Report

Gill has received via Mike Groves, who attended the Spring meeting at Street, an invitation to attend the Somerset Presidents Day at Portishead. Gill was not able to attend and it was suggested and agreed that we send a £10 donation supporting the Presidents Charity as has been done in the past.

8. Development Officer Report

- a) The roof has been stripped and a waterproof membrane fixed to the roof timbers with new battens. The contractors are about to start fixing the new tiles. It is hoped that the side adjacent to the Green side will be completed before the Opening of the Green.
- b) It is anticipated that the roof will be completed by the first week of May.
- c) Building Regs. have been approved and they require the roof insulation to be increased.
- d) The electrical Contractor has encountered problems getting cables into the corners of the roof for the side lights and is looking at ways to counter this. They will discuss this with Richard when a solution has been found.
- e) The Scaffolding Contractor has encountered a problem with Western Power because they have trespassed on the sub station grounds.
- f) Everyone commented that the new brick entrance was very impressive and the ramp was progressing well.
- g) The Disabled toilet is also progressing.
- h) The base for the new shed is complete and the new shed will be delivered next Tuesday.
- i) We should know the result of the Sports Council grant by the end of April.

9. Men's Captain Report

Paul Kelly had sent apologies. As there is little happening at the moment there was no report.

10. Ladies Captain Report

Ann Cowling may not be available to play this year as her sister is seriously ill.

11. Mixed Captain Report

- Everything is going well with six matches posted up with full teams selected.
- South Petherton is our first away game next Sunday and we are all set.
- Thelma and Laurie have been a big help selecting the teams and the selection committee are working well together.
- At least one new member will be selected in every team in all friendly matches at position 2.

12. Fixture Secretary Report

Jay was not at the meeting but had sent a written report to BW as follows:

- The amended fixture list has been received back from the printers and copies will be available for members to collect in the clubhouse later this week. The leaflets cost £17 (incl. VAT and postage) for 100 copies that are double sided A4. Members on email will receive a copy in a day or so.
- Jay said that he recommended that team captains should contact every opposing team a couple of weeks before each match to ensure that all details including the number of rinks are correct. Contact details are shown on club websites, Bowls Devon and Somerset Bowls Association websites. Any problems ring Jay.
- Jay will be out of the country from Sunday 24th April until 5th of May.

13. Competition Secretary's Report

- No report. Nothing happening at present.

14. Indoor Secretary's Report

- JC offered a written report that is attached to these minutes.

15. Bar Steward's Report

- a. RB. reported that now that Southmoor Drinks Ltd. have taken over our supplier we will be watching carefully to ensure that prices do not get unreasonably increased.
- b. Martin Speakman is now helping behind the bar but we still require more help because we have so many matches over the summer.

16. Social Team report

Brenda Manning has written to say that she will resign from the Social committee from 23rd April as will most of her team. The committee agreed that this is be a great loss to the club. Over the winter they have provided some social nights at the club that have been very popular with members and have also contributed to club funds. GS said he would speak to Brenda in the near future.

17. Green Representatives Report

- PK is at work so EW reported:

- Bill Heard has now finished as Head Greenkeeper and Paul Kelly has taken over.
- Barry Vile and new member Philip Brigden have been treating the garden benches and doing an excellent job.
- The old shed needs renovating or scrapping.
- Yvonne Abbott has donated a shredder to the club.

18. Building Representatives Report

- The rainwater downpipe on the side of the building has been successfully repaired by EW.
- The new safe has now been installed and is now fully operational.
- The visitors Changing Room must be cleared out before before the Green is opened.
- The lock on the outside loading door is now working.

19. Catering

Julia and Diane have been to Bookers and stocked up the provisions for the forthcoming friendly games. They also bought some new cleaning materials and equipment.

20. Any Other Business

- SL reported that she had donated £40 for the provision of a new cup for the presentation evening but the money wasn't used and was still being held by Mike Connor. Sylvia only knew about this when Mike approached her and asked if she wanted either the money back or to leave the money with him in case a new trophy would be needed for the next presentation evening. Sylvia was not questioning Mike's honesty but was concerned that he was holding what should be considered club money at his home. Had a proper account been presented to the club then any excess monies would have been obvious and should have been handed over to Lew or returned to the donor. Everyone agreed with this and BW was asked to send a letter to Mike expressing our concern and asking for an account for the last presentation evening.

- **Opening of the Green** - Arrangements are now in hand. Sylvia to open The Green, and BW to send out an email reminder that will include dress code. We need a volunteer to collect money and organise the Spider. The money from the Spider to be given to a charity chosen by Sylvia.

- RB raised the question of **Dress Code for the Outdoor Green**. Competitions and league games-White top/grey trousers, Roll Ups - smart casual wear. No outdoor shoes. BW to do a poster to be pinned on the notice board.

- **No Smoking Policy** - BW presented the No Smoking Policy and it was agreed that it should be amended to allow smoking in a designated area only and implemented when the outside work is done, the relevant signs put up, and the designated smoking area identified. We will then be compliant with the terms of the grant.

- JM suggested in his report that he order 250 A5 one sided flyers promoting the Open day. The cost would be £18. The flyers could be used at the event on Wellington Park on May 2nd and any remainder distributed by members.

- The Open Triples on the 10th July has been cancelled and it was decided to hold a Sponsors Day to thank all the organisations that have given us grants, donations or prizes for the Christmas Raffle.

- It was suggested that we prepare a leaflet which can be given to Builders on the new local estates for inclusion in their Welcome Packs.

- RM suggested that the old club photographs should be transferred to the Entrance Hall.

- The meeting closed at 12.05am

Date of next meeting Wednesday 8th June 2016 9.30am at the clubhouse.

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

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