

## WELLINGTON (SOM.) BOWLING CLUB

### Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the Clubhouse.

The meeting opened at 9.30am

#### **1. Members**

<i>Role</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Initials</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Initials</i>
President	Paul Kelly	PK	Admin Co-ordinator	Henry Richbell	HR
Chair	Janet Moore	JM	Bowls Co-ordinator	Eddie Dilley	ED
Treasurer	Derrick Alford	DA	Asset Co-ordinator	Tony Woollard	TW
Functions Co-ordinator	Steve Lovell	SL	Admin. Assistant	Brian Wombwell	BW

**2. Apologies:** Derrick Alford sent his apologies.

#### **3. Minutes of Previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were accepted as a true record subject to the following addition. The Executive Committee wishes to point out that in the January Executive Committee minutes in that the comment that was attributed to an Indoor Roll Up secretary was not made by that person and we are glad to clear up any confusion.

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

a) Club Shirts – The sample Club Shirts were shown to the committee and the following comments were made; -

The stitching at the bottom of the collar is not acceptable on the Ladies shirt and we do not need a breast pocket on the men's shirt as per the sample. Otherwise, the shirts are acceptable.

b) A letter has been sent to the Town Council requesting the Mayor's attendance at our Opening of the Green in April. We await the reply.

c) Royal Household Visit – Redwoods Coaches have quoted £825.00 for a 49 Executive Coach with toilet. They have promised to do their best to maintain this price but require a firm booking with deposit by mid-May at the latest. It was pointed out that Redwoods did this exact booking a few years ago for our club and they are aware of the security arrangements etc.

If we take 28 players the cost per person would be £30.00 each. If we have some supporters, it would obviously be less.

#### **5. Chairperson's Report Janet Moore**

Just a few items to report this month. I attended Liz Bowrah's funeral and was pleased to see so many Club Members also attending. Liz's family asked if the wake could be held at the Club and the Executive were more than happy to agree. I think that Liz had a good send off and the family were appreciative that the wake could be held at the Club.

I'd also like to thank the volunteers who helped with the refurbishment of the Ladies Changing Rooms and especially to Steve who took the lead after Tony was taken ill.

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The SGM was held on Monday for the approval of the 2021 accounts and the motion on future funding of the Indoor Rink. As we are all aware this year's indoor season has not run smoothly and we intend to consider how we can make improvements for the indoor season next year.

### **6. Admin Co-ordinator Henry Richbell**

1. The Special General meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> February and the minutes for that meeting have been posted separately.
2. Entries for the various County Competitions have been successfully submitted and the individual draws are now on the Somerset Bowls website.

### **7. Bowls Coordinator Ed Dilley**

1. The competitions are going smoothly.
2. Due to the lack of interest in Short Mat Bowling I have sold the short mat carpets to a club in Barnstaple for £300.00 which gives a small profit. The carpet frames are to be advertised for sale on the Bowls England website. This equipment takes up a considerable amount of space and, as it is clearly not used, we need to get rid of it as soon as possible.
3. Eddy suggested that we should try to get more members to attend a Markers Awareness Course.

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### **8. Asset Co-ordinator Tony Woollard**

1. Photovoltaic system, still waiting for inverter to be replaced.
2. The decorating etc. Of the Lady's changing room has progressed well thanks to all the volunteers who have helped out.
3. The fan switch at the far end of the indoor rink is due to be lowered. This is planned to be done during the next week or so.
4. Outside work is still in progress. The lock on the back gate has been repaired, but further work is required to prevent a re-occurrence of the problems.
5. We plan to install an additional light by the entrance door to bar.
6. Investigations to speed up the internet service are in progress.
7. The Intruder Alarms are due their 6 monthly service. I will liaise with engineers to get this done. The Fire Equipment is not yet due for servicing.

Please Note: Due to a health issue I have been out of action for a couple of weeks and will be taking things a bit easy while undergoing medical tests. I will endeavour to catch up with outstanding work and should be "on track" by next meeting.

### **9. Functions Co-ordinator Steve Lovell**

- 1) We have had no events in January.
- 2) The notices have gone out to all members that have paid their deposits for Torquay that their final payment is due by the end of February, I have received the times and teams that we will be playing over the week, I have arranged to have a meeting with Nick Channon and Ed Dilley to sit down and work out our teams.
- 3) We held the Wake for Liz Bowyer at the club and this went very well. The bar did exceptionally well with takings of just over £500. The family didn't realise that we could have

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supplied the food, so they bought it all from Greg's. I suggest that in future we should consider mentioning this if we do any similar events.

4) Bingo is still popular but numbers are down due to people still afraid to mix with others

5) Valentines' night will be going ahead and we will be with the social team setting up the tables on Friday evening. Janet and I will not be attending as I have to isolate from Saturday Morning. Alan May will be the contact on the evening.

6) I am arranging meetings with the Bar Staff, and catering Staff for the up-and-coming season which is not too far away now.

7) I have booked a Table for the Spring Fare through Friends of the Park; we are hoping to get some members to man it to promote the club

8) There will be 2 Craft Fayre events before the season starts which are planned for 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 3pm and 9<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 3pm

9) I would like to thank Ernie Windsor and Alan Moore for their help decorating in the ladies Changing room which should be finished bar ventilation.

The costs so far are £291.96 seats & Hangers, Carpet £200 (£90) saving by putting advertising sign on fence, Lockers £347.00 arriving around the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, Paint £40 plus a bit more on cost for vent and other sundries. Total approximately £1,000.00.

### **10 Greenkeepers Report Paul Kelly**

- a) The new mower has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.
- b) We have had an annual Soil Analysis carried out by a specialist and who has sent us a complete report on the status of the Green. The report shows that the chemical balance of the soil is the best it has ever been, but we need to continue the treatments in order to maintain it at this standard and continue improving it. The Ph of the soil has been raised over the past few years and is now within the acceptable range but again further improvement is necessary. We plan to continue adding trace elements when required. We do not appear to have a moss problem this year but we will have to keep this under constant review.
- c) We have planned a mowing sequence to start later this month to reduce the height of the grass so that it is ready for the start of the new season in April.
- d) It was agreed that approximately 6 metres of hedge is removed so that we can install some shelters at the side of the green. If satisfactory this will be continued year on year.
- e) A bench is to be ordered in commemoration of Mark Philips.

### **11 Matters requiring attention: January/February**

**No items were raised.**

### **12 Any other business**

a) Richard Whiting has proposed that we contact the junior Schools in the area and invite them to send a small team of interested 10/11-year-olds to try their hand at bowling.

The purpose is try and get some young people involved at the club and this may have the added advantage of boosting membership by getting their parents involved.

If this was successful, we may organise a match between the schools. It was agreed that this proposal should be followed up.

b) Following the Special Meeting last week, a problem had arisen regarding the fees to be paid by non-members who played in our Indoor Leagues. It was decided that non-members should pay £3.50 per match, and this is to be paid prior to the start of the game. This to apply to particularly to players from Hemyock/Uffculme.

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- c) Henry suggested that we should hold an informal meeting between members of the Executive Committee and members who would like to propose ideas for improvements, suggestions, or to air their views on any issue relating to the club. No minutes to be taken but any legitimate items will be dealt with by the appropriate Executive member or referred to the Executive Committee for action. The first meeting to be held 14<sup>th</sup> March
- d) It was agreed that we should issue a Newsletter prior to the Opening of the Green in April.
- e) It was agreed that we would revert to issuing a Fixture Booklet containing match details for 2022. Henry has negotiated a bulk price for the Booklets, plus Drinks Order Forms and Score Cards. These should be ready for distribution at the end of March along with the 2022 Membership Forms.

**13. Applications for Membership – Social Member Debra Beasley Approved.** It was also reported that Peter Salisbury has asked to re-join and as it is within the three-year rule since he left, his application is automatically approved.

**The meeting closed at 11.40am**

**Date of Next meeting: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at The Clubhouse.**

Signed: .....Janet Moore (Chair)      Date: .....2022