

Winslow Bowls Club

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held at 10am Monday 23rd October 2023

PRESENT:

C Bishopp	Chairman (CB)
J Gilbey	Treasurer and Vice Captain (JG)
V Griffiths	Secretary & Clubhouse Maintenance Rep (VG)
J Cawdell	Captain & Competitions Secretary (JC)
L Ward	Fixtures Secretary (LW)
J Jeacock	Bar Rep
R Piosek	Greenkeeper (RP)

- 1. APOLOGIES:** R Moll, C Geary, M Arnold, T Pomroy, J Thorogood and S Misseldine
- 2. MINUTES:** The minutes of the 18th of September 2023 meeting were proposed by CB, seconded by LW, agreed by all and signed as a true and correct record.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING:**
 - FIRST AIDERS:** VG is awaiting replies from the Winslow Lions and Men in Sheds to find out what current arrangements our local organisations have on this important matter.
 - ADVERTISING AROUND THE GREEN:** JG was unable to get clear information from Bucks County on how we progress this issue, CB said he would make more enquiries.
 - DITCH LINERS:** VG obtained quotes from Greengauge and Clifton Rubber for around £3k for the spiked rubber and £1,5k for the composite material. This was agreed to be too expensive, and we will check on other sources of supply.
 - PRESENTATION LUNCH:** JC confirmed that the arrangements for the 28th of October event are well in hand.
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT:** JG presented the audited accounts and highlighted our overspend for the year, The likelihood of a shortfall in 2024 hire income will intensify our need to generate more income, be it by raising our fees and, generally, raising more income.
- 5. DISABILITY ACCESS PROJECT:** The ramp onto the Green is due to be started by Colin Beckett before the end of October.
- 6. MATTERS FOR THE AGM:**
 - COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND ATTENDANCE:** With details circulated before this meeting by CB, it was proposed that the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain plus two volunteers would form future committees.
 - NEW RULES:** CB had also circulated the new rules and they will be presented to AGM for adoption.
 - SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH FEES:** After a long discussion it was agreed that two choices would be put to the members at the AGM, 1/ Increase the subs to £110 p.a. alongside the scrapping of match fees. 2/ Increase the subs to £85 pa and keep the £2 match fees as well as extending the match fees to the Ray Keen, Bucks Plate and B & D league fixtures. There will be provision to taper the fees for new members.

7. **TRUSTEES:** The revision of the Trustees will be immediately actioned after the change of rules has been agreed.
8. **GREENKEEPING:**
 - RP announced that although he will carry on the day-to-day work on the Green, he is stepping down from the role of Greenkeeper. VG agreed to take over the Greenkeeping responsibility and will endeavour to expand the team of helpers.
 - **INCREASE IN CONTRACTORS FEES:** Our contractors' have raised their monthly fee by 7.5%. Although we had verbal indications for some time from them of the proposed increase it was felt that an advanced warning in writing could have been expected.
 - **ATTENDANCE DIARY:** We have purchased an Attendance Diary for the Green to record next year's action on the Green as well as a Greenkeepers Diary for recording the workings carried out.
9. **CLUBHOUSE & HIRE:**
 - **FRONT DOOR CANOPY:** It was agreed for VG/LW to purchase a 2M wide canopy to protect people accessing the front door to the clubhouse during rainy weather.
 - **REPLACEMENT MATS:** We will obtain quotes for replacement clubhouse mats from Sambrook Carpets.
 - **REAR DOOR:** We may very soon be forced to replace the rear doors to the clubhouse. VG will get quotes from Buckingham Glass and Custom Glaze of MK.
10. **VICE-CAPTAIN:** JC and JG agreed on how their partnership will be carried out next season. They each will be fully responsible for the matches that they individually cover.
11. **COACHES:** We have one fully qualified Level 2 coach and four Level 1 coaches, who cannot officially coach our members. We will ask our Level 1 coaches if they will agree to go on to Level 2, otherwise our club will get no benefit from their Level 1 status.
12. **MEMBERSHIP:** Midge Archer is our newest member. She is playing Short Mat, and we hope she will also play outdoors in the summer.
13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - Going forward we need to raise other sources of income. The County Lotteries need to be more widely advertised to the membership to increase our current small return. We could also organise a 100/200 club fund raising scheme and perhaps have a monthly event in the clubhouse to popularise this. CB will investigate the legality of the scheme.
 - We wish John Thorogood a speedy recovery from his recent eye operation. John has implemented improvements on the club's website to make easier access to information.
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** was provisionally agreed for 10am Monday 27th November 2023

Meeting Closed at 11.45

Agreed as a true record.

Chairman **date**