

Winslow Bowls Club

Draft Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Friday 16th February 9.30am

Meeting Attendees:

- C Bishopp (CB) Chairman
- Roger Shelton (RS) Secretary
- J Gilbey (JG) Treasurer and Captain
- L Ward (LW) President, Fixtures and Competition Secretary
- V Griffiths (VG) Committee Member
- C Geary (CG) Committee Member

1. Apologies

- No apologies were noted

2. Minutes

- The minutes of the 19th of January 2024 were noted and after a minor correction accepted by the committee prior to signature by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising.

- Matters arising were dealt with within the agenda.

4. Treasurers report

- An updated set of accounts was presented by JG.
- Current balance is £15.1k with a deficit of £3.5k projected for the year.
- With increased bar activity anticipated we would expect more regular banking of takings.
- New pens and scorecard covers have been purchased and a quote sought for prepayment match fee cards.
- The “Easyfundraising” app is working. JG and RS will decide how to roll it out to the membership.

5. Officers of the Club.

- It was agreed that Tony Lawrence be appointed as Vice-Captain and CB to write to confirm to him.
- RS to liaise with John Thorogood (JT) to update Officer list on the website.
- RS to continue as Auditor.
- We will begin the task of ensuring all officers have deputies which will be formalised at the next AGM.
- It was agreed that in future all officers of the club (not just the committee) be circulated with the agendas of committee meetings. This will give officers the opportunity to have items included in the agenda and to be invited to committee meetings if required.
- RS to ensure in future that the agenda is distributed 7 days before meetings.
- Minutes to continue to go on website.

6. Captains matters.

- Ray Keen League. At the Spring meeting members to be encouraged for inclusion in our three teams.
- We have lost two coaches. Currently we have JG and Robin. VG will ask Fiona what contribution she is likely to make this coming season.
- We need to ask other members if they would like to attend training to be a coach.
- LW reported that he is currently awaiting Bucks Plate fixtures, once received fixture list will be available.

7. Social matters.

- LW reported he has 19 attending next Friday's darts/bingo evening. JG will do a follow up email to get more to come.
- JG and LW to agree on purchase of P.A. System, up to a maximum of £100, to be available for next weeks social event.
- Spring meeting. To be kept to 6th April to double up as March social event, activities to be decided. Fish and chips £10, sausage and chips £5.50 from Chubbys via VG.
- The Lions are looking to install a permanent pulldown projector screen in our clubhouse.
- A visit by the Lions to be arranged, could be May possibly a combined Lions/WBC bowls, darts, BBQ event. VG will liaise with R
- S to investigate.
- Now decided the 100 Club will be announced at the Spring meeting with a start date of June proposed. Ideally an annual fee encouraged.
- Open day 27th April 11.00-3pm JG to liaise with JT to get an article in WPN, Facebook and possibly wider afield. CB to arrange with JT re leaflet drop
- CB to investigate music/entertainment licence. (RS now attending to)
- JJ can provide smaller measures of wine when called for, but all smaller glasses to go.

8. Inclusivity matters.

- It was agreed to have an official opening of the ramp and disability aids at 12.00 on the Open day on 27th April. JG will invite those who provided grants and VG will invite Ray Joseph and Disability Bowls England. The new wheelchair will be delivered mid March.

9. Website/Facebook.

- JT to handle our publicity, best practice in all PR matters and enter match reports provided by JG

10. Clubhouse Hire.

- This week VG has been approached by NHS, WI, Lions and St Albans Parish for hire dates.
- Security. It was agreed that combination codes would be changed. VG to attend and advise accordingly.

11. Membership.

- No new membership applications to date. We do know that at least 6 of our current members are leaving and we need to make every effort to encourage new members to join.
- Data protection declaration information to be circulated to members at Spring Meeting.

12 Any other business.

- CB to approach a surveyor to check feasibility of going ahead with plans for an extension.
- VG will have spare Club Kit for sale at the Spring meeting.
- The Baroness Mower is returning from first service next Thursday and there are no extra costs involved in the service.
- New ditch liners will be delivered mid-March after invoice balance paid.

13. Date of next meeting.

- Monday 18th March 9.30am

The meeting closed at 10.50

Agreed as a true record

Chairman:

Date: