**Winslow Bowls Club**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Wednesday 17th December 2024 at 10.00am.**

**Meeting Attendees**

Committee members

* Peter Joyner (PJ) Chairman
* J Gilbey (JG) Treasurer and Captain
* V Griffiths (VG)
* Roger Hayman (RH)
* Mick Bigby (MB)

General Committee attending

* John Thorogood (JT)
* Sheila Cadge (SC)

1. **Apologies** Roger Shelton (RS) Secretary

2. **Minutes**

* The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2024 were agreed by the committee.

3. **Matters arising.**

* RH has discussed next year’s Slade match with Andy Hunt. Slade are keen to keep the fixture and some of our members, although well beaten, enjoy the experience. Mixing up the teams or having a couple of practice roll ups at Slade prior to the match to be considered.

4. **Treasurers report**

* JG reported a positive financial situation.
* Electricity costing reduced.
* Above budget income for hire and social events.
* The 100 Club is now fully supported

5. **Officers of the club**

* **Trustees** RS is progressing

6. **Captains matters**.

* **Ray Keen League** A decision needs to be made on whether we enter a fourth team, which is dependant of response from the membership.

**7.Secretarys matters** (in his absence)

* **Bletchley and District League** PJ and RS are due to attend the leagues meeting on 25h of January and will learn if the competition is to continue.
* Gigaclear has now been installed and a thank you to be sent to them by PJ..
* RS is arranging the First Aid course on either 21st or 22nd of January
* The BBA competitions application forms have been circulated to the members.
* JG and JT to attend BBA “new systems” training at Newport Pagnell on 11th January.

8. **Fixture Secretary**

* SC circulated a provisional 2025 fixture list and still has to receive confirmation from some clubs.
* Maximising weekend play early and late in the season was discussed. Ideally, we would like new fixtures against teams such as Stoney Stratford and Wendover, but that is not so easy.

9. **Social Matters**

* The social committee recently met and is planning next years events.
* We have a Beetledrive on 31st of January.
* JG was asked to book entertainer, David Tomkins, for 6th of December 2025’s social evening, following his recent excellent appearance.
* Spring Meeting. We will provide brought in food for the 5th of April’s Spring Meeting. To investigate Chutney Jacks or fish and chips. Possibly with a bingo session!
* We plan to invite the WI to the later stages of the 26th of April Open Day and also possibly make a social of it with food etc?

10. **Clubhouse/Greenkeeping**

* The NHS pulmonary have doubled their early 2025 booking and we do have a healthy cross section of bookings going into the new year.
* We continue to work on and around the Green throughout the winter.
* The planned parking charges from 1st April 2025 were discussed and JG agreed to write to the Council with our concerns on how this will affect our club.
* VG will clarify with WTC if our daily ground working team are able to use the contractors entrance/parking.

10. **Media/Website**

* JT reported that the recent website access issues have been resolved and that most of the club officers now have membership. There are new designated email addresses available for the chairman etc and we will have the ability to email the membership directly from our website.

11. **Membership.**

* We are likely to lose some membership next year, but there is news of likely new members joining us.

12**.Disability Bowls England**

* Disability Bowls England is being incorporated into Bowls England. We do have access to Judy Plater is we need assistance.

13. **Any other business**

* The 100 Club draw was made. First was Richard Russell, second JT and third Karen Harvey

15. **Date of next meeting.**  Provisionally Wednesday 29th January 10.00am (but since rearranged to 15th January 10.00am )The meeting closed at 11.50am

**Agreed as a true record** Chairman: Date