

Winslow Bowls Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 18th March 9.30am

Meeting Attendees:

- C Bishopp (CB) Chairman
- Roger Shelton (RS) Secretary
- J Gilbey (JG) Treasurer and Captain
- V Griffiths (VG) Committee Member
- C Geary (CG) Committee Member
- J Thorogood (JT) Website and Media Manager

1. Apologies

- Len Ward (LW) and Randell Moll (RW)

2. Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting on 16th of February 2024 were noted and 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 £14.6k with a deficit of £3.5k projected for the year.
- Previously the monthly payment for electricity was £87. The provider advised we had a large credit balance and £361 has been credited to bank account. However the monthly payment has now increased to £141
- The final payment for new ditch liners will be paid in the next few days.
- Rink fee cards have been printed and will be available for forthcoming season.

5. Officers of the Club.

- RS explained he had kept this item in the agenda as at the last meeting it was agreed we would formalise deputies and this was a reminder. After further discussion it was felt this was not needed as committee members are able to cover one another in case of prolonged absence with the exception of the Treasurer and we should look for a suitable deputy in case of need. JG RS and CB

6. Captains matters.

- JG confirmed he has enough players for the forthcoming game against Buckingham West End at Slade on 23rd March
- Fiona was approached as to availability for coaching. Fiona does of course work during the day but will assist where she can. She has asked that any member requiring coaching request this via the Vice Captain.

- Robin will continue to be available for coaching at the Thursday afternoon roll up sessions.
- CB to mention at the Spring meeting the need for further coaches and ask for anyone interested to come forward. The club will pay for attendance at training which is usually over 3/6 sessions
- JG had received a communication from the Bletchley and District League for feedback from Clubs asking, if the Men's league was changed from 5 rinks to 4 would this encourage some of the clubs who had not entered teams to do so. It was confirmed that we agreed with this, and JG will report back.
- RS mentioned the invitation from Buckingham West End to send a team of 4 to their President's Day on 6th July. It was agreed we would do so and advise them of who will represent the club in due course.
- JG requires the contact details of the clubs we have fixtures against -LW to provide to JG

7. Social matters.

- **Spring Meeting.** JG reported that the Social side for the evening will consist of Darts, Table Quiz with dingbats and Hoy bingo. Fish and Chips £10 or Sausage and Chips £5.50 will be available and to be paid for before the event. JG will send out details of membership subscriptions and those who have not made prior payment will be able to pay on the evening. RS to send out details of the evening to all members. Friends and family to be encouraged to attend. Payment for Supper to be made via bank account or to any committee member. Meeting to commence at 6.30 for 7.00
- **Open Day** This will be on 27th April commencing 11.00 until 3.00pm. At midday the official opening of the ramp and presentation of various disability aids will be made. VG has arranged a representative of DBE to be present. The new wheelchair has been delivered and VG gave a short demonstration. JT has confirmed that the A5 poster will appear in the latest edition of the Winslow Parish News and RS confirmed that the same poster will be distributed by Sure2Door to over 2000 homes in Winslow w/c 25th March.
- **100 Club** This will be introduced at the Spring Meeting. Entry fee will be £12 and 12 monthly draws will be made. RS and JG will formulate the invitation to join.
- **Lions Joint Social Event with WBC** RS has received a reply to his email regarding this, having suggested this be held during May. It appears that date clashes do not make this possible and VG will continue to discuss with the Lions to try to get an opportune date.
- **Easyfunding** JG reported that 12 members had already signed up to this and this would hopefully bring in more funds over a period of time. CB will mention at Spring Meeting to try to get more members to sign up.
- **Pull down screen.** This has now been installed. With thanks to the Lions.

8. Clubhouse Hire.

- VG reported that firm bookings have been received from NHS-PRC
- Now that the pull-down screen has been installed the short mat bowls equipment will be moved to the area near the entrance door and some into the store (toilet end) this will give a more open feel to the hall.
- Buckinghamshire Council Environment health have made contact with RS regarding a Food Hygiene visit. VG will seek out paperwork and RS will reply with suitable dates for the visit.

9. Website and Media Officer.

- JT gave a very informative and thorough presentation of the work he had been doing to bring the Club's website up to date. It was unanimously agreed that he has done an excellent job and all members should be encouraged to regularly access the site for up to date information.

10. Safeguarding.

- RM recently attended a seminar presented by BBA on this subject and was due to present to the committee some important aspects of this. Unfortunately, RM had to send his apologies but this will be added to the April meeting's agenda.

11. DBE and BBA

- VG asked if in view of help we had received from DBE re disability equipment whether we should make donation to them or arrange a fundraising event. Judy Plater from DBE would be at the Open Day and VG will approach her to get suggestions.
- BBA have suggested that in the event of the passing of any member it may be desirable to advise them for onward circulation to other clubs. It was agreed that this would be a decision made by the committee at the appropriate time.
- RS mentioned that the return to BBA for registration of members is due very early May and this year the overall fee had increased to £10 per playing member. RS and JG to attend.

12. Licensing

- **Licences** RS explained that he had approached Buckinghamshire Council who have been very helpful in passing on information regarding licences. Particular attention was given to the type of events we hold.
- 1) Bingo. We do not require a licence provided the stake for an individual game is £1 and no more than 5 games are held per day i.e. £5 in total.
- 2) Raffles. Provided the raffle tickets are sold in house on the day of the event no licence required.
- 3) Lottery/ 100 Club. If we are to sell tickets/numbers to the general public (which we hope to do) we will need a licence. The cost is £40 for the first year and then £20pa thereafter. RS will arrange for an application to be made.
- 4) Films and Music. RS is seeking further guidance and clarification on licence requirements for these events.

13. Clubhouse extension proposal

- CB reported that along with VG and RS they had had a meeting with an Architect, Cath Hems, to discuss the possibility of extending outwards the clubhouse to incorporate new changing rooms. In response the Architect had felt it may be difficult to do this because of the proximity of trees and probable preservation orders thereon.
- It was therefore suggested that we look at the feasibility of replacing the existing changing rooms with a new building but extending outwards onto the patio to make them bigger and then having a patio area on the grassed area alongside.
- This would seem a more sensible idea but before taking further RS will write to Winslow Town Council (whom the land is leased from) to see if they will be agreeable in principle to the proposal subject to planning permission.

14. Club kit

- RS has been approached by Zapkom to see if we had any kit requirements. This is our main supplier and members will be made aware at the Spring meeting that all kit orders should be placed individually with Zapkom. RS to provide details to members after Spring meeting.
- VG mentioned he has various items of kit which he will bring along to the Spring meeting for sale.

15. Grounds maintenance

- VG reported he now has a team of members who will help on a regular basis with the mowing of the green.
- Ditch liners should be delivered last week in March or early April.
- Will shortly need a working party to get the green and changing rooms ready for the new season.

16. Any other business

None

17. Date of next meeting.

- Monday 22nd April 9.30am

The meeting closed at 11.15

Agreed as a true record

Chairman:

Date: