

Winslow Bowls Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 2nd September 2024 at 12 noon.

: Meeting Attendees

Committee members

- C Bishopp (CB) Chairman
- Roger Shelton (RS) Secretary
- J Gilbey (JG) Treasurer and Captain
- V Griffiths (VG)
- C Geary (CG)

Others present

- Sheila Cadge (SC) Fixture Secretary designate.
- Randell Moll (RM) Safeguarding Officer.

1. Apologies None

2. Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 17th July were agreed by the committee and signed 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 bank balance is £18.3k
- Figures currently show a small deficit for the year of £260 but this is expected to increase slightly due to funds to be released to the Presidents Charity which have been collected from the Spider competitions. Also funds will still need to be paid out for 100 Club prizes.
- On the expenditure side at present most categories are within budget. Overall finances are in a much better position than previously expected with the projected budget deficit of £3.5k being greatly reduced.
- JG has been working on a budget for 2025 and initial figures show a surplus of £800.
- Whilst previously discussing the possible increase in subscriptions and/or match fees JG brought to the committee's attention the proposal by the Town Council to introduce car parking charges next year. This will have the effect of additional cost for members. In the circumstances it was agreed that at the AGM the committee would propose that Subscriptions and match fees would not change for 2025.
- It was also agreed that for the same reason hire charges would not increase for the time being.
- VG reported that the old/reserve mower used for cutting the edges of the green had finally broken beyond repair. It was agreed that a new Flymo mower would be purchased for a cost of £150.
- RS has still to take forward the prospect of sponsorship with local businesses.

5. Officers of the club

- **Trustees** CB reported that the deed appointing the new Trustees was still to be completed. This must be signed by the President and as Len Ward has now moved away from Winslow and will be standing down at the next AGM the necessary formalities would be left until a new President is in place.

6. Captains matters.

- JG gave a brief report of the season. In friendlies we had won 4 and lost 7. We also had 4 matches cancelled through opposition not being able to put out teams or through bad weather. For the first time for several years 2 Ladies games were played losing to Wing and a win against Bucks West End. The Club reached the semi-final of the Bucks Plate. In the Bletchley and District League the club won 1 and lost 4 games. We had 3 teams in the Ray Keen League (RKL) with the Warriors just finishing above the Wasps to finish 3rd and 4th respectively in Red division 3 whilst the Wildcats finished 5th in Blue Division 4.
- Rinks are played in the RKL and with a free weekend on the 14th September it was agreed that we would hold an internal competition to give members the experience of playing in rinks. If enough members were then interested consideration would be given to entering a further team in the RKL next year. JG will place on the rink diary and send out an email to members.
- SC reported that she had already had a favourable response from Wolverton regarding a fixture against them next year and was also exploring the possibility of fixtures against the VP's. Bucks Masonic were still keen to play us next year. Further matches for Ladies will be pursued although it was thought this would still be 2 x triples FTB.
- It was suggested that JG and SC discuss further fixtures for next season.

7.Coaching

- SC reported that herself and Roger Hayman (RH) have their final assessment on 14th September and the club wish them the best of luck in becoming Grade 1 coaches thereafter.
- RS suggested that further coaches would be beneficial to the club, and it was agreed that we would wait until after the 14th to seek SC and RH opinion before making a decision.

8. Social matters.

- **October** On Saturday 5th October we will hold another "Aussie Rules" competition. This will be followed by the "Curry Evening" to be provided by Valerie Gomersall and Jane Stainforth. RS will send out details and discuss with Valeries and Jane timings and costings.
- **Presentation Lunch.** To be held on 26th October at the Bell. JG , VG will discuss details and send out information to members re cost etc. All trophies need to be returned, and this has now been attended to. RM requested that any trophies awarded (if applicable) at the upcoming Potters visit be presented at the lunch and this was agreed.

9. Clubhouse.

- **Changing rooms extension:** CB reported that an estimate for new footings has been obtained but he was still awaiting a response from Cath Hems regarding costings for the

actual structure. It was hoped that these would be available by 5th September for discussion at the next Town Council meeting.

- **First Aid.** RS has been trying to contact a provider for a First Aid course, the lady concerned is currently away, but he will chase up and report back.
- **Defibrillator** It was agreed that this would be located in the changing rooms and VG and RS will attend.
- **Gigaclear.** Unfortunately, the installation has been delayed as Gigaclear need to attend to a ducting issue. This could take up to 90 days to sort out.

10. **Media/Website**

- John Thorogood (JT) had produced a paper for the committee to consider regarding using the web site more for communication to members. This would require all members to register on the website. JT and RS carried out an initial trial and it appears a very easy process. It was agreed that this should be taken forward and RS and JT will attend.

11. **Membership.**

- Applications for Full (player) membership have been received from former members Michael Jones and Terry Pomroy. These have now been accepted.

12. **Grounds Maintenance**

- VG indicated that next year because of personal celebrations he would not be available for some periods next year. Further help will be appreciated.

13. **AGM** This will be held on Saturday 2nd November. RS will advise members in line with the clubs constitution and include details of how to nominate members for various positions within the club.

14. **Any other business** RM requested a time be allocated at the AGM for him to discuss Safeguarding and this was agreed.

15. **Date of next meeting.** Wednesday 2nd October 12.00noon

The meeting closed at 1.45pm

Agreed as a true record Chairman:

Date