

Winslow Bowls Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Friday 19th January 2024 @ 9.30 am

Present:

- Colin Bishopp (CB) Chairman
- John Gilbey (JG) Treasurer and Vice Captain
- Victor Griffiths (VG) Committee Member
- Cliff Geary (CG) Committee Member
- Len Ward (LW) President and Fixtures Secretary

1. Apologies

- No apologies were noted.

2. Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting of the Committee on 15 December 2023 were noted and accepted by the committee prior to signature by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

- VG is to advise Winslow Parish News that WBC will provide articles for publication, but does not currently intend to take advertising space.
- The leaflet drop agreed at the December meeting is to be progressed. CB will provide details of the delivery operator and Roger Shelton and John Thorogood are to be asked to arrange for deliveries to be made in March.
- Arrangements have been made for the servicing of the lawn mower in late February. It was agreed that, during the warranty period, it was important to have the mower serviced by the suppliers and a second quote will not be sought.
- The new Bar Price List is now in effect. Wine may be supplied either from wine boxes or in small 187ml bottles, as the Bar Manager thinks fit, and in order to provide a reasonable range of choices.
- Roger Piosek will not now pursue the advertising proposal.
- The Club has placed an order for “hedgehog” design ditch liners. Half the cost has been paid, the balance is due on delivery in March.
- The Member List has been circulated but only to committee members. For GDPR reasons members will be asked to agree to the circulation of their email addresses and phone numbers as they pay their subscriptions (and new members on joining) and the detail of those who agree will be circulated generally thereafter.

4. Resignation of Officers

- It was noted that the Club's Secretary, Captain and Competitions Secretary (the last two being the same person) had resigned their offices with immediate effect and had indicated that they would not be renewing their subscriptions.
- It was resolved that Roger Shelton's offer to act as Secretary should be accepted, that he be appointed accordingly and that he should forthwith become a member of the Committee.
- It was resolved that JG should assume the office of Captain, and vacate the office of Vice-Captain. The Committee will continue to seek a suitable candidate for appointment as a replacement Vice-Captain but until that has been done it was agreed that Committee members would act as captain of the day in the absence of the Captain.
- It was resolved that LW should become a member of the Committee. He will continue to act as Fixtures Secretary.

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Review

- The Club's bank balance remains healthy but concerns about the projected shortfall of income over expenditure remain. Fortunately the NHS has indicated it will hire the clubhouse twice a week from the spring, which will significantly increase expected hire income.
- It was agreed that imposing match fees for roll-ups was both undesirable and impractical and that possibility will not be taken forward. Playing members' subscriptions will remain at £85 with £2 fees for all friendly and competition matches, as determined at the AGM. Subscription and fee levels will be reconsidered before the next AGM.
- If possible a 100 Club will be launched at the Spring Meeting, with a view to the draw taking place on the last Friday of each month. CB is to check whether there are any legal requirements or restrictions the Club must allow for.
- There will be no charge for attendance at the Spring Meeting, but a meal will be provided at cost.
- LW will announce the fee for participation in the Masons match once he knows the cost of the meal to be provided.
- CB will prepare a revised and shortened draft of the proposed circular email to members.

6. B & D league, Ray Keen League and other fixtures

- The Club will continue to enter teams in the B&D matches, and will enter three teams in the Ray Keen League in the forthcoming season.
- LW has arranged a full programme of weekend friendly matches, as well as three ladies' matches to take place early in the season. The fixture list will be issued to members once the midweek fixture arrangements have been provided by BBA, probably in late February.
- JG (as Captain) is now the Club's B&D League contact.

7. Any Other Business

- CB is to make enquiries about the possible availability of grant money to enable the Club to expand its facilities. While these enquiries are made the question of replacement of the rear door will be put in abeyance.
- It was agreed that a dart board and appropriate playing equipment should be purchased for use by members at social events. In particular, its use, and possible quizzes, bingo or similar activities, will be promoted at the proposed monthly 100 Club draw.

8. Future dates

- The Spring Meeting will to be held on Saturday **6 April 2024, at 6.30 for 7.**
- The Green Opening will take place on Saturday **13 April 2024 at 2.30 pm.** The event will consist of a Captain's team v President's team, playing for the Ray and Kitty Phillips Memorial Trophy.
- The Presentation Lunch will be on Saturday **26 October 2024, at 12 for 12.30**, at the Bell Hotel. The price of the lunch has yet to be agreed with the hotel.
- The 2024 AGM will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday **2 November 2024, at 11 am.**

The next Committee meeting will be on Friday 16 February 2024 at 9.30 am.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am.

Agreed as true record

Chairman:

Date :