

## Winslow Bowls Club

### Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 12 noon.

#### : 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
- Sheila Cadge (SC) Fixture Secretary designate.  
General Committee attending
- L Ward (LW) President, Fixture and Competitions Secretary
- Randall Moll (RM) Safeguarding Officer.

#### 1. Apologies None

#### 2. Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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
- The deficit for the year end currently showing at £251 against budget deficit of £3.5k. This is due in the main to increases in income from social events, 100Club and clubhouse hire.
- On the expenditure side at present most categories are within budget.
- The 5-year electricity check has been carried out, a few minor items needed attention at a cost of £96. These have been attended to and the appropriate certificate issued.
- It was agreed to accept the estimate for new lighting in the clubhouse of £680plus VAT. The renewal of lighting in the toilets and store cupboard would be deferred for the time being. VG will however ask the electrician to replace the bulbs in the outside sensor lights.
- In view of the age of the dishwasher in the kitchen it was decided to not seek repair of this.
- VG requested consideration be given to raising the hire charges and it was agreed we should seek information regarding what other organisations in Winslow charge before deciding.
- VG also suggested raising the membership fee for full members to £100. SC mentioned we should bear in mind that it was not long ago that the fee was £70.
- A full review of income and expenditure will be made at the end of September by JG for the next financial year. When both hire charges and membership fees can be discussed further.
- JG requested that the committee members consider what they feel is needed to improve our facilities and what expenditure is known for the next financial year so this can be considered when preparing budgets.

#### 5. Officers of the club

- **Fixture Secretary.** Sheila Cadge was co-opted onto the committee to replace LW who will be moving away shortly. SC will need access to the fixture secretary's email address and this will be attended to.
- **Competitions Secretary** LW said initially he would carry on with the various current internal competitions but has since agreed that CB will cover for the remainder of the outdoor season.

- A new competitions secretary will be required. Suitable candidates were discussed, and CB will approach these to see if they are willing to take on the role.
- It was agreed that entries for the Offa and Nominated Pairs be reopened for new members and those who have missed the original deadline day for entries. RS to send out email.
- **Trustees.** CB is drawing up a deed to be signed by the President appointing the new Trustees. Once issued RS and CB can take forward changing details at Land Registry.

#### 6. **Captains matters.**

- JG requested consideration be given to finding additional clubs for friendly matches and a list has been prepared. To relieve SC of too much additional work at this stage RS will contact the clubs concerned to ask if dates can be found would they be willing to play against us.
- JG asked if we wished to continue in the Bletchley and District League (B&D) next year, this would be a commitment for 2 years. After further discussion it was resolved that we would continue. RS to confirm to the secretary of B&D League by 1<sup>st</sup> August.
- In future the team Captain will nominate three playing members in each game to be responsible for setting out tables and chairs in the clubhouse before the game and then lay out refreshments if they are to be provided.
- Tony Lawrence had asked if it would be appropriate to have a coach to Denham for the Bucks Plate semifinal. It transpires that the Winslow Community Bus would not be available. It was decided that players would make use of their own/share cars.

#### 7. **Social matters.**

- **July** This will be on 26<sup>th</sup> July in the form of Bingo, possibly a taster of a Race Evening plus Quiz if time allows.
- **August** It was decided by the social committee that as the clubs internal competitions were taking place over the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> Aug/1<sup>st</sup> Sept there would be no event on the preceding Friday. Instead to encourage members to come along and support those participating in the finals a BBQ would be held on both days and available from mid-day onwards.
- **October** As the Presidents Day is on 26<sup>th</sup> September the September event will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Valerie Gomersall and Jane Stainforth have kindly agreed to provide a “Curry Evening” and this will combined with another “Aussie Rules” competition for all members in the afternoon.
- **Presentation Lunch.** To be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October at the Bell. Details to be issued nearer the time
- **100 Club** There are a few numbers still available and these will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> August giving the chance to participate in 10 months draws for £10.

#### 8. **Clubhouse.**

- CG was thanked for the work carried out on repairing the rear door of the clubhouse.
- RS has obtained a section of gutter to fix the leaking area and will attend to shortly.
- VG supplied a list and contact details of all of those hiring the clubhouse.
- LW suggested consideration be given to getting a yale lock fitted to the rear door and VG will investigate.
- 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. Once these are to hand CB can return to the Council for a decision.
- First Aid. Nine members recently attended a comprehensive course on the use of a defibrillator. The First Aid course should have taken place on 16<sup>th</sup> July but owing to a mix up of dates between EWR and the facilitators this did not take place. Alternative dates are now being sought by RS.

- Gigaclear. Pete Joyner had been in contact with Gigaclear seeking agreement to install broadband/wifi in the clubhouse free as part of their community project. This has been agreed. RS reported initial survey taken place and installation is booked for 13<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **9. Club Survey and Communication**

- Technical issues were experienced with issue of the Club Survey recently. John Thorogood has explained the problems, and we now need to decide whether the survey is for general public or members only. Either way further work is required and it was agreed that RS will meet with JT to take forward.

#### **10. Membership.**

- Applications for Full (player) membership have been received from Brian and Shirley Johnson. They have just moved to Winslow and have played bowls before for Hassocks in Sussex. Carol Burrows has applied for social membership. All applications were accepted.

#### **11. Etiquette and Dress code.**

- JT has produced a further Etiquette paper. This in general was accepted but needs a little amendment. CB has suggested that SC and RS approach two new members each and seek their opinion. The paper does include Dress Code and whilst this will remain therein CB will do a separate email to all members regarding dress code for next season.
- LW suggested the inclusion / separate document for short mat bowls and CB will attend.

#### **12. Grounds Maintenance**

- VG wished to thank Mick Bigby, Steven Church and Mary Arnold for coming forward to help with the ground maintenance.
- CG produced a stand he had made for one of the scoreboards. The intention being these would be placed on the paved area around the green thus avoiding having to get on and off the green to change scores. The committee felt these were excellent and CG agreed to produce 5 more.

#### **13. Safeguarding and GDPR**

- RM discussed further aspects of safeguarding RS has been unable to meet with him to discuss what the clubs ongoing requirement is but will do so shortly.

14. **Coaching.** SC and Roger Hayman will be participating in the Bowls England coaching course over various formats at the end of July/early August and will report back at the next committee meeting.

15. **Any other business** none.

16. **Date of next meeting.** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 12.00noon

The meeting closed at 1.55pm

**Agreed as a true record** Chairman:

Date