**Winslow Bowls Club**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 3rd June 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
* L Ward (LW) President, Fixture and Competitions Secretary
* J Thorogood (JT) Website and Media Manager

1. Apologies None

2. **Minutes**

* The minutes of the meeting on 22nd April 2024 were noted with one amendment under item 4 sub para 6, £250 was passed to JG by bar manager not £200. The amended Minutes were accepted 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 £16.8k
* The deficit for the year end currently showing at £1.7k against budget deficit of £3.5k.
* Income from Clubhouse hire on track to be well above budget as is social events.
* The bar manager has passed on to JG a further £300 being profit takings from the bar.
* On the expenditure side at present most categories are within budget.

5. **Officers of the club**

* LW has indicated we should now appoint someone to take over from him pending his move away from Winslow. Various members names were discussed, and CB will approach them with a view of finding a suitable person to taking on the role.
* A competitions secretary will also be required but this can be dealt with at the next AGM
* **Trustees**. The clubs Constitution and rules state that the Trustees should not be less than three nor more than four. They should be members of the club nominated by the committee. At present Mary Arnold is the only Trustee who is a member. It was proposed that VG, JG and RS be appointed. RS to discuss with CB re taking necessary action to register at Land Registry etc. LW as President will formally appoint the new trustees.

6. **Captains matters**.

* JG was happy to report that the number of members coming forward to play in matches continues to exceed the places available. He is continuing to approach opposition captains to see if they are agreeable to additional triples/rinks.
* Whilst the results of friendly games has not been good the important thing is that members are coming forward to play and new members should continue to be encouraged so that they get match experience.

7. **Social matters**.

* **Lions Joint Match/Social**. A combination of Lions and club members (43 in total) will be at this event. The intention is to have a short bowls match, pairing a Lion with a club member. This will be followed by Fish and chip supper and a quiz. A Whisky drive will also be held.
* **100 Club** There are still a number of entries to be taken up for the 100Club. The first draw will be made at the June social on 28th June. CB will send out an email seeking further participants.
* **June social.** This will be in the form of a BBQ and the social committee will meet separately to discuss.
* **Curry evening.** Two lady members have come forward to indicate they would be happy to arrange a curry evening. It was suggested this would be later in the year and dates to be decided.

8. **Clubhouse**.

* VG had obtained quotes to replace the rear door. It was felt that at present we could not afford this within the financial budget. This will now be repaired. CG and RS to take forward with VG and JG’s assistance if required.
* RS to look at the problem with the leaking gutter above the front door.
* The electricity inspection to enable the required safety certificate to be issued is to be carried out on 24th June. The dishwasher will also be looked at as it keeps cutting out
* VG will also ask the firm who are undertaking the inspection their views on updating the current lighting in the main clubhouse and whether this should be strip lighting or round LED fixtures. JG felt we may be able to accommodate this within the current Clubhouse Maintenance/Fixtures and Fittings budget.
* Changing rooms extension: the committee approved the revised plans prepared by Cath Hems. The next step is to obtain indicative costings which it is hoped will be provided when Cath’s partner (a builder) has examined the existing foundations in order to determine whether they can be re-used or will have to be replaced. In the meantime CB will submit the plans to Winslow Town Council for approval in principle.

9. **Club Survey and Communication**

* JT gave a presentation on a proposed survey he is suggesting we send out via the clubs website. A lot of discussion ensued on the merits of surveys and the way we communicate with members.
* It was decided that JT would prepare a revised short survey questionnaire to cover communication and use of the website.
* It was also mentioned that we should communicate more within the local district our disabled facilities. RS will approach the Winslow Parish Magazine with a view of placing an article therein.

10. **Membership.**

* Applications for Full (player) membership have been received from Karen Harvey, Val Newling and Kate Bones. These ladies attended the Open Day and have been coming to Tuesday evening roll ups. All three applications were approved by the committee.

11**. Etiquette and Dress code.**

* It has been felt by some members that a reminder should be issued to all players regarding etiquette and dress code. CB had produced a document for discussion as had JG and VG showed one which was issued in 2021. It was agreed that CB will look at all three and then decide how to proceed.

12**. Grounds Maintenance**

* VG reported that the green will now need cutting three times a week and will look for further volunteers to assist the small group he currently has.
* It has been noticed that at the end of each game the removal of the equipment is left to a few members. It was agreed in future that all skips will oversee the return of the equipment to the appropriate store areas.

**13. Safeguarding and GDPR**

* To be held over until next meeting.

**14. Any other business**

* **Bletchley and District League** It was queried whether we wanted to enter teams in this league in 2025. A decision to be made at the AGM in November
* **First Aid and Defibrillator training courses** RS has arranged through EWR these courses and a separate email has been sent out to all members asking if they would like to attend.

15. **Date of next meeting.**  Monday 15th July 12.00noon

The meeting closed at 1.30pm

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