

Three Mile Cross Bowling Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held April 20, 2023

Present :

Geoff Malham [GM] Chairman

Neil Argyle [NA] Secretary

David Hearn [DH] Treasurer

Bill Bissett [BB] Captain

Daf Ashby [DA] Membership Secretary

Debbie Bissett [DB] Bar Manager, Entertainments

Claire Morrison [CM] Head of Communications

Linda Salmon [LS] Ladies' Secretary

Andy Friend [AF] Green/Maintenance Chair

Michele Vale [MV] Head of Recruitment

1. Apologies

Received from Keith Hall, Tony Cook.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, held February 5, 2023

These were agreed apart from a typing error under item 8 where " DA " should read " DB " .

3. Matters Arising, not listed on the agenda

Safeguarding : NA confirmed that a notice had been posted on the outside notice board.

Officers' contact details : CM confirmed she had checked with those concerned regarding publication on the website.

Fact sheet : DH reported that this was in hand.

Old style shirts : DB reported that she had not found a suitable home, therefore people should be left to decide what to do with them.

Main gate : NA reported that the gate had been left open again but had no idea why. BB reported that he was planning to put a lock on the sliding gate and had consulted Ian Alleyne, who was happy with the idea. This was agreed.

ACTION BB

DB commented that Select would need access to empty the large bin but it was usually done within working hours.

Officers' photos : GM said this was in hand. Adrian Salmon had agreed to take the photos at the Open Evening. It was agreed to ask Captains etc. to wear club shirts. **ACTION NA**

Car park path : DB agreed to pursue the purchase of slabs. Volunteers would need to be sought to lay them. **ACTION AF**

4. Treasurer Report

DH referred to his report, already circulated. The insurers had recently paid out c£5,000 for repairs to the kitchen so the net result for the project was a loss of £290 once invoices from Mark Holder, also recently received, had been accounted for. DH had contacted the broker to query why the cost of light fittings had not been included. Taking the foregoing into account, plus the excess charge levied by the insurers, cash in hand currently stood at just over £11,000.

It was noted that around £500 had to be paid to RCBBA for this year's affiliation fees. NA commented that next season that fee would be increased by £2 per playing member.

CM asked if the water usage was being monitored. DH confirmed that he was doing this. She also referred to the prospect of energy prices not being increased as highly as predicted. DH said he would know in August, when the fixed price deal was due to expire.

It was agreed that Ivor Atkins should be asked to continue with the Lotto competition. DH said he would take it on if Ivor was not able to do it. CM agreed to discuss with Ivor. **ACTION CM**

5. Repairs to Clubhouse

In the absence of KH it was assumed that the work had been carried out satisfactorily. Thanks were due to everyone who had contributed their time.

6. Boundary Dispute

NA and BB reported on a meeting of the sub-committee held earlier the same day.

Rod Fenner and Ian Clarke wished to impress upon the Committee that maintaining the opportunity for a rear entrance to the club was vital for its future.

The sub-committee had discussed the situation thoroughly and concluded that one final meeting with Bill Rhymes, as suggested by him in his reply dated 31/3/23, should be regarded as a final attempt to reach a solution without recourse to legal proceedings. It was noted that BR had referred to documents in his possession which might be at odds with those the club had obtained.

BB reported that he had obtained a Land Registry plan for one of the “ Taylor Wimpey “ houses which backed onto the club’s land. This showed definitively the position of their boundary to the rear and backed up the statement of TW that their land abutted that of the club. However, it was possible that BR considered that the additional the piece of land he was using had belonged to TW as opposed to the club.

After an extensive discussion, and following a vote, it was agreed that the sub-committee should meet with BR one more time in order to examine the respective documents. If no progress could be made then the Committee would need to consider engaging legal representation.

In view of the problems encountered in arranging previous meetings it was suggested that BR be asked to provide dates over the following three weeks for a meeting with the sub-committee. At this meeting BR should be asked to provide any documentation that he contends to support his case. It was agreed that NA should write to BR accordingly.

ACTION NA

7. General Data Protection Regulations

CM reported that the general privacy policy had been agreed and placed on the website. No member on completing their membership form the club had raised any objection to its content. CM asked Committee members to ensure they comply with the policy’s recommended processes.

CM reported that work was in hand to produce a further policy specific to the club's cctv operation. She suggested that the club should have a designated person to manage the system, especially where a request might be received to review any footage. It was agreed to do this once the policy had been drafted.

ACTION CM/NA

8. BIAS

CM reported that the system went live on April 6 and she had subsequently met with captains and managers to ensure they were conversant with the necessary processes. To date, 11 playing members had not yet registered on the system.

A few teething problems were reported, eg ensuring that members' email addresses needed to be exactly as those entered into the system.

9. TMX 85 Years Anniversary

DB asked if any special arrangements should be made to celebrate this anniversary. After discussion it was agreed that the Ladies v Gents game on August 20 should be the opportunity to celebrate the anniversary.

DB said that it would also be good if any long standing member could provide photographs from years gone by.

ACTION DB

10. Officers' Reports

CM reported that the link to purchase additional club shirts was live on the website. CM had also purchased three more to keep within the club as temporary lending shirts. These could be used for any new member who might need to borrow a shirt whilst waiting to for their own to arrive [due to the 5-6 weeks delivery time]. Additionally she had arranged for a shirt with an incorrect name to be altered so that it could also be loaned.

MV reported that arrangements were in hand for the Open Days in May. The BE banner was expected soon and ordering of publicity material was in hand. MV said that a call for volunteers to help on the day would be made w/c April 24. Contingency arrangements would be made in case of bad weather.

DA reported on playing numbers being 10 down on the previous year. BB commented that it might not be possible to fulfil publicised numbers for each

friendly game. it was noted that most clubs nowadays preferred to play triples rather than rinks. NA commented that he suspected that gender specific games might not continue for too many years.

BB reported that he had met with Eileen Allen to decide on which games each would be Captain for friendly games.

BB referred to after games refreshments and the majority of clubs now offering snacks. Where some clubs offer something more substantial it was agreed to reciprocate. LS agreed to make the arrangements when required.

ACTiON LS

BB reported that pens for the season had been ordered. Also that he intended to buy a supply of printer paper for sharing with those who used it.

AF reported that some he was monitoring the health of some trees on the boundary edge.

AF reported that the green contractor had promised to lift the green edge.

CM reported that for the Novices competition the ruling was people having played for fewer than five calendar years would qualify, irrespective of the non-activity due to the Covid pandemic

DB reported that Joan Baker would be celebrating her 100th birthday in 2023. On behalf of the club LS had arranged to hold a tea on July 17 and all members would be invited. RCBBA had offered to provide a cake and had published the event on their website. LS agreed to provide details to NA for a message to be sent out to members. **ACTiON LS**

DB thanked members for supporting recent events. She commented that a very small number of people had apparently queried the cost but it was felt quite reasonable in view of what was on offer.

DB asked for recommendations for bottled lager, in addition to Peroni, as opposed to draft. It was suggested San Miguel or Budweiser might be a good choice. DB agreed to check prices.

DB raised the issue of barbecues on a Friday evening and said that if anyone volunteered to do them then it should be their responsibility to provide the food and be recompensed by the club.

DB alerted the Committee to the fact that she did not intend to manage the bar after expiration of the current year.

11. Any Other Business

BB reported that the issue of trustees had been raised at the sub-committee and asked if it was time to review the number. NA commented that in view of the cost it might be more appropriate to wait until the club was forced to make a change. This was agreed.

Date of Next Meeting

Agreed for Thursday, June 22 at 6.30 pm.

There being no further business, GM closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

