

## **Three Mile Cross Bowling Club**

### **Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held November 27, 2022**

#### **Present :**

Geoff Malham [ GM ] Chairman

Tony Cook [ TC ] President

Neil Argyle [ NA ] Secretary

David Hearn [ DH ] Treasurer

Bill Bissett [ BB ] Captain

Keith Hall [ KH ] Fixtures Secretary

Daf Ashby [ DA ] Membership Secretary

Debbie Bissett [ DB ] Bar Manager, Entertainments

Claire Morrison [ CM ] Head of Communications

Linda Salmon [ LS ] Ladies' Secretary

Michele Vale [ MV ] Head of Recruitment

#### **1. Apologies**

Received from Andy Friend.

#### **2. Appointment of Vice Chairman**

NA offered to carry out the role. This was agreed.

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, held October 8, 2022**

These were agreed as a true record.

#### **4. Matters Arising, not listed on the Agenda**

**Electrical Report, outside telephone bell** : NA reported that he had tried to contact Mark Holder on several occasions with no success. BB agreed to pursue the matter. **ACTION BB**

**Garage roof** : KH was thanked for arranging this to be fixed.

**Honours Board** : KH referred to the previous discussion about the need for a new board, which TC had kindly agreed to fund. NA suggested transferring the

information from the “ County “ board to a smaller one, thus freeing the space on the existing board for club competitions. This was agreed. **ACTION KH**

**Lifting the green’s edge** : KH reported that he had discussed this with the Contractor, who had agreed to do the work. KH was asked to confirm it to be done prior to the 2023 season, and before any County inspection, if the cost were to be found reasonable. **ACTION KH**

## **5. Treasurer Report**

DH referred to his report, previously circulated. Current funds stood at £9,189 - i.e.£10,748 bank balance plus £441 cash less the £2,000 held in reserve.

DB referred to social events and the need to take their expenditure into account to monitor their viability. It was acknowledged that holding such events had a value for members irrespective of the cost. DB commented that she constantly monitored bar prices in order to keep them at a realistic level.

DH reported that the Lotto competition had not been well supported during the winter and questioned whether it was worthwhile outside of the playing season.

DH had produced a draft budget for the coming year. This showed that on his calculations the club next year might have around £2,000 less than the current year. It was noted that a good number of projects had been completed in recent years which hopefully would not need to be replicated in the near future.

## **6. Issues from the 2022 AGM**

NA referred to the AOB item about whether the ladies should be included on the general cleaning roster, i.e. to include the clubhouse.

After discussion it was agreed as follows - the 2023 rota should have two men per week ; the ladies should not be included for the clubhouse ; playing members should be reminded to leave the kitchen clean after league games ; members of the losing rink to be asked to tidy up the clubhouse after friendly games ; the cooker to be monitored regularly and professionally cleaned as and when required. NA was asked to inform members accordingly.

**ACTION NA**

## **7. Boundary Dispute**

BB reported on a recent meeting he and NA held with Bill Rhymes and his colleague, Tony Lewis, along with Ian Clarke and Rod Fenner. At the meeting the two conceded that BR's land fell short of the club's boundary.

BB reported that ownership of a strip of land lying between the club's boundary and the new estate was open to question, saying that Taylor Wimpey probably owned it but it was questioned why they had not put it to use. BR and TL suggested that ownership should be clarified via the Land Registry undertaking a " Partial Index Search " and, if not done so, then an agreement should be made that neither BR nor the club would obstruct either party from using part of it as a pathway through to the new estate. BB provided BR and TL with a photo of the relevant part of TW's site plan.

It was agreed at the meeting that TL would provide details of the likely cost that the Land Registry would charge for their services, prior to agreeing whether to proceed and how it might be paid for. BB agreed to keep the Management Committee informed of progress. BB was thanked for his work on the issue.

## **8. Safeguarding Officer**

NA reported that Kaz Clarke had performed this role in the past but would prefer others to do it if possible. It was noted from a recent County AGM that it might need to be a requirement - as opposed to a preference - in the future.

After discussion it was agreed that the club should have someone in this role and NA was asked to circulate members to see if anyone other than Kaz might take it on. **ACTION NA**

## **9. Open Day/s 2023**

MV reported that the Recruitment Team had discussed possible dates, bearing in mind that Eileen Allen had suggested making the dates earlier than in recent years. Eileen's comments were taken into account but it was agreed that reserving the two weekends of May 20 and 27 would be practicable in view of agreed friendly fixtures, plus the latter being the date of the Big Bowls Weekend. Exact details and times to be confirmed once the date of the Ladies' Top Club was known. **ACTION MV**

## **10/11. Reports/ Any Other Business**

KH reported that it had been said at the previous meeting that Burnham would be dropped from the fixture calendar owing to their not fulfilling fixtures in

recent years. As TMX had cancelled the fixture this season KH felt that that the decision should be delayed to give Burnham one more chance of keeping the fixture.

KH reported that a new trophy was needed and that Rod Fenner was happy to pay for it. Also that a new ladies' trophy would be needed for 2024 and that it would be nice if one of the lady members might pay for it.

KH reported that he was the club's representative for the County Benevolent Fund. He asked NA to message the members to inform KH that if any member or past member needed financial assistance towards provision of living aids then he is the club's contact. **ACTION NA**

DB referred to the Presentation Evening and the questionnaire she had circulated. Comments were mostly very positive and she would take on board all received. One in particular was the need to have someone not directly involved to run the bar. DB thanked everyone who had contributed to the evening, plus cleaning the clubhouse etc.. TC thanked DB, Pamela Prior and everyone who helped for their efforts towards a successful evening. CM agreed to pursue placing photos on the Members' Area of the website.

CM reported that she and Ivor Atkins had met again with Keith van Gelder of BIAS and agreed that a list of all members would need to be uploaded in time for the BIAS software to be introduced for the 2023 season. DA was asked to provide CM with a spreadsheet of member details for this purpose.

CM asked KH to provide details of all fixtures as soon as they were known as these would need to be uploaded for the rink booking module.

CM also referred to the possibility of a demonstration being made to members at the start of the 2023 season about team selection and the new rink booking system. GM asked if this could be done by video and placed on the website.

CM replied that Keith van Gelder was adding some videos to BIAS [ accessed via the club's website ] which would hopefully demonstrate aspects of the system. CM and Ivor Atkins also planned to meet with the Captains and League Managers to demonstrate how the team selection software could be used by the club.

CM reported that the second bulk order of new shirts had been placed in November with a view to their distribution taking place in the new year.

LS reported that the ladies' fixtures were in hand and should be published soon.

BB reported that he had cancelled the club's entry in the West Berkshire indoor event in view of the lack of interest. This would be reviewed for the following year.

BB reported that the annual indoor fixture against Maiden Erlegh had been arranged for January.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

This was agreed for Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 10am.

There being no further business, GM closed the meeting at 11.45am.