

Three Mile Cross Bowling Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held April 10, 2022

Present :

N Argyle [NA] Chairman and Secretary

David Hearn [DH] Treasurer

Keith Hall [KH] Fixtures Secretary

Bill Bissett [BB] Captain

Debbie Bissett [DB] Bar Chair and Entertainments

Claire Morrison [CM] Head of Publicity

Linda Salmon [LS] Ladies' Secretary

Daf Ashby [DA] Membership Secretary

Michele Vale [MV] Head of Recruitment

1. Apologies

Received from Tony Cook [TC] and Andy Friend [AF]

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, held February 6, 2022

These were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

i. BB reported that he had looked into prices for a board with insets for Officers' photographs. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda but not proceed immediately in view of the cost. MV suggested a temporary measure of using cork boards. BB agreed to pursue this option. **ACTION BB**

4. Financial Report

DH referred to his report, previously circulated. The cash in hand stood at around £10,500 following receipt of membership renewals, social events, the bonus ball competition and a further Covid grant.

DH reported that the insurance premium had been paid, the only major change being an increase in the sum required to rebuild the premises following a major incident. He added that both the roofing and electrical surveys had been completed, with thanks to KH's grandson and Mark Holder respectively.

DH reported that the main mower had been serviced, arranged by the green contractor, and the invoice received. He said that he would have preferred the invoice to have shown a breakdown of costs to establish exactly what had been done. NA agreed to ask AF to pursue. **ACTION NA**

KH raised a problem with regard to the club's telephone not being connected to the outside bell. NA said that he would ask his son to look at it when next visiting Reading.

5. Club Boundary

NA introduced this item but handed over to BB as he had been more directly involved. The issue is that a man from a neighbouring house had created a parking space at the end of his garden by installing a large drainage pipe for the ditch and using some of the land for his vehicle. He had also cleared some of the land further down from this area.

It was acknowledged that the man had appeared to have done a good job but the fact remained that this strip of land is owned by the club. This is shown on the Land Registry document, a copy of which NA had produced. It was also noted that no permission from the Committee had been sought prior to the work having taken place.

After a comprehensive discussion it was agreed that NA should contact Malcolm Head [Solicitor] for his advice on how to approach the problem. It was also suggested that Woolf Bond might help, plus Wokingham Borough Council might also have an interest. When the advice is received the Committee would then discuss options towards a resolution. **ACTION NA**

6. Arrangements for the New Season

NA said that now the membership numbers were more or less finalised then rosters need to be drawn up for such as cleaning, bar/food and raffle prizes.

NA would devise a roster for the men's cleaning, i.e. the clubhouse, gents' toilet and changing room. DB stated that two people would be required for the bar and food preparation, even though it will be mainly snacks provided. She agreed to draw up a roster accordingly. She also agreed to buy the snacks whilst at the wholesaler.

LS commented that the ladies would be producing their own rosters for cleaning the two changing rooms. Anyone using the kitchen would be expected to leave it clean and tidy after its use.

7. Club Shirts

CM introduced this on behalf of the team [CM, KH and Geoff Malham] who had been looking into the possibility of a new club shirt, following agreement at the AGM. She had circulated a document which provided details of a potential supplier, design visuals and proposals for the Committee to consider.

CM provided examples of the quality of shirts produced by the supplier. It was decided that in future the club would have a unisex version. The current logo was also discussed, with a view to its possible revision.

After discussion it was agreed that CM should obtain an amended visual of the chosen shirt design, incorporating logo artwork. **ACTION CM**

A discussion then took place on the process for the changeover and how to manage the existing stock. It was agreed that KH would continue to provide the current design whilst stocks last. It was acknowledged that new bowlers should not be disadvantaged if they needed to buy a different shirt within a short space of time.

8. Officers' Reports

NA reported that AF had obtained quotes for the felling of a dead tree situated in the club grounds. The cost is estimated at around £600. It was agreed to ask AF to proceed in view of the risk to property if the tree were likely to fall over.

ACTION AF

MV reported on the recent exhibition at St. Michael's Easter Fayre. The Fayre itself was not very well attended so consequently there were not that many visitors, however it was deemed a useful exercise in view of raising the club's profile.

MV reported on arrangements in hand for the Open Days and subsequent coaching. Eileen Allen had asked if there might be a problem with her being helped by a non-member, Judith Chree, who was pursuing her badges. There were no problems raised.

CM reported that feedback from the launch of the new website had been positive. There were still areas which needed further development. CM asked if anyone might be prepared to assist with photographs. It was suggested that Adrian Salmon might help. All agreed that CM and Ivor Atkins should be congratulated on a fine piece of work.

KH reported that it had been arranged for the honours board to be updated.

KH raised the issue of visitors attending social events and enjoying the same benefits as full and social members. MV suggested that there should be differential pricing to reward people supporting the club via social membership. This was agreed. **ACTION DB**

BB reported that the non-availability book had been completed.

BB reported that nobody had come forward to take on the running of a club tour.

DA reported that so far she had received membership forms for 20 ladies, 35 men and 21 social members.

NA reported that Rod Fenner had asked if a replacement for Graham Brown could be found to act as the Benevolent Fund contact for the club. KH offered to do this.

9. Date of Next Meeting

This was agreed for 10am on Sunday, June 5.

There being no further business NA closed the meeting at 12.40pm.