

Three Mile Cross Bowling Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held Saturday, August 20, 2022.

Present :

Tony Cook [TC] President

Neil Argyle [NA] Chairman and Secretary

David Hearn [DH] Treasurer

Bill Bissett [BB] Captain

Debbie Bissett [DB] Bar Chair and Entertainments

Andy Friend [AF] Green/ Maintenance Chair

Claire Morrison [CM] Head of Communications

Linda Salmon [LS] Ladies' Secretary

Daf Ashby [DA] Membership Secretary

Keith Hall [KH] Fixtures Secretary

1. Apologies

Received from Michele Vale [MV] Head of Recruitment.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, held June 12, 2022.

These were agreed as a true record.

3. Matter Arising, not listed on the Agenda

BB reported that the photo board had been received and was ready for completion.

NA reported that Mark Holder had completed the electrics survey but a certificate was also needed. KH reported that the outside telephone bell had not been fixed. NA agreed to ask Mark about both issues. **ACTION NA**

KH reported that he would arrange receipt of a quotation for replacing the roof on the bowling shed. **ACTION KH**

KH reported that the damaged trophy had been repaired.

NA reported that he had entered the club in the West Berks indoor competition.

4. Financial Report

DH referred to his report, already circulated, which showed that the cash in hand was around £11,000. He had created an entry for contingencies, as agreed at the previous meeting, to the value of £2,000.

It was hoped that Ivor Atkins would run the bonus ball competition over the winter months in view of the potential income.

It was noted that the cost of energy would no doubt increase significantly in the future.

CM suggested a compilation of projects going forward. This was agreed as a good idea, for discussion at a future meeting.

5. Boundary Issue

NA reported that Jackie Rance [Borough Councillor] was continuing to pursue this matter with Bill Rymes on behalf of the club. It was noted that the piece of land purchased from Taylor Wimpey by BR ended a fair distance from our boundary.

6. Club Shirts

CM referred to her email previously circulated which raised a number of questions and set out a plan for the transfer to the new design.

After discussion it was agreed that members could choose whether to have their name on the shirts and, if so, whether in full or forename only. Where chosen, the name to be placed under the badge and in white.

The timescale for the transfer was agreed, starting with informing members of the plan during w/c August 22. Samples would be exhibited for size and hopefully members would be placing their order by the end of the current season so that a bulk order could be placed and individual postage costs avoided. The current lead time is five weeks so a target date for receipt could be the Presentation Evening in November.

It was noted that the cost of ordering a second shirt outside of the initial batch would be £24 plus £3.99 postage, therefore it would be advisable to order a second shirt at the same time as the first one.

CM proposed that the introduction of the new shirt should be the first game of the 2023 season, and this should be a condition of membership for playing members. NA agreed to revise the Constitution accordingly, for sign off at the AGM.

There followed a discussion on the question of whether the club should subsidise the purchase of a **first shirt in the initial bulk order**. After discussion this was agreed at £16 - ie a reduction of a third off the price, plus if two shirts were required it would round up the cost to £40.

CM reported that the style of shirt is based on the men's design, which appeared to be the preference amongst the ladies.

A question was raised about whether it was absolutely necessary to have everything signed off at the 2022 AGM [as agreed at the previous meeting] or whether the Management Committee had the authority to proceed with the arrangements and just report on progress to the AGM. After discussion it was decided that the latter option was preferred to that previously agreed - this in view of 1. the urgency of selecting sizes etc. as people might not be at the club after September 2. all terms had been agreed with the supplier 3. the decision to go for a new design had already been agreed at the 2021 AGM, therefore the Committee was dealing with the process following a decision already made by the membership.

7. Website Development

CM reported that she and Ivor Atkins had received a presentation on the BIAS system. This had raised a number of potential developments which needed to be discussed by the Committee in conjunction with Ivor. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

8. Officers' Reports

MV had submitted a report prior to the meeting. It was noted that 14 new members had joined the club.

KH reported that he had been approached by the RCBBA to host a County fixture v Dorset next season. CM offered to put a message on the website to help attract further fixtures such as those for touring teams.

KH said that it was important to have the dip on the green's edge to be rectified prior to the next County inspection.

BB reported that the friendly games had gone well apart from a couple of games not being fulfilled by other clubs. KH commented that if this happened two years running by the same club then that fixture would be dropped from the calendar. LS suggested that if clubs were short of men players then it might be a good idea to change to a mixed fixture rather than lose the game.

DB reported on the income from the bar and proposed that she should implement a small increase in selling prices in order to reflect the recent increases in buying prices. This was agreed.

DB reported that the social events had been well received but it appeared that only a core of people attended regularly.

DB raised the issue of the disparity amongst clubs about the provision of food after games. It was agreed that in future the Captain should be asked to ascertain what would be provided at each away game so that something similar would be offered at the corresponding home fixture.

AF reported that the green was playing well. He anticipated a price increase at the contract renewal in view of rising costs.

AF reported that the trees adjoining the boundary looked unhealthy but this might be down to the extremely dry weather.

9. Any Other Business

CM suggested a trophy might be appropriate for the Ladies v Gents Top Club if it became a permanent fixture. It was agreed to have the one used for the competition during the Covid epidemic by changing the nameplate.

ACTION KH

10. Date of next Meeting

This was agreed for Saturday, October 8 at 9.30am. Please note change of time.

There being no further business NA closed the meeting at 11.30am.

