

Three Mile Cross Bowling Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held Sunday, February 6, 2022.

Present :

Neil Argyle [NA] Chairman/Secretary

David Hearn [DH] Treasurer

Bill Bissett [BB] Captain

Keith Hall [KH] Fixtures Secretary

Linda Salmon [LS] Ladies' Secretary

Michele Vale [MV] Head of Recruitment

Debbie Bissett [DB] Bar Chair/Entertainments

Claire Morrison [CM] Head of Publicity

Daf Ashby [DA] Membership Secretary

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Tony Cook [TC] President and Andy Friend [AF] Green/Maintenance Chair.

NA welcomed DH, DA and MV to their first meeting as members of the Committee.

2. Appointment of Vice Chair

CM agreed to continue in the role for the current year.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, held October 17, 2021

These were agreed as true record.

4. Matters Arising

i. Bringing income into the club : NA reported that Geoff Malham had offered to run a Webber competition in the 2022 season.

ii. Free dates 2022 : KH had identified a number of dates which might be used for a one day competition.

iii. Safeguarding Officer : NA would ask Kaz Clarke to confirm if she was able to take this on. LS said she was investigating whether this post was absolutely necessary or just desirable. **ACTION NA,LS**

iv. Dishwasher : BB confirmed that the problem had been resolved.

5. Treasurer Report

DH referred to his report, already circulated. This showed that the bank balance stood at just over £4.000. He described the planned outgoings prior to the start of the new season - mainly the green contractor, waste disposal costs and utility costs. After discussion it was agreed that members of the Committee would, if necessary, pay their membership renewals earlier than usual.

With regard to waste disposal, DH reported on ongoing discussions with Select towards exploring ways of reducing their costs, to which they had made some recommendations. KH suggested the hiring of a skip rather than paying for weekly service. DH agreed to include this suggestion when next speaking to Select. He also agreed to test Select's prices against other companies who offer a similar service. **ACTION DH**

DB referred to the disposal of drinks cans and suggested that members could be asked to dispose of some of them in their domestic green bags. This was agreed to try out in the coming season. **ACTION DB**

DH commended the work done by DB and Pamela Prior in arranging social events which had brought in welcome income. He also commented that the lottery bonus ball competition had also brought in a useful amount. NA agreed to ask Ivor Atkins if he was prepared to run it again. **ACTION NA**

DH reported that he had applied to Wokingham Borough Council for a grant worth £1,000 on offer to operations suffering from loss of income through the Covid pandemic. He should know soon if the bid was successful.

6. Club AGM, Matters Arising

NA referred to the action items from the AGM.

With regard to the vacancy for a Deputy Treasurer, DH confirmed he was happy to be assisted where necessary by Adrian Salmon and DB.

CM confirmed that action was in hand to investigate a new design for club shirts. KH also reported that he had received a sample supplied by Robert

Newman at Cotswold Bowls. This would be discussed at a meeting scheduled for the following week.

BB reported that he was about to invite volunteers to run a club tour in the future.

7. Officer Reports

NA reported that AS was planning to compile a list of maintenance jobs which needed completing prior to the start of the new season. He also reported that TC wished to congratulate the Entertainments team for their efforts.

DA reported that she would be sending out membership renewal letters in March.

BB reported on the recent indoor game against Maiden Erlegh which everyone seemed to enjoy. He added that there seemed to be a number of newer bowlers who had approached him with questions about league teams etc.. After discussion it was agreed that NA should write out to all members with some relevant information. **ACTION NA**

CM reported that she was working on developing the website, specifically to include fixtures as opposed to producing a fixture booklet. She added that she planned to ask members for their permission for their photographs to be included in any publication. KH suggested that a photo of each Committee member should be displayed in the clubhouse so that members could identify who to approach with any issues. BB agreed to take this on. **ACTION BB**

KH reported that the fixtures for 2022 were nearly completed. He reported on the free dates throughout the season when some competitions might be able to take place. CM commented that some additional ladies' game might also be arranged.

In answer to a question from KH, BB reported that the majority of members wished that the 2022 Presentation Evening should be held in the clubhouse. The proposed date was November 12. KH also reported that he would contact the gentleman who created the new honours board towards having it updated.

CM asked KH if a date had been set for the annual spring clean. He confirmed that the weekend of April 23/24 had been set aside as this coincided with opening the green, with just the Saturday likely to be necessary for the cleaning. It was agreed that AF should be asked to work up a list of what is needed so that a roster for the day could be produced. **ACTION NA**

DB reported on recent price increases which impacted on various bar items, therefore she needed to review selling prices for 2022.

DB reported on plans for a number of forthcoming events and confirmed that numbers were now viable for the one scheduled for February 12. Also that she and Pamela Prior were working on re-establishing recognition of Friday evenings as being the main social night.

DB referred to the Queens's Jubilee and suggested that there should be some form of event to attract members and visitors. It was agreed that something appropriate should be considered by the Entertainments team. **ACTION DB**

MV reported on a recent meeting of the Recruitment team, the main item being arrangements for the Open Days. These were proposed as the afternoon of May 21 and morning of May 29. It was noted that the ladies would be involved in a Top Club game on the morning of May 21 so they might not be able to participate until later in the day.

MV reported on concerns over visibility of the club within the community. Various suggestions were made about positioning of banners etc.. This would be the subject of discussion at the next Recruitment meeting on February 28.

MV reported that Eileen Allen had confirmed she was willing to take on the coaching role for 2022.

8. Any Other Business

BB raised a concern that since Jeff Wallace had moved away the flower beds and hanging baskets around the premises had not been maintained and they needed to be replaced in order to provide some colour. He suggested that members should be invited to provide and maintain specific areas. It was agreed to ask AF to include this on his "to do list" for the forthcoming season.

ACTION NA

KH said that owing to his being away at the start of the season he intended to issue competition forms by email prior to the club's Open Evening, as well as providing hard copies later.

9. Date of Next Meeting

This was agreed for 10.30am on Sunday, April 10.

There being no further business NA closed the meeting at 11.55am.

