

## **Minutes Bowls/Site Committee Tues 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 10.00am Clubhouse**

### **1. Present**

Robert Goodhand, Brian Brown, Diane Baker, Frank Booth, Paull Curtice, Phil Stevens, Anne-Marie Stevens, Maureen Neale, Ed Tuck, Gerald Andrews, Ray Swallow, Sheila Harrison

### **2. Apologies**

Michael Adams, Lionel Mendoza

### **3. Review of next season**

Ray Swallow agreed to be Men's Captain.

Vice Captains are Lyndsay Davis and Alan Stock and they will share the Captain's role on Wednesday nights. Brian Brown will advise if necessary.

Phil Stevens will be in charge of Competitions, so there will be more internal club competitions next season. He will also be running the Isle of Wedmore Matches.

Frank asked if there would be an Aussie Rules competition for members next season. This was originally suggested by George Jamieson and so he will be asked if he wants to run it.

### **4. Maintenance Tasks 2020**

A new roof is needed on the garage as it is leaking and can't be repaired. Frank and Paul will cost it. They will need volunteers to help put it on.

There are loose paving slabs around The Clubhouse that need repairing before next season.

A replacement window is needed in The Clubhouse in the bar. It was suggested that a misfit window would be cost effective.

Two new bulbs are needed for the outside lights, Phil may have some.

Frank would like security cameras fitted around the club to protect equipment. Paul will do a security survey and will report back at the next committee meeting.

### **5. Fixtures arranged to date**

Fixtures have been given to the captains by Robert. This is not the final draft.

Phil will send reminders to everyone before the Wedmore matches.

Ivor Mitchell is running the winter skittle matches. The next match is on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **6. Establish Diary for 2020**

All events, including committee dates will be put on the Bowls Club website and will be displayed on the Club Board.

Calendar reminders will be sent out by Brian Brown.

### **7. 100 plus Club**

This is being run successfully by Dave L Evans.

### **8. Communication**

Paull would like communication to improve in the club. He suggested that we meet up periodically in The Clubhouse through the winter months. The 18<sup>th</sup> November has been agreed for the first social meeting. Some members will be told at the next skittles evening and Phil will put it on the website. Allotment holders will also be invited.

This will mean that we will need heating. We will use borrowed heaters for the first meeting and Paull and Ed will cost putting in permanent convection heaters in The Clubhouse.

### **9. Volunteer to attend WMFL AGM on the 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Michael Adams and Brian Brown have volunteered to go.

#### **10. Wild League (women's league)**

At the AGM a new rule was passed that  $33\frac{1}{3}$  percent will be taken off each rink with only 2 players. This will obviously affect smaller clubs which may struggle to get players.

#### **11. SBA Membership**

It was discussed if there was a need for our club to be a member. We do not gain any real benefit and there were problems with them this year due to the Tennis Captain. They did not support us at all and it costs us £600 per year. It was also discussed whether we would lose members if we left the SBA. It was decided that any member who wanted to pursue more competitions would leave to join a larger club anyway, as some have already left to do so. Therefore, we will not renew our membership this year.

### **Site Business**

#### **12. Election of Site Committee Officers**

The following appointments were agreed unanimously

Chair – Brian Brown

Treasurer – Robert Goodhand

Cashier – Diane Baker

Secretary – needed

Robert will write a job description for the secretary job to see if anyone will volunteer.

#### **13. Toilets update**

No more has happened to further the replacement of the toilets. Even with the Section 106 monies it is going to be too expensive, also the criteria with the Section 106 monies are not viable.

It has been decided that we will refurbish the existing toilets. Frank, Paull and Ed will put together a schedule of works.

#### **14. Allotments**

The allotments are being tidied up at the moment by Frank and Paull. It is a massive task. We were told by the Duchy that they need to be sorted out. Allotment holders need to be encouraged to keep their own areas clean and tidy. Some allotments seem to have been abandoned and when they have been tidied, they can be reallocated to new holders. Some rules for allotment holders will need changing to keep up standards and then Robert will advertise them on local Facebook pages.

Frank and Paull said the new water supply to the allotments will cost approximately £400. They will put in two new water troughs. This should help control water usage.

#### **15. Resignation of Tennis Captain**

Lester has resigned as Tennis Captain. We still do not know who and how many members are in the club, as Lester will not give us this information.

It was decided that there will not be a separate club as such, but they can be social members of The Bowls Club for £10.00 per year

#### **16. Request by U3A to use the tennis court**

It was agreed that they could use the court and will be asked to join the Club as social members for £10.00 per year.

This may also encourage new members to start bowling.

**17. Tennis Court upkeep**

This will now be organised by Frank and Paull.

**18. Request by Gardening Club to use our Clubhouse for meetings**

Robert discussed with us how the Duchy wanted us to be more involved with the community and so this would be good idea. This was agreed by the committee at a rent of £20 per meeting including use of the car park.

Robert will liaise with The Gardening Club and set out the rules of use.

**19. Financial Statement**

Robert has moved some funds around.

There is £1400 that has to be spent on the Tennis. This means we can hire someone to tidy up the court.

**20. Online Banking**

Robert would like to go to online banking to make the treasurer's job easier. This was proposed and passed by the committee. This will not affect members, **just the administration of the Club's finances.**

**21. Any other business**

It was asked if we owe any money to the church for their marquee which was damaged by high winds when we borrowed it this year. Robert said that he has sorted it out personally. We were told that sadly Vernon has passed away. We will be sending a letter of condolence to his widow.

Frank wants to purchase some junior woods for the bowls club for when we have open evenings. Paull will look online for some.

**22. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am at The Clubhouse.