



**Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club**  
**Final Minutes of Management Committee Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**Time : 9:30 am      Venue: Clubhouse**

**Present**

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| Michael Adams Chair       | Maureen Brown Community and Welfare                  |
| Robert Goodhand Secretary | Diane Baker Treasurer      Lester Holley Development |

The committee welcomed Brain Brown, Joyce Farnworth and Bente Height by invitation to contribute actively to discussions. Documentation for the meeting was distributed.

**In attendance**

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| Terry Blackmore | Ann Blackmore | Frank Booth | Allan Farnworth | John Rose |
| Ray Smith       | Ray Swallow   |             |                 |           |

**Apologies**

Ed Tuck had been invited but gave his apologies – prior commitment.

**Insurance**

The previous year's premium was £2300. RG had surveyed the 70 plus Clubs in Somerset and it was clear that Jack High figured high as the most cost effective provider. RG had managed to incorporate employer liability, public liability and general cover for the green, building and associated matters (eg transporting cash) for a premium of £725 saving an annual £1575. The Management Committee agreed for RG to sign and finalise.

**Disabled Toilets**

The Mendip meeting to give final grant approval of £20 000 had been postponed due to illness and rescheduled for November. This project now had a planning application reference number - 1959.

**Green Maintenance Course**

9 students attended the course, including 3 from Bowls and 2 from Tennis. Cost for our Bowls students was £156 net (all three) for a course normally priced at £300 per delegate. This was because we had membership IOG, a subsidy due from BE and a free place as host. The cost for our tennis students was funded by SLTA. It was only BE Level 1 course run this year. There was an option to follow up with a Level 2 course next year.

There was some discussion on the current Avon contract and exactly what we got for our £3000 payment.

RG said the future relationship with Avon and further training were matters for the post AGM committee and it was not for this committee to bind a future committee to any decision.

## **Structure of Single Management Committee**

The discussion was wide ranging and at times confusing. There was a lack of agreement on which constitution we were currently operating under. The constitution immediately prior to the April EGM was termed Issue3. RG said that the April EGM agreed a new officer structure and that was reflected in the displayed constitution he termed Issue4. There was a new draft constitution under development yet to present to the full membership which would be Issue5. JF was of the view that the recent EGM had placed us back under Issue3 which was still displayed on the website. RG pointed out that the Officers named in Issue3 differed from actual practice – primarily that Issue3 named one single Club Captain and not separate Men's and Ladies' Captains. The management committee were of the opinion that membership wanted to retain a men's and a ladies' captain. However those in attendance wanted to move to a single captain.

Further at the April EGM the members agreed to the Club name being "The Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club", which is reflected in Issue4. Therefore the title shown in Issue3 was invalid.

The posts on Issue3 were read out by JF. It was confirmed that the post of President and Vice President were not subject to election and the individuals continued in post but should be non-executive members of the committee.

This then led on to a discussion on the two new posts introduced at the April EGM – Community and Welfare Officer and Development Officer. JF's view was that while these were important they nevertheless should now be non-executive because they were not named in Issue3. At the April EGM members had agreed to the creation of these two posts and elected the incumbents. Therefore both posts appear in Issue4. The management committee were strongly of the opinion that these appointments should remain executive.

There was some discussion about the Club's requirement to provide a replacement tennis court for the one lost when the car park was constructed. BH asked to be sent details of the planning application. **Action LH**

The list of non-executive posts was then reviewed.

The management committee expressed its reservation as to the effectiveness of a twenty strong committee. Attendees were of the view that non-executives would only attend when summoned. The management committee were of the view that a separate bowls committee should remain<sup>1</sup>

To resolve all matters it was therefore agreed that any change in status of posts or change in structure should be submitted to the Club membership at the AGM for ratification.

There being a broadly agreed strategy on the way forward and the general format of the AGM<sup>2</sup>, the meeting closed.

**Date of Next Meeting      whole Club AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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<sup>1</sup> Just as there is a separate tennis sub committee which runs the affairs of tennis

<sup>2</sup> Invited attendees were provided with copies of all draft documentation for discussion.

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