

Draft Minutes Bowls / Site Committee 20th August 2019 10:00 am Clubhouse

1. Present

Maureen Brown Brian Brown[#] Diane Baker[#] Frank Booth[#] Robert Goodhand[#] Michael Adams Paull Curtis Lionel Mendoza Ed Tuck[#] ([#] site committee)

2. Apologies

None

3. Captaincy Arrangements

Though inconvenient the job-sharing had worked well and people were now putting their names down for matches. All remaining matches were now up on the boards.

Action: At Mixed Fours 31 Aug engage Club in discussion for future captains.

4. Club Presentation Night

Provisional booking made at the Quarry Keinton Mandeville. The alternative was to hold it in the Clubhouse with external caterers.

Action: Committee to ask members over next week which preferred.

5. Engraving Cups

Cups were Jack Webster / Jim Hacker / Mixed Triples / Mixed Fours / Arthur Loxton plus Captain v Presidents will go ahead as well. Christine White had volunteered to deliver and collect.

6. “Club Person of Year” / “Most Improved Player of the Year”

Criteria for most improved were agreed and nominations discussed and agreed.

7. Scoring Arrangements

There were two systems “Highest Score” and “Most Points”. In the mixed triples at start it had been announced we would use “Highest Score” system and therefore the result stood. For future competitions we would use “Most Points” system.

Action ET had produced a rule summary and this would be distributed before future competitions.

It was clarified the Arthur Loxton Memorial would be on Saturday 21 Sep 19.

Action MA to check Whitstones can do Fish and Chip supper.

8. Site Committee Matters – Toilet Update

Preferred solution at present was to have common access ramp for toilets and Clubhouse.

Two toilets, one disabled access but both designated “unisex”

9. Allotments Water Update

After September we would install a permanent metered blue pipe to two troughs for each section of the allotments. Blue barrels to be converted to compost and a general site clean-up to be encouraged. Plots to be pegged out and clearly marked. This can be briefed at the AGM.

Action RG to distribute plan

10. Trustees

New trustees had been briefed on all outstanding Club issues and still prepared to take on role

Action RG to produce letter from BB.

11. Duchy Visit

LM explained the purpose of the visit to secure a more advantageous lease. The 999 year option was refused. SB would consider a new lease of 21 years. There had been no rent review. Clearly the Duchy was more philanthropic than most landlords. The present lease has some security because the Duchy had not opted out of Part 2 of the 1954 Act which meant only full redevelopment would threaten the lease.

SB wanted the Club to be more proactive in developing the potential of the site for use by the wider community.

12. AGM

Five nominations were put forward for the Site Committee

RG PC BB ET and FB. We needed to make clear to membership that any Club member could attend and thus be encouraged to scope a job and understudy rather than seeking new committee members coming in cold for a job little understood.

The committee appointed specific roles but PC expressed his willingness to take on Site Manager. DB would retire as Treasurer but would continue to collect (and possibly bank) money. RG offered to take on Treasurer. PC suggested 14 days' time limit on submitting agenda items.

13. Finances

The Club balance stood at £29751.02 as at 02Aug19 including £22573.53 identified as Savings. It was agreed to discontinue the petty cash float.

14. Correspondence from LH

Of specific concern was the apparent collapse of the Tennis section. Income was seriously depleted and the court obviously under-utilised. The SM History Club in putting together a display had actually come to the conclusion there was no longer an active Tennis Club as there had been no response to their enquiries.

On the correspondence allegations made in two separate letters to committee members had no foundation in fact. The committee discounted handing over to a solicitor. LH would have to pay initial court fees and we would defend ourselves.

It was subsequently decided to invite LH to a review meeting to progress Tennis concerns

15. Date of Next Meeting

10:00 am Tuesday 10th September with LH at review meeting at 11:00