



Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting Friday 8th December 2017
Time : 10:00 am Venue: 1 Frithfield Walk

Present

Brian Cruwys Chair

Robert Goodhand Secretary

Diane Baker Treasurer

Lester Holley Development

Chris Vaughan Men's Captain

The committee welcomed Michael Adams and Brian Brown

Apologies

Maureen Brown Community & Welfare, Anne Neale Ladies' Captain playing away, Peter McGuire Tennis Capt and Abigail McGuire Tennis Vice-Capt – on call.

AGM Summary Notice

Agreed.

Constitution Update

The previous management committee had considered a new draft Constitution that had been updated following the AGM. It was agreed that the new draft would be circulated to Committee members for discussion at the next meeting. Thereafter it would be circulated to Club members for approval (EMG) during the first roll up of the season in April 2018. Members would be given the option to agree the Constitution online, by post or in attendance.

Action Development to issue updated draft capturing Chair's observations.

Action Secretary to detail schedule of dates

Unfilled Positions

The Committee accepted the sudden and surprise resignation of Allan Farnworth as Match Secretary with disappointment. The Secretary agreed to assume the additional responsibilities of Fixtures Secretary. Brian Brown accepted the invitation to be Men's vice captain making clear his desire not to resume captaincy in the future. The Ladies' Vice Captain will be further explored. It was recognised that a sensible structure for the delivery of catering and cleaning needs to be agreed at the next meeting. Brian and Michael agreed to supervise Competitions if no other volunteer was forthcoming. The Committee expressed their gratitude and thanks to Dave Forsyth for his outstanding service to the Club as Head Groundsman. The quality of the Green has never been better and it is a credit to his personal dedication and professionalism. The grounds team deserve appropriate recognition for their work at providing one of the best bowls Green in Somerset. However, it was agreed that the Club cannot expect to rely on their goodwill forever and should have appropriate arrangement in place should they decide not to continue. It was acknowledged that the Head Groundsman position would remain open for Dave to consider his future.

Action Secretary to table catering, cleaning and green maintenance at next meeting.

Developing Bowls Membership

The Club anticipates several losses (3 – 5) of existing members prior to next season. On the overhand 3 – 4 previous members have expressed a willingness to return. There was some discussion about the prospect of attracting younger members. The Development Officer agreed to produce some proposal options at the next meeting. It was recognised that Toddy might be approached to

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consider qualifying as a coach.

Action RG to table again for future meeting.

RG offered to hold down Match Secretary post along with Secretary's post. Agreed.

Green's Maintenance

Chair summarised situation and need for immediate risk free solution while continuing to explore longer term options. The Committee were grateful to Dave Forsyth for his research and work in investigating various options in the event of replacing the ASMC contract. His advice was accepted and it was agreed that steps should not renew ASM contract but should re engage them or one of the 4 other options he recommends for specific tasks (e.g. spraying). Chair agreed to co-ordinate requirements with Dave before agreeing an initial 1 year contract. The Club would also exercise all opportunities to train staff and gain appropriate external support.

Action BC BB to meet and discuss options with FB DA DF

Regulation 9

RG summarised his concerns on the unconstitutional actions taken by members since April this year. Of immediate concern was the loss of our website which appears to have been deleted

Action BC to contact RS and ascertain true situation.

County Matters

- 1) Need to move to internet based operation eg not print handbook. RG said he would provide all necessary hard copy information to members as and when needed.
- 2) Promoting our Club for hosting future competition matches

Financial Report

Savings Account £21 924	Tennis £1063.06	Roller Disco £224.41	Current £4162.84
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Annual Diary

Initial discussion on best date for start of season and suitable date / format for end of season awards.

Toilets Update

We have received commitment for half the bid submitted. RG commented the publicity surrounding the Club's internal difficulties must have had an adverse effect on the bid. Dev Officer summarised alternative reserve plans to secure the balance of funding and the Committee agreed for him to proceed.

Date of Next Meeting	Friday 2 nd February	10:00 am	Venue 1 Frithfield Walk
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