

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on 10 October 2019

Present : Pat Blake (President), Colin Burgess (Chairman), Mark Pope (Green Marshall), John Osborne (Treasurer), Mike Hexter (Fixture Secretary), Roy Holland (Club Captain), Colin George (Match Secretary), Judy Smith (Ladies Secretary), Bob Smith (Club Secretary).

1. Apologies.

No apologies, all Officers present

2. Minutes of Management Meeting.....

held on 21 February 2019 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising.

No matters arising

4. Secretary's Report.

Annual signed statements by all members required under the new GDP Regulations would be collected through the Attendance Register at AGM.

They were no motions put forward for the Men's P&D League.

Fitting a Historic Honours Board in the available space in the Clubhouse would be considered by John Osborne.

Following the results of the questionnaire, the Committee felt it was feasible to enter teams in the men's P&D Evening & Saturday Leagues. Entry in the P&D Triples Competition may be considered for 2021 season.

5. Treasurer's Report.

The Accounts for this year were complete & would be audited next week. A copy would be issued with the AGM papers.

6. Fixture Secretary's Report.

Fixtures for next season were well advanced for Mixed Friendlies & South Hams Triples.

It was agreed that changes to fixtures after start of the season would be handled by the appropriate captain or match secretary.

A suggestion had been made that the Club have a separate Fixture Secretary for ladies.

This was discussed and all agreed it was not practical. It would also require a change to the Constitution.

7. Match Secretary's Report.

Colin George expressed concern over the difficulties of getting men members to play in League matches & hoped the new procedures next season would help.

8. Green Marshall's Report.

Autumn work on green had been more or less completed. Mark thanked the green team and welcomed the fact that 3 new members were to join next season.

It was agreed to purchase a new mower for the areas around the green, as the existing one was broken beyond repair. Mark thought the cost to be approximately £260.

It was agreed to design a clearer sign indicating which rinks were available for play.

9. Competition Committee.

All competitions had been successfully completed. Some date adjustments previously agreed by the Committee (and recorded under the Significant Dates document) would allow more time to complete early rounds next season. Entry fees for club competitions would be re-established next season (having been overlooked this year). The fee (with other fees) is set by the Management Committee in their meeting preceding the Spring Meeting.

After discussion, the Committee felt the format of the Husband and Wife competition should remain as it is defined in the Club Rules.

10. Ladies Secretary's Report.

Following from the Club Questionnaire, the ladies held a meeting and agreed to continue in the P&D in 2020 and, as there was sufficient interest, would also play in a new Boarders Triples League.

Some of the Ladies had put their names down for County Competitions for 2020, this number was slightly down on previous years mainly because of the "play by dates" which had caused a lack of entries for other clubs as well as Yealmpton.

The Ladies had also entered the Interclub competition.

11. Club Captain.

The fixture with Kingsbridge Town has been re-instated following planned improvements to their green & parking.

Response to the Christmas Dinner has been good and will take place on 19 December at Boringdon Golf Club.

12. AGM

The AGM will be held at 2pm on Thursday 14 November and the Agenda was agreed. The Officer Nomination form (copy attached) displayed on the Club Notice Board until 21 September showed a number of vacancies, which were discussed by the Committee. Colin George and Bob Smith volunteered to carry on as Match Secretary & Secretary, as the Club was entering the League Competitions next season. Bob confirmed it would be his last year as Secretary. Roy Holland volunteered to be Vice Chairman. Colin Burgess agreed to be Club Coach. Colin George, Bob Smith & Colin Burgess agreed to be in the Men's Selection Committee.

There would be votes for members of the Ladies Selection Committee and the Mixed Selection Committee; voting slips would be issued with the AGM papers.

There were 2 unfilled positions on the Competition Committee.

13. Various Problems

- Insufficient ladies friendly matches – difficult to find clubs prepared to play friendlies. The new Triples competition is expected to satisfy the need.
- Playing Club competition matches in the mornings; allowing roll ups every morning rather than just Tuesdays & Thursdays. There was a general agreement that the green should be more available in the mornings. Bob to propose changes to Club Rules that satisfied this need without affecting Green team requirements.
- Club finals to be played later in the year – this was agreed.

- Club Competitions – Novices Cup. It was agreed the term could be misleading, although it had been in use for forty years without problem. Bob to check whether a more suitable description could be incorporated into Club Rules.
- It was agreed that job descriptions of all Officers & Committees should be developed & included in Club Rules. (Existing Officers to draft initial versions of their own position)
- It was agreed that Devon Patrons would be added to Agenda of Spring Meeting to extend membership & involvement.

14. Proposed Changes to Constitution.

- Requirement from Bowls England to incorporate reference to refer to their regulations on disciplinary matters (Regulation 9 consists of about 15 pages & can be viewed on the Bowls England website). (Bob to propose)
- Incorporation of GDPR in para.11 Legislation. (Bob to propose)
- Removal of joining fee for new members. (Bob to propose)
- Incorporation of administrative fees for defined situations. (Bob to propose).
- Reduction in members of Mixed Selection Committee). (Roy to propose).
- Reduction in members of Men's Selection Committee). (Bob to propose)

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- Consideration to be given to purchasing mats to protect players & the green in certain conditions
- Club Night to be added to Agenda of AGM (Roy/Fred).

Bob Smith
Secretary
October 2019

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Management Structure 2019-2020 Season

President.....Pat Blake

Management Committee

Chair.....Colin Burgess

Treasurer.....John Osborne

Club Captain.....Fred Lewis

Ladies Secretary.....Judy Smith

Match Secretary.....Vacancy

Fixture Secretary.....Mike Hexter

Green Marshall.....Mark Pope

Club Coach.....Vacancy

Secretary.....Vacancy

Other Club Officers

Vice Chair.....Vacancy

Club Vice Captain.....Jim Spendlove

Ladies Captain.....Shirley Williams

Ladies Vice Captain.....Mandy Holland

Selection Committees

Men's Selection Committee: (5)

5 Vacancies

Ladies Selection Committee: (3)

Shirley Williams, Mandy Holland, one from Pat Blake, Viv Marsden, Hilda Lewis

Mixed Selection Committee: (5)

Club Captain(Chair), Jim Spendlove, Steve Taylor & two from Viv Marsden, Pat Blake, Jan Spendlove, Hilda Lewis & Deborah Taylor

Competition Committee: (5)

Fred Lewis, Roy Holland, Annette Court-Hampton & two vacancies

Other Position

Website Manager..... John Osborne