

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Notes of Meeting of Committee on 11 March.

Season 2021.

1. As we are still awaiting Government/Bowls England (BE) advice on how the Covid exit pathway will affect bowls, any strategy agreed by the Committee may be subject to change. BE advice is expected on 29 March. Meanwhile they have set out their expectations as follows (with more details on the Club website):-
 - Step 1 we expect affiliated clubs to be able to open and play based on the 'Rule of 6'
 - from 12th April Step 2 is likely to allow outdoor catering on site, changing rooms to be open and the easing of travel restrictions.
 - Step 3 from Monday 17th May means larger groups should be able to gather at clubs and inside catering to take place with restrictions
 - Step 4 from Monday 21st June should allow the easing of all restrictions.
2. The Club's Spring Meeting will now be deferred until June.
3. The Committee agreed that membership subscriptions will need to be paid this year, to cover member registration with BE (due on 1 May), ongoing costs for insurance and green & site maintenance, etc. However, it was agreed that payment be split across 2 dates as it is not possible at present to determine what bowling facilities will be available in the season. The first payment of £45 will be due on 1 May and a follow-up fee due on 1 July; the amount of the follow-up fee will be determined by the Spring Meeting.
4. It is planned to open the green on Saturday 10 April, under the "Rule of 6". Play will be based on the same arrangements as last season e.g. singles roll-ups on alternative rinks, booked in advance through the Club's website booking system (full instructions will be re-issued in due course). This will of course be subject to change as BE advice changes.
5. The Competitions Committee will meet at the appropriate time to organise the Club competitions. Entry forms will be placed on the Notice Board (and on the website) on 1 June with a view to commencing the competitions on 1 July. Some competitions may be cancelled or re-organised depending on numbers entering.
6. Mixed friendly matches and the South Hams Triples will be arranged from 1 July.
7. The ladies will not be playing in any League or Cup Competitions this season, but a number of ladies friendlies have been arranged from 1 July.
8. The L&PD Committee have yet to comment on men's Competitions. However, if they are unable to commence the Saturday League fixtures until Step 4 (21 June) it seems unlikely there will be sufficient Saturdays to complete fixtures. In view of this, and the likely shortage of Saturday players, it was agreed to investigate entering the Triples League in place of the Saturday League. It seems unlikely that current dates for County Trophy matches will be met, so it was agreed that those dates could be used for friendly fixtures.
9. No Fixture Booklet will be prepared this year. A "paper" list of fixtures will be issued to each member with copies posted on the website and on the Notice Board.
10. A list of work required at the site to prepare for the season has already been issued; some of the tasks have, or are, being undertaken by volunteers and we thank them for their efforts. However, there is still work to be done and, as previously advertised, a volunteer is still required to oversee

jobs around the green. Meanwhile Colin & Bob have designated Tuesday mornings as work days, so anyone looking to help could come along then, but let us know first (so we can get the appropriate number of donuts!).

Note. The Committee have agreed that, for health & safety reasons, no-one should work at the green on their own. Club Rules will be updated accordingly.

11. No volunteers for the post of Secretary have been received. This will become critical after the Spring Meeting, as will the need for a new Fixture Secretary.
12. Mark's plea for new members on the Green Team has been unanswered. There are at most only 3 members for this season, which is not feasible. Unless more support is forthcoming, it will be necessary to pay for professional help, which will inevitably increase subscriptions and lose the flexibility we have at the moment.
13. It is hoped to run a recruitment drive this season. Articles for the local press are being prepared and we could have an open day. Also, BE are organising a national recruitment weekend over 28-31 May and we could participate in the campaign.

Bob

For Management Committee

Membership subscriptions (ref. para. 3 above)

Subscriptions of £45 due by 1 May can be paid by cheque:

Via Post to Mike Hexter or any Committee member

By leaving at Clubhouse

By passing to any Committee member

Or

Electronically using the following details:

Yealmpton Bowling Club

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Use name as reference.