

## Yealmpton Bowling Club

Notes of Meeting of Committee on 24 May 2021.

Members present – Colin Burgess (Chairman), Bob Smith (Acting Secretary), Fred Lewis (Captain & President), Mark Pope (Greenkeeper), Judy Smith (Ladies Secretary), Colin George (Match Secretary).

Apologies for absence – Mike Hexter (Treasurer & Fixture Secretary).

### **Step 3 – Government & Bowls England Guidance.**

1. In the light of the new guidance, it was agreed that:
  - Roll-ups – 5 rinks to be made available, with a maximum of 30 members on site at any session.
  - All formats (singles, pairs, triples, fours) may be played on all rinks.
  - Rink booking will continue - to cater for Test & Trace requirements.
  - Website system to be updated accordingly.
  - Roll-ups & Club Competition matches can be held during the same session.
2. Car sharing is now permitted, but must take into account “Guidance for Safe Travel”.
3. Although changing rooms may now be used, it is not encouraged and all social distancing rules remain in place.
4. Although food & drink are now permitted in the clubhouse, it was agreed that providing teas for friendlies & league matches would not be undertaken until after Step 4.

### **Finance**

It was agreed that subscriptions would be held at £90 this year, so a further £45 would be due from members. This should be paid on 1 July, the proposed date of the Spring Meeting (see below). To ensure members receive full value the season will be extended into October, weather permitting., and further Club Competitions organised if required.

The Treasurer’s concern over Club finances was accepted and membership would be warned that subscriptions may need to rise next year. This would be emphasised at the Spring Meeting.

It was also agreed to undertake fundraising activities, including a quiz, BBQ, musical show with Colin George’s band & Christmas dinner & presentation evening and any new ideas from membership. The recommendation from Bowls England for fundraising through “easyfundraising.com” would be investigated.

The whole question of fundraising would be raised at the Spring Meeting.

### **Spring Meeting**

Although late, it was agreed that a Club meeting was required. It would be held at 1030am on 1 July. An Agenda would be issued in due course and would include the various items referred to above, plus the problem with replacing the Club Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Ladies Secretary and the need to identify an “Estate Manager”.

### **Club Competitions and Match Fixtures**

All Club Competitions are now in place with associated forms held on the website. Mixed Friendly matches are being cancelled due to a lack of support.

### **Green Management**

Mark thanked those who volunteered to assist the Green Team. This avoided the need to employ professional support for the current season. However, this may be necessary next season unless more volunteers are found, putting up membership subscriptions.

### **Recruitment/Bowls England Weekend**

Several new members joined the Club following advertisements in the local press.

Everything was in place for the Bowls England "Big Bowls Weekend" initiative and it was hoped to attract further new members. Judy thanked all those who have supported her on this project.

## **Tuesday Mornings**

Following the success of the "Tuesday Morning Club" in previous seasons, it was hoped this session would re-start now Covid was easing. To encourage this, it was agreed to trial replacing Friday Club nights with the "Tuesday Morning Club". Fred would manage this trial, which would use 4 rinks, the 5<sup>th</sup> rink being reserved for coaching. There would be no need to book through the website to participate on Tuesday mornings; and Fred would maintain a list of participants for Test & Trace purposes.

Fridays would thus become available for roll-ups.

The website will be adjusted accordingly.

## **Club Website**

A review of the website will be incorporated into the Spring Meeting on 1 July to resolve any issues and to consider new ideas/suggestions.

## **Ashcroft Shield**

Entry into this Competition can be made on the website. The format will be the same as in previous years with prize money being provided by the Ashcroft family. The final will be held on 5 September and it is hoped to follow this match with a BBQ.

## **Christmas Dinner & Presentation Evening**

It was hoped to run this event again this year and it would be added to the Agenda of the Spring Meeting.

Bob Smith

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