

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Notes of Meeting of Committee on 26 August 2021.

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

Apologies - Colin George (Match Secretary).

AGM.

It was agreed that in view of the worsening Covid situation, especially in the South West, the AGM planned for 7 October would be deferred until later in the year. This would be reviewed at the next Management meeting in October.

Management Structure

The revised Management Structure proposed by Bob was agreed in principle. After discussion, some of the proposed tasks allocated to Officers were adjusted; an update list is attached. It was hoped that the re-distribution of work would encourage more volunteers to come forward.

It was agreed that the procedures contained within the Constitution would be suspended so far as the election of Officers was concerned, to enable a trial of the revised Management structure to take place over the next year. Any adjustments could then be made and the new structure reflected in the Constitution through the AGM in 2022.

It was agreed therefore that membership would be invited to make nominations for the Officers through the usual Officer Nomination Form (adjusted as necessary) a copy of which will be placed on the Notice Board and on the website from 1st September until the 21st September. A description of the tasks allocated to each Officer under the new structure will be placed alongside Officer Nomination Form, with a copy on the website & issued to all members by email. The results would be revealed at the AGM if it is held, or otherwise via the website & by email, and implemented immediately.

All members of the existing Committee were committed to supporting the new Officers and agreed a review of the trial would be conducted at the Spring Meeting in April 2022.

It was felt that if this initiative failed, it was hard to see how the Club could continue without a Secretary, a Ladies Secretary, a Fixture Secretary & an Estate Manager.

Finance

It was agreed that membership subscriptions would need to increase next year in view of increased costs. Yealmpton subs. were still one of the lowest in the area, and considerably cheaper than most other sports.

Fund raising activities are planned to keep the increase to a minimum.

Club Competitions and Match Fixtures

It was agreed that the Competitions Committee would review all Club Competitions to define a strategy for the future, consulting membership as necessary. Part of the review will be to avoid members having to play more than one match in a day, which has gradually caused more problems over the years.

Tuesday Mornings

Club meetings on Tuesday mornings continue to be well supported.

Ashcroft Shield

The final will be held on 5 September as shown on the Fixture List, but the BBQ after the final has been cancelled.

Christmas Dinner & Presentation Evening

This event has now been cancelled due to a lack of support.

Men's L&PD Leagues

Devonport Park have put forward a proposal to continue next year with the current arrangements in the Evening & Saturday Leagues, that is 3 rinks of four players or 4 rinks of 4 players if agreed between the 2 teams. The Committee agreed to support this proposal.

With the extra new players that have joined this year, we might also enter the L&PD Triples next season rather than the County Trophy.

Ladies L&PD Leagues

It is unlikely that the Ladies will enter the League next season.

South Hams Triples

Because of difficulties with managing this League, it was agreed that we would suspend our involvement next season.

Bob Smith

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