

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on 4 November 2021

Current Committee Members present : Fred Lewis (President & Club Captain), Colin Burgess (Chairman), Mark Pope (Green Marshall), Mike Hexter (Treasurer & Fixture Secretary), Colin George (Match Secretary), Judy Smith (Ladies Secretary), Bob Smith (Club Secretary).

New Committee Members & Volunteer Officers present : Roy Holland (new Club Captain), Andy Lugg (Club Vice Captain & Estate Manager), Mandy Holland (Ladies Vice Team Captain), Yvonne Willis & Viv Marsden (Admin Support), Peter Ford (Website Manager)'

1. Apologies for Absence

Annette Court-Hampton (new Ladies Team Captain)

2. AGM 2021

It was agreed that a full AGM will be held at 10am on Saturday 11 December. This would be immediately followed by the annual Christmas Mince Pie Morning.

These events would be held in the large hall at the Yealmpton Community Centre, which is large enough to accommodate all members and maintain Covid security measures.

3. Management Structure.

It was agreed that the trial of the new Management Structure would be initiated at the AGM. However, development of the new structure would continue before then by the individual members. The trial would continue through next season & reviewed in time to accommodate any changes in the Constitution at the 2022 AGM.

Annette & Mandy had proposed they should stand jointly for the position of Ladies Captain, and although the Committee agreed they could organise the work between themselves as they saw fit, to provide a degree of flexibility, it was not practical at present to have joint occupancy as the post had to be recorded with Section 8 & with Bowls Devon. This could be reviewed at the end of the trial.

Paper ballots had been completed for positions in the Men's Selection Committee, the Ladies Selection Committee and the Mixed selection Committee. A final version of the Management Structure is attached which contains also the Selection Committees & the Volunteer Officers.

4. Club Finances.

The club's accounts have been signed off by Bob Brown, the Examiner. As at the 31st October funds available were £7617.00, The Club made a loss of £342.55 in 2020-21.

After some discussion and in view of the financial circumstances, the proposal to increase fees next season to £100 was ratified,

As part of the discussions, the creation of a Social Committee to foster fund-raising & other events was suggested. This would be put to membership at the AGM.

Yvonne had raised a number of fundraising ideas, some of which were already in the pipeline. Charging a fee for new members using club equipment beyond their initial coaching sessions was a good idea & would be evaluated over the new season.

5. Fixtures.

All Mixed Friendlies are as 2021, the Devon Patrons match will be on Monday 6th June.

The need for a printed fixture list was discussed, as there was a comprehensive and up-to-date copy on the website. This proposal would be incorporated into the planned website review.

An update to the Significant Dates List for 2022 has been posted on the website, although some of the events may be reviewed at a later date

6. Competitions Committee

As previously discussed, the Competitions Committee had been charged with reviewing Club Competitions to ensure they were still fit for purpose. For instance, should members be expected to play 2 matches in a day, should there be a minimum number of entries to make a competition viable, etc.

7. Website Review

It had previously been agreed to hold a review of the Club website, as part of the AGM. To provide a structure for the Review, Bob & Peter would prepare a questionnaire for issue to membership in advance and report the findings at the AGM to provide a basis for discussion. A major part of the Review will be to determine security arrangements on the site, following suggestions by Steve & Deborah Taylor.

8. AOB

- Mike confirmed that the Club Insurance policies for 2022 have been renewed, and remain as 2021
- Colin George confirmed the order for Club shirts etc was scheduled for delivery in February, although there was some concern over the fact that Bowls Devon had encountered problems with the same supplier;
- The Athletic Club are considering whether to run the annual Duck Race, the Sports Gala and other fundraising events next year. Discussions had commenced with the Landlord on renewal of the Lease.
- Mark confirmed that the direction of play would change more frequently next season and it was agreed that this would be driven by the needs of the green rather than any other factor.