

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on 3rd March 2022

Committee Members present: Fred Lewis (FL) (President & Fixtures Secretary), Roy Holland (RH) (Club Captain), Colin Burgess (CB) (Club Coach & Safeguarding), Mike Hexter (MH) (Treasurer), ColinGeorge (CG) (Men's Team Captain), Annette Court-Hampton (ACH) (Ladies Team Captain), Bob Smith (BS) (Club Secretary).

Volunteer Officers present: Andy Lugg (AL) (Club Vice Captain & Estate Manager), Yvonne Willis (YW) & Viv Marsden (VM) (Admin Support), Peter Ford (PF) (Website Manager), Mark Pope (MP) (Green Keeper)

1. Apologies for Absence

Mandy Holland (MHo) (Ladies Vice Team Captain)

2. AGM 2021

BS will prepare an attendance list for the AGM which will be held on 17th March. This list will include a GDPR statement. By signing the list members will be consenting to their email address being used by Committee Members and Volunteer Officers.

Papers to be issued in advance of the AGM include the 2019 AGM Minutes, the AGM 2020 Introduction document, the AGM 2021 AGM Briefing Note, the Management Structure, Changes to the Constitution, Website Review and Trial Management Structure. Whilst some of these papers have already been issued it was felt that it would be useful for Members to receive again prior to the meeting.

3. Spring Meeting 2022

The Spring Meeting will immediately follow the 2021 AGM. Papers to be issued for this meeting include the 2019 Spring Meeting Minutes, the 2020 Spring Meeting Fact Sheet and the Competitions Committee Report. There will be no reports from Volunteer Officers this year.

4. Officer Reports

The Committee previously agreed an increase of membership fees to £100. The administrative fee to remain at £10 and Competition entry fee at 50p per competition. Fees are due by 1st May. Any member who has not paid by 14th May will pay an administrative fee of £10 in accordance with Constitution para. 4.1.

CG will draft a note to all male members so that they can indicate which leagues they wish to play in, as part of the men's League Cup selection process.

ACH reported that she and MHo had arranged a Ladies afternoon for 20th April.

MP reported that the winter maintenance programme is ongoing and showing good results. He especially wanted to thank Derek Andrews for treating the moss. During the month the green will be prepared for opening. As soon as the weather is suitable MP will ask for volunteers to assist in the jobs required. Refreshments will be provided for all who assist.

5. Volunteer Reports

There were no Volunteer Reports.

6. Website Review

BS & PF have prepared a report on the Review so far. This will be issued to all members for discussion at the Spring Meeting. The Committee supported the recommendations in the Report.

BS reminded the Committee that the Blog was up and running. As soon as gmail accounts have been set up for each role Committee Members and Volunteer Officers will be able to post their own Blogs. This will be the main method of communication to Members. YW & VM were asked to send a weekly email to Members reminding them to check the Blog regularly, until members had got used to using the blog.

Templates are being developed for Competition drawsheets. The Competitions Committee need to inform PF of the number of entrants in each competition so the correct template can be used.

The Rink booking form will be in the same format as last year, but for 5 rinks. It will be blocked out for matches already booked, Club Night and Greenkeeping etc. Entries to the rink booking template for competitions must include the challengers name, the competition code and the markers name.

Anyone wishing to play a competition on Club Night should contact RH.

BS thanked PF for all the work that he has done on the Website and the Review. He also informed the Committee that, at the AGM, he would ask if anyone was interested in deputising / shadowing PF.

7. Competitions Committee Report

AHC presented the report from the recent Competitions Committee Meeting.

The Management Committee voted 6 to 2 in favour of the recommendation to rename the Husband & Wife Competition to 'Mixed Pairs. Members would choose their own partner so each pair would be a combination of lady/gentleman. This proposal to be presented to the AGM.

The Management Committee voted unanimously to support the proposal to rename the 'Novices' Competition to the W Longman Trophy and to limit entries to those Members who had not won a singles competition at Yealmpton or any previous club.

The Competitions Committee suggested introducing a new Men's competition – the 2 wood – so that the Men's & Ladies competitions were equitable. The Management Committee rejected this suggestion on the basis that men already have plenty of other matches in which to partake.

The Management Committee supported the Competitions Committees suggestion that the handicap system is amended. This will be taken forward to the AGM for a Members vote.

The Management Committee supported the Competitions Committee's introduction of a 'Player of the Year' award. However, they did not support an increase in entry fee to provide a prize. It was agreed that the prize would be paid for from Club funds.

CG suggested that, from 2023, consideration was made to amalgamate all club competitions so that ladies and gentlemen can enter all competitions.

8. AOB

- MP will change the gate & door lock codes and inform the Committee of the new code.
- The cost of participating in Club Night will remain at 50p.
- Sadly Rob Wevill died unexpectedly last week and condolences have been sent to his family on behalf of the Club. Funeral information will be issued to Members in due course.
- Date of next meeting was not agreed, to await the result of the AGM/Spring Meeting

BS, YW, VM,
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