

# Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 2:00pm

Committee Members present: Roy Holland (Chairman), Yvonne Willis (Club Secretary), Ian Pepper (Treasurer), Andy Lugg (Club Captain), Annette Court-Hampton (Ladies Team Captain & Safeguarding Officer), Bob Smith (Fixtures Secretary), Colin George (Men's Team Captain), Colin Burgess (Club Coach).

Volunteers present: None

## Apologies for Absence

Mark Pope (Green Keeper), Ray Moorhouse (Vice Club Captain), Peter Ford (Website Manager), David Pain (Estate Manager), Judy Smith (Ladies Vice Team Captain)

## Minutes from 22<sup>nd</sup> February Meeting

These were circulated prior to the meeting. Colin B proposed and Annette seconded that they be accepted as a true record.

## Matters Arising from 22<sup>nd</sup> February Meeting

Yvonne informed the organisers of the newly formed Mixed League that Yealmpton would not participate in 2024.

Yvonne has set up the online shop for Club kit with Kitworld.

A new counter top fridge has been purchased.

The Open Day was held on 12<sup>th</sup> May and generated a potential 6 new members.

Annette has completed the Safeguarding course

Re-engraving of cups has been completed

Club Rules have been updated and circulated

A hazardous materials cupboard has been purchased and is in use

The energy contract has been renewed for a further 12 months @ 26p/kwh and 60p/pd standing charge.

Bob informed the meeting that the green contractor may apply fertilisers to the green on his visits between 12 and 2 pm on the first Monday of each month in the playing season. A sign will be put up to warn any members playing during the afternoon that they should take appropriate precautions.

## Confidential Minutes from 9<sup>th</sup> April Meeting

These were circulated to the voting Committee members following the meeting. Andy proposed and Annette seconded that they be accepted as a true record.

## Matters Arising from 9<sup>th</sup> April Meeting

Work continues by the working party regarding amendments to the Constitution regarding membership categories. A report will be brought to the next meeting.

The ladies and gents changing rooms have benefited from new carpets and Jan has been thanked for organising.

Bob reminded the Committee that the Bowling Club will need to nominate a Trustee for the new Lease, currently being developed between the Athletic Club and Kitley Estate.

Insurance – to be dealt with at this meeting.

## Greens Sub-Committee Report

Prior to the meeting a summary report of point arising from the Greens Sub-Committee was circulated. Bob talked through each item and it was agreed that:

- The Club would permanently contract the main work on the green to a specialist.
- A formal inventory would be maintained.
- The existing green team structure would continue and the sub-committee would be chaired by the green keeper.
- A Green Diary would be established to record all activities undertaken on the green.
- Green team members will be encouraged to undertake a spraying course.
- From 2025 the green **will not** open for play until the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April.
- A program for equipment maintenance will be established.

The Committee were asked to consider the mower situation. The existing mowers are heavy, difficult to handle and require 'specialist' knowledge to adjust.

A cost of £4,458 (including VAT and delivery) has been negotiated to purchase a new Allett Stirling 51 electric mower. The cost includes a size 10 mowing cassette, a rapid charger and a standard 3 months warranty. After discussion, and noting comments below regarding Grant Funding, the Committee voted unanimously to proceed with the purchase. If grant funding is unsuccessful the BD loan route will be explored if required (interest payable at £5 per £1,000 borrowed, pa).

Roy mentioned the edges around the green. It was agreed that this was a project for the closed season.

### **Grant Funding – Mower Purchase**

Yvonne informed the meeting that £500.00 had been pledged from Cllr Dan Thomas. To progress this, Yvonne will submit the application form.

Andy will ask Cllr Dan Thomas if there is any more money available through his role with DCC.

Bob will provide Yvonne with an outline for submission to the Revelstoke Community Trust, who have indicated that they will consider a late application for funding. Yvonne will prepare an application for a £1,000 contribution. Yvonne will pursue the possibility of acquiring funding from the 'Action Funder' route via BE. Green King are currently running a programme to assist sports clubs and have previously helped another club to purchase a new mower.

Loans from BE will require 2 members to act as guarantors.

### **PA Insurance**

Yvonne explained that the current policy only covers members to the age of 79. This is unfair because many members are older than this and their membership fees are being used for something from which they receive no benefit. PA Insurance is not essential and other Clubs do not seem to have this level of cover. To increase cover to the age of 90 will cost an additional £233. After discussion, it was agreed that when the current policy expires in October, it will not be renewed. The current liability, buildings and contents insurance will continue to be placed.

### **New Members**

Yvonne informed the meeting that following a successful Open Day event, the Club was hoping to gain 6 new members. Prior to the Open Day, the playing membership had fallen to 46.

### **Website**

Bob informed the meeting that due to the lack of enthusiasm from fellow members, he would take over the website, subject to Committee approval. Stephanie Sacharov has indicated that she would be a willing assistant and Bob will discuss this with her. Bob indicated that he will stand down as fixtures secretary when he assume this role in October.

The Committee agreed to this proposal.

### **AOB**

- David Pain reported via the Secretary that the disabled toilet seat had been secured, the leak under the wash basin in the ladies had been fixed and the broken barbed wire fence around the edge of the decking had been secured. Other maintenance work was in hand.
- Colin B noted that he would need to be removed from the Lloyd's bank signatory list. Yvonne asked that he return his authorisation card and reader.
- Andy suggested that a meeting was held to discuss the continuity of the Management Committee given the number of potential vacant roles.
- Annette informed the meeting that there was a short 15 minute Safeguarding course that the Committee should consider taking part in.
- Roy suggested a small work party to carry out some clubhouse maintenance work to make it more appealing. David Pain will be asked to organise this.
- Colin B asked if he could scatter his brother's ashes on the green. The Committee agreed to this proposal.

On behalf of the Committee, Yvonne thanked Colin B for his contribution to the Club and wished Colin well in the future. She also told Colin that he would always be welcome to a game of bowls in the future if ever he was in the area.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed.