

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on 1st October 2024 at 2:00pm

Committee Members present: Roy Holland (Chairman), Yvonne Willis (Club Secretary), Andy Lugg (Club Captain), Annette Court-Hampton (Ladies Team Captain & Safeguarding Officer), Bob Smith (Fixtures Secretary), Mark Pope (Green Keeper)

Volunteers present: David Pain (Estate Manager), Judy Smith (Ladies Vice Team Captain) Peter Ford (Website Manager)

Apologies for Absence

Ian Pepper (Treasurer), Colin George (Men's Team Captain), Ray Moorhouse (Vice Club Captain)

Minutes from 29th August Meeting

These were circulated prior to the meeting. Andy proposed and Bob seconded that they be accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising from 29th August Meeting

Bob informed the meeting that an inventory of the green teams equipment had been prepared along with replacement values for insurance purposes. Bob to forward the list to Yvonne. The total value is circa £20k.

The Ashcroft family's donation has been received and a suitable bench is now being sought. One possibility is a fibreglass bench which was on sale at Endsleigh Garden Centre.

Members will be approached at the closing day event on 5th October with regard to organising a working party to carry out maintenance work at the Club during the winter months.

All other matters arising will be dealt with during the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Yvonne confirmed that the Club's insurance had been placed with Allianz (via Sutton Winson) at a cost of £848. Oakfield Insurance Brokers who acquired Ward's book of business provided a quote for £965, excluding Officers insurance. Yvonne drew the Committees attention to the minimum level of security and the need to comply within 30 days. In the short term the locks on the existing doors will be upgraded and 3 new locking window handles will be purchased. The doors will be upgraded, on by one, to UVPC. If no Club member is able to carry out the work within the required timeframe the Committee agreed to pay an external contractor.

Yvonne informed the meeting that the bar had been well used this season returning a healthy profit of circa £540.

Yvonne enquired about the lease. Bob confirmed that a draft is now in the hands of the solicitors. The solicitors will issue guidance regarding the Bowling Club Trustee position on the Athletics Club.

The Athletics Club holds a licence for selling alcohol. There is a possibility that the Bowling Club could come under their licence but it may mean Members actually serving alcohol becoming associate members of the Cricket Club. Bob will discuss this further with the Cricket Club through the Athletics Club Committee.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report due to Ian being unable to attend the meeting.

Club Captain's Report

There were 17 mixed friendly fixtures this season, resulting in 5 wins, 8 loses, 3 cancellations due to bad weather and 1 cancellation due to the opposing team being unable to raise a team.

Andy suggested dropping the Devon Masonics and Retired Civil Service from 2025 fixtures and suggested adding a home and away fixture with Chudleigh and only playing a total of 15 matches.

Andy noted that the Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon roll-ups had been poorly supported this season, partly due to the numerous Competition, League & County matches.

Green 100 has produced a profit of £324.

Andy thanked the Committee for their support during the past 2 ½ year, Bob and the green team for keeping the

green going, Judy for the floral displays and Yvonne for ensuring the bar remained stocked throughout the year and keeping track of the income and expenditure.

Men's Team Captain's Report

On behalf of the Men's Team Captain Andy informed the meeting that the Men had won the Littleton Cup, finished 3rd in the Saturday League and 4th in the Triples League.

Ladies Team Captain's Report

Annette informed the meeting that the Ladies had had an enjoyable season and had finished 7th in the 2nd division of the Ladies League. She noted that there was some success at County matches – she had reached the Unbadged Singles Section final and playing with Yvonne had reached the Section final in the Over 55 pairs. Annette thanked Judy for supporting her as Vice Captain and thanked all the Ladies for their support. The Section 8 Ladies match was a success and the Ladies were thanked for their superb 'bowlers tea'.

Fixture Secretary's Report

Bob informed the meeting that some fixtures for 2025 had already been arranged – Patrons, S8 Men vs Presidents, Plymstock and Chudleigh. He also noted that Kingsbridge Town and Co-Op Unity Park had requested a fixture – both would be rejected based on Andy's comments regarding the total number of Mixed Friendly matches being kept at 15.

Coach's Report

Roy mentioned that the coach at Plympton, Peter Stapleton, may be able to assist with coaching Yealmpton players. Peter passed on his number to Roy in case we wish to pursue.

Green Keeper's Report

Mark thanked everyone for their support and offered special thanks to Bob Smith & Derek Andrews for their extra support during the season. Work and treatment to the green by James Collins is now showing results and with the continued work of James and the green team we will soon have a green to be proud of. Closing works to the green will take place on 8th October.

The sub committee will continue for another year.

It was agreed that £2,000 would be ringfenced in 2023/24 accounts for James's work not yet invoiced. The Committee agreed that a monthly standing order should be set up for James's ongoing work, to the value of £280pm. The Agreement would be a rolling Agreement.

Safeguarding/H&S Officer's Report

Annette reported that there had been a couple of minor accidents reported this year. No safeguarding issues had been raised.

Website Manager's Report

Peter reported that this was his final report to the Club – he would not be able to attend the AGM due to a long-standing family commitment. Peter noted that this season had been much smoother compared to last season and the changes implemented at the Spring Meeting had borne fruit in terms of duplication and workload.

Peter is ready to hand over the reigns as soon as he has completed the examination of the Clubs accounts.

Estate Manager's Report

David reported that the mould issue in the Ladies changing rooms would be dealt with during the winter months.

Competition Committee Report

Annette informed the meeting that all competitions, except the Longman Trophy had been played this season. She noted that the Ashcroft Shield would no longer be sponsored by the Ashcroft family. The Herbie Chilcott competition once again proved difficult to arrange due to the number of players involved. A new engraver has been found and the engraved cups are expected to be returned by the AGM. The Competition Committee will meet prior to the AGM.

Risk Assessment Report

There was no report due to Ray being unable to attend the meeting.

AGM

The agenda for the AGM was agreed. Yvonne noted that there were vacancies for Officers, Volunteers and positions on Committees. Judy offered to fill the vacant position on the Ladies Selection Committee. This was agreed by the Committee. Bob suggested the creation of a Coaching Sub Committee and agreed to act as Chair and thus act as Club Coach for next year. The Committee supported this suggestion.

2 Constitution changes had already been proposed. Yvonne asked about paragraph 8.3 regarding the control of club funds. It was agreed that Bob would remain a signatory in his capacity of Club Coach and Andy would replace Colin Burgess.

The Constitution currently requires a quorum of 5 Officers. This may make dealing with Club business difficult if all Management Roles are not filled. The Committee agreed to change the wording to state that a quorum will consist of more than 50% of the Management Committee.

Changes to the Rules

There may need to be some updates to the Rules, depending on which roles remain vacant after the AGM. Changes will be made prior to the start of the next season.

AOB

- The Club celebrates it's 50th anniversary in June 2027. Planning should start now if we wish to play matches against, for example BD Presidents.
- Annette suggested celebrating the Club's 90th anniversary in 2025 even though the Club has not always been in operation during this period. (formed 1935, first match played in 1936)
- Yvonne will contact SHGC regarding a post-Christmas meal on 9th January as this date seems more popular with members than 16th January.
- Bob mentioned that the Athletics Club had a new Committee who wished to see greater co-operation between the Clubs and to increase footfall at the Athletic Ground. Funds held by the Committee should be available to all Clubs and they sought to encourage joint activities (eg electrical appliance testing) where practical, to save money. The new Committee are also investigating options for resurfacing the drive and a road safety mirror at the entrance. Bob noted that 3 years rent remains outstanding. Invoices won't be raised until the new signatories are set up on the Athletics Club bank account.
- Roy will contact his neighbour to see if she can get a discount on the fibreglass bench at Endsleigh.
- The social committee are looking at holding an event each month. In addition to the quiz night and Mince Pie event, socials will be arranged for 28th November & 20th February.
- The BD Merit Awards need to be located and displayed.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 16:10

YW
2/10/24