



Buckfastleigh Bowling Club
Duckspond Road
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Executive Meeting

Meeting held on 3 October 2018

Present: Mike Anderson – Chairman; Jacqui Elliot – Secretary; Keith Stow – Treasurer; Jeanne Pinney – Vice Chairman; Pauline Manfield & Ham Sampford – Committee Members.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from the Club Captain, Mike Raggett.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 5 July 2018 were signed by the Chairman as correct.

Matters arising:

1. Teignbridge DC Grant

Keith stated that the £4,000 grant from Teignbridge DC still hadn't been received. Jacqui said she had written one letter but had not received a reply. Mike asked Jacqui to write to TDC again.

Jeanne reminded the Committee that a visiting lady had fallen over because of the condition of the slabs. Mike had approached the builder who said he would have a look. Mike had also drilled some holes in some of the slabs to alleviate the water problem. Keith said it would cost around £1,000 to do the whole lot.

Jacqui agreed to include in her letter to TDC the health & safety aspect of the surround.

2. Glasses outside the Clubhouse

Jeanne raised the issue of allowing glasses to be taken outside. Jacqui agreed to look at the cost of the heavier, reusable glasses and discuss it further prior to the opening of the green.

3. The Green

Ham sought clarification that the lighter mower referred to was an addition, not a replacement. It was agreed that the minute would be amended accordingly.

4. Matter concerning player turning up at wrong venue.

Mike was offended by the way he was approached by a senior member of the Club concerning the way in which he dealt with an A team player turning up at the wrong venue (away instead of home) at a recent match. The senior member felt that he should have been 'talked' to and that he distrusts emails. Both Keith and Ham expressed different opinions and it was agreed to let the matter rest.

Correspondence:

1. Bar Manager

Mike had received an email from Terry Deemer, which was read out, resigning as Bar Manager.

2. Club Competitions

Jacqui has sent entries in for the 3 club competitions: Top Club; Inter Club; and Foxlands and the Ladies Inter Club. Mike has done a couple of private entries.

3. Letter from Mike Raggett

Jacqui read out a letter received from Mike Raggett resigning from the Club on health grounds. He was willing to carry on moving the markers and become a Social Member. It was agreed that Jacqui should reply accepting his offer and thanking him for his contribution to the Club over a number of years.

4, Winter Fixtures

Jacqui said she had done the winter fixtures but wouldn't be able to select the teams. Pauline questioned why she had done so, because Sue Heyes is the Fixtures Secretary. Jacqui explained that it was because the letter was sent to her. It was agreed that Mike would pick the teams this winter and complete the fixtures/select the teams for 2019/2020.

5, Affiliation Forms and Diaries

Jacqui reported that she still had to do these.

Treasurer's report:

1. Bank Balance

Keith reported that the bank balance was £10,690 with approximately a further £1,000 to come from the Bar Manager.

2. Tea Monies

Keith reported that it was a pain to collect, account and bank the Tea Monies, which stand at £1.50 per player for home matches. It was agreed that Rink Skips be responsible for collecting their rinks monies. We also need to get a "better quality biscuit".

3. Membership Fees

Ham stated that the costs of maintaining the Green are always going up and we are about the cheapest Club in South Devon. There was a discussion whether the fee should increase to £75 or £80, but as the lower fee had already been publicised, it was agreed to increase the fee to £75 for next year.

Keith would like the Membership Fees to be collected earlier in January/February rather than April. Mike suggested that a Subs evening be merged with Social Evenings.

The Green:

1. Report

Ham reported that the vast majority of members don't have a clue about green maintenance and the year has seen the green under a lot of stress. The Club is only surviving by the good hearts of volunteers.

During the drought, we had to use water. Tim will be bringing in a deep spiker.

Everyone is saying "it'll be better next year".

There is a sore recurring item. Lorries can't get down the lane because of trees. Ham to speak to owners of trees.

There is a need for better access off the lane. Ham to sort.

It appears that we got 5 ton of sand for free last year.

Keith suggested a need a plan for general tidying up in March/April.

2. Opening of the Green.

Open last Saturday in April
Close last Sat in September.

3. Misc

Jacqui had received an email from a young lad interested in helping on the green. This offer was rejected.

Any Other Business:

1. Club Captain, Secretary, A & B Captains

Pauline suggested that these should be elected at the AGM each year.

Pauline wondered if we may need to alter the constitution. Keith said it would cost £100 solicitors fees to change the constitution.

Mike read an extract from the Rules (not the Constitution) re selection.

Both Pauline and Jeanne expressed concern over the way teams were selected last year.

A long discussion about whether the A Team Captain's year runs from AGM – AGM or April – April. Does previous A Team Captain have a voice in selecting A Team members for the following year?

After phone call to Stuart Shaw, he agreed to be put forward as A Team Captain for 2019.

2. Centenary

Pauline suggested we should have a Sub Committee to deal with our Centenary in 2021. It was also suggested that we should start thinking about items such as pens/mugs etc.

3. Competition Prizes

After discussion, it was agreed that the winner of a Club Competition should receive a trophy or £7.50, and the runner up, a replica trophy or £5.00.

4. Finals Day 2019

After discussion it was agreed to have a Finals Day (Weekend) with the Club Captain organising the days.

5. Matter concerning JVP of Bowls Devon

The matter was raised should we continue to refer a member as JVP at Bowls Devon.

A Rumour had come from a Bowls Devon lady that the Chairman and John Sims would support the member as JVP. The Chairman refuted that as simply untrue. Keith also wouldn't support it.

Jacqui reported that Carol Hogan from Bowls Devon approached her at the President's match and said it was common knowledge within Bowls Devon that Buckfastleigh have a problem with the member and could she clarify.

A long discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Club would not support the member.

6. Other Items

Roof & panels need painting on old pavilion.

Ladies door needs fixing.

Toilets need painting.

Food left in freezer. Various members bought food from Pauline.

Keith suggested that nobody stays on the Committee for more than 3 years.

Keith said too many decisions are made outside Committee.

Keith suggested we should open up Committee meetings to members. Need meeting dates publicised.

Jacqui suggested the Greens Manager should automatically be on the Committee.

It was agreed that smoking be restricted to the far corner of the surround.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their work over the previous 12 months.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.30pm.

Signed as correct:

Chairman