



*Buckfastleigh Bowling Club
Duckspond Road
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Executive Meeting

Meeting held on 22 October 2020 at 2pm.

Present: Shirley Williams – Lady Chairman; Jeanne Pinney – Vice Chairman; Tom Bowden – Secretary & Treasurer; Mike Anderson - Club Captain; Jenny Goss - Committee Member.

Apologies:

Ham Sampford, Terry Humphries.

Lady Chairman's Welcome:

Shirley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 25 September 2020 were signed by the Lady Chairman as correct.

Matters Arising:

1. Honour Boards

Tom has contacted Teign Signs who will update our boards.

Action: TB

2. Blower/Sucker

Ham will be purchasing a professional, petrol driven, machine, for £260.

Action: HS

3. External Fence at the entrance

The work is planned for the end of October. Tom has arranged for the fence on the A38 side of the green to be cut at a cost of £100.

Action: TB

4. Dead trees at the back of the Changing Rooms

Ham will be cutting these down next week.

Action: HS

5. Ladies Leagues

Tom reported that the Ladies would be accepted into the Teignmouth Triples League. However, they are uncertain if the league will continue as Shaldon have withdrawn. Jeanne will contact the clubs involved to see if they will be running the league in 2021.

Action: JP

6. Clock

Jenny has purchased a clock, but Tom needs to rearrange the honour boards and photo's to enable the clock to be positioned correctly.

Action: TB

7. Centenary

Tom reported that he is having trouble contacting the bowls stickers supplier and will order them from another supplier. Tom will also contact Kelvin regarding the other memorabilia.

Action: TB

8. Drill 'n Fill

Tom reported that the drill 'n fill operation will take place on the 29 October with the sand being delivered on the 28 October.

Secretary's Report:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom presented the Treasurer's Report which had previously been circulated. Tom brought attention to the fact that Covid is going to restrict any social activities this winter. Mike said that the insurance policy need checking regarding public liability if we have guests at social events.

Action: TB

Green Manager's Report:

None.

Any Other Business:

1. County Competitions

Tom reported that the entries for the 2021 competitions have been rolled over from 2020.

2. Letter to Previous Chairman

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the previous Chairman for his work over the last year.

Action: TB

3. President

There is no procedure in the Constitution of the Club for the appointment of the President of the Club. Tom will draft an amendment to Constitution for consideration at next year's AGM.

Action: TB

4. Friendlies during 2020

Shirley would like the Committee to express their thanks to Tom for arranging our mixed friendlies.

5. Christmas Party

Notwithstanding the restrictions imposed because of Covid, it was felt that we should ask members if they would wish to attend a Christmas Party at Furzeleigh. Tom will ask Furzeleigh how many socially distanced diners they could have. Tom will also canvass members.

Action: TB

6. Monday morning Roll Up

During the past summer there was a group of Ladies who had a roll up on Monday mornings. Whilst this is to be encouraged, it must never be seen as a Ladies only roll up, ie it must be inclusive.

7. Friendlies

Because everyone thoroughly enjoyed the mixed friendlies this year it was felt that we need more of these type of games, ie mixed triples. We would then have no problems in fulfilling the fixtures.

Action: TB

8. Men's and Ladies Captain

The Committee agreed to appoint Mike as Men's Captain and Jenny as Ladies Captain. It was also agreed that the Club Captain automatically becomes Men's or Ladies Captain as appropriate.

Action: TB

9. Team Selection

As we will only have one Men's team in the MDL next year, it was felt that team selection – Men's, Ladies and Mixed should be reviewed. There should be a common policy. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Action: TB

10. Coaching

Shirley enquired if we could bring along an external coach to assist members in certain areas of etiquette. This was agreed.

Action: SW

11. Other Vacancies

Pauline would like to resign as Safeguarding Officer but has said she will stay on during the winter. Jeanne agreed to carry on as Competitions Secretary. Tom will approach Kelvin to see if he would become Press Officer.

Action: TB

Date of next meeting: TBC

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.22pm.

Signed as correct:

Lady Chairman



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Treasurer's Report for Executive Meeting 22 October 2020

Income

Annual Subscriptions

Maintaining the same membership, would yield an income of £3,210. Whilst we may lose a couple of members, I am confident that another recruitment campaign in April/May next year can attract some more members.

Grants

Whilst last year was the final year of the grant from Teignbridge DC, they did promise a complete review of funding for leisure activities. We need to follow up on this and ascertain what their current position is.

I am still waiting to hear from the National Lottery (Awards for All) for funding for our defibrillator.

Social Events

It is difficult to envisage any social events this winter, but hopefully we can have some events during next year's centenary.

The balance at the bank, as at 20 October was £29,735. As reported at the AGM, the balance in the special fund is £4,012, which is included in our overall bank balance.

Buckfastleigh Bowls Club

Revenue Account		£	£	
2019/2020		2020/2021		2020/2021
Actual	Income	To Date		Estimate
2,837	Annual Subscriptions	0		3,210
3,670	Grants	0		0
500	Sponsorship	0		900
194	Donations	0		0
255	Teas & Draws	0		2,500
1,042	Annual Dinner	0		0
784	Bar Sales	9		3,509
13	Competitions	0		400
28	Green Fees	0		200
145	Clothing	0		450
109	Social Events	0		400
0	Other Income	0		0
0	Special Fund	0		5,850
<u>9,577</u>			9	<u>17,419</u>
	Expenditure			
2,617	Green & Machinery	284		5,330
674	Premises & Grounds	0		4,670
168	Rent	0		170
308	Electricity	29		329
512	Water Rates	0		500
189	Fire Extinguisher Check	0		190
752	Insurance	0		850
0	Advertising	0		200
143	Printing, Postage & Stationery	15		150
70	Bar Licence	0		70
0	Website	0		10
191	Sundries	0		100
0	Centenary	0		1,000
920	Annual Dinner	0		0
122	Affiliation Fees & Trophies	(31)		519
49	Food & Draws	0		800
485	Clothing	0		950
0	Bank Charges	0		0
381	Bar Expenses	0		1,500
<u>7,581</u>			297	<u>17,338</u>
<u>1,996</u>	Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(288)</u>		<u>81</u>

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Report on the Green for August/September 2020

WORK DONE:

- Grass cut regularly at 5mm by Ken and Ham (and Andy).
- In September spiked twice as preparatory work for the autumn.
- Mower adjusted to suit prevalent conditions, and wearing of cutting edges. [Ken/Ham]
- Hand weeding of green, [this takes considerable time], and filling in holes caused by birds (with topdressing and seed).
- Green given liquid fertiliser [N and K, at 500 ml/30L]
- Edging trimmed with long handled shears.
- Dollar spot treatment by consultant [cost presented as a single invoice].
- Use of irrigation at 11.30 pm. during the dry spell. Also 1.00am, 3 a.m., and 5 a.m.
- Inspection of the green taken place on a regular basis.
- Ken set out the green rink markers, following covid-19 spacing advice.
- Consultant sprayed green for Dollar Spot, and Moss/weed eradicator!
- Consultation with Tim Wakeham, as to preparing green for end of season.
- Wash hands notice (as chemicals have been used), put out as precaution and reminder.
- Tom sprayed the paths to kill weeds.

WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

- Continue cutting of grass, but at increased height [6/7mm], to retain strength of sward.
- Continue last liquid feed [higher strength] prior to Autumn work.
- Possible further selective moss/weed application by Consultant.
- Light scarify during last week of September. Deep scarify twice in first two weeks of October, of increasing depth.
- Arrange/initiate general tidy up of the whole area prior to winter!
- Possibility of either: coring [by us] and seeding [by consultant], with top dressing;
Or: drill and fill, as arranged by Consultant, also with reseeding.

It has been a most challenging year, not only due to the vagaries of the weather, but also to the problems caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and all the regulations and safety measures that had to be followed. The Green Team members understood the safety of operating with a very limited skeleton team [Ken/Ham/Will Wale/Andy/Barbara/Tom].

Starting with excessive wet, then into an early drought and high temperatures, then again intermittent wet and dry periods, all contributing to the difficulty of working the green [light scarifying, applications of iron and other chemicals, spiking, chiselling, all judiciously 'avoided' or only infrequently attempted. No 'normal' programme of work could be undertaken]. The green has 'survived' but not in as a good a condition as intended. However, with the Centenary next year, now might be the time to take more drastic action [Drill 'n' Fill] to improve the playing surface!

Next year, 2021, the Green must be even better.

Ham

Green Manager



The Deep Drill 60/18 and Drill n Fill Aerators can bring dramatic improvements to bowling green turf. With unrivalled performance, the machines offer great advantages.



State-of-the-art aeration and drainage



- ▶ Drill, extract, aerate and backfill all in one action!
- ▶ Break through clay bands, thatch, black layer and other zones that cause waterlogging..
- ▶ Accelerate water movement away from the green's surface down vertical drainage channels into the gravel carpet or clinker layer beneath.
- ▶ Hold open the vertical ducts by using the Drill n Fill Aerator's unique ability to backfill them with a free-draining sand or sand/amendment blend...so the improvement lasts for years.
- ▶ Increase plant health and vigour by improving nutrient infiltration, percolation and gas exchange up to 18" deep.
- ▶ Improve water penetration, reducing the green's susceptibility to dry patch.



Deep Drill hole pattern

These unique aerators can make a major contribution towards the green's ability to withstand the appalling winter weather it is subjected to. Reducing the incidence of waterlogging and flooding on the green will lead to earlier, stronger and more vigorous growth in the Spring. This then produces greens of a higher standard, even earlier. Similarly, torrential mid-season downpours will disappear faster, resulting in fewer events and competitions being lost due to enforced closure.



Green profile 6 months after Drill n Fill

Unlike some techniques, the Ecosol Aerofil System does not create uneven surfaces, rippling or areas of subsidence detrimental to play. In fact the result is a perfect surface capable of accommodating play within hours of the work's completion.



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