



*Buckfastleigh Bowling Club  
Duckspond Road  
Buckfastleigh  
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**Executive Meeting**

Meeting held on 24 April 2019 at 2.00pm.

Present: John Sims – Chairman; Tom Bowden – Secretary & Treasurer; Jeanne Pinney – Vice Chairman; Sonia Bowden – Club Captain; Pauline Manfield, Ham Sampford, Keith Stow – Committee Members.

**Chairman's Introduction**

The Chairman apologised for calling a meeting, but felt that there was sufficient business for a meeting.

**Apologies:**

None.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 27 March 2019 were signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters Arising:**

**1. Fire Extinguishers**

A notice needs to be put on the notice board saying where the extinguishers are and what they are for.

**Action: TB**

**2. Men's B Teams**

Although we still don't know the membership, providing those who said they'll join actually join, we'll have enough players for a B team.

It was agreed we should not be in this position in the future, we must work towards bringing the membership year forward.

**Action: All**

**3. Opening the Green**

It was agreed that the Chairman will say a few words to welcome the Mayor.

**Action: JS**

#### **4. Teignbridge DC Grant**

Teignbridge have finally agreed to pay the Club £3,000 for 2018, £2,000 for 2019 and £1,000 for 2020.

They have also agreed to review the financing of activities such as Bowling for the future

#### **5. Hedge Trimming**

16 volunteers turned up to clear a lot of growth that was impeding the surround. Well done to everyone involved.

However, it was agreed that more time should be devoted in the future to clear the growth.

#### **6. Race Night**

Although a very good night was had by all who attended, we could have done with another 6 – 8 people on the night. It was doubtful if John Fox would continue with such low numbers.

#### **Correspondence:**

##### **1. Opportunities for Cancer Patients**

An email had been received from the Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust enquiring if our Club would be willing to offer the same incentives to those living with and beyond cancer as Brixham Bowling Club do. They offer free membership to those patients and £20 membership for their carers. It was agreed that we should offer the same.

**Action: TB**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Chairman thanked Keith for all his hard work over the last 10 years. As Keith will be leaving the Committee it was agreed to continue 1 short.

Tom presented a financial report showing spend to date and a forecast for the year. We are in a reasonably healthy financial position, but we do need more members and should not be complacent.

The grant from Teignbridge DC has been received and the bank balance at 23 April 2019 was £15,300.

It was agreed that the signatories to the account remain as they are.

#### **The Green:**

Ham presented the Green Report, which was circulated at the meeting.

Regarding the work required for the small grant received from the Town Council, it looks as though we need to get someone else to undertake that work.

**Action: HS**

Ham reported that sufficient members had volunteered to help out on the green team.

Ham proposed that the consultants fee should be increased to £235 + VAT, which should cover a lot of the incidentals that we are currently paying for separately. This was agreed.

**Action: TB**

### **Recruitment**

The Chairman reported that the banners and posters are now displayed in Buckfastleigh, Buckfast and South Brent. Unfortunately, Bob Dowdell hasn't been well enough to put up the banner in Ashburton, and the Chairman said he will do that.

**Action: JS**

The "Free Bowls" campaign leaflet will be put on the website after this weekend.

**Action: TB**

### **Centenery**

Ongoing, will be discussed later in the year.

### **Fund Raising**

A sub committee will be formed comprising Tom and Ham, plus others co-opted from the Membership.

**Action: TB**

### **Property Maintenance**

Certain areas on the surround need to be painted white with masonry paint. Terry Humphries is more than willing to do these little 'odd jobs' around the green.

**Action: HS**

Ham reported that now the trees have been removed in the far corner, some pallets need to be put up as this area is outside the far gate. At present there is just some barbed wire there for security.

**Action: HS**

### **Any Other Business:**

#### **1. Life Member**

The Chairman proposed that a certain member should be made a life member. As this requires approval at an AGM, it was decided to defer the matter until the next AGM.

#### **2. Clothing**

It was agreed to order 3 large Men's shirts.

**Action: TB**

#### **3. Bar Manager**

Terry Deemer doesn't feel he is able to continue as Bar Manager. A number of names were suggested and it was agreed that Tom would try to recruit a Bar Manager.

**Action: TB**

**4. Honour Boards**

These need updating for 2018 winners.

**Action:** JP

**5. Trustees**

The Chairman reported that Sue Heyes has agreed to become a trustee of the Club. We need to ascertain if a solicitor needs to be involved in the appointment.

**Action:** TB

**6. New Members**

Tom reported that we have 2 new members who have recently joined the club, Pat Friendship and a returning member, Cecilia Young. The Committee would like to welcome them to the Club.

**7. Shutting the Green**

Jeanne proposed that Mike Raggett, or in his absence Vic Manfield, should be in charge of declaring if the green is fit for play. Tom will put up an appropriate notice in the clubhouse and changing rooms.

**Action:** TB

Date of next meeting: To be advised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.35pm.

Signed as correct:

Chairman

## Buckfastleigh Bowls Club

Revenue Account 2017/2018		£ 2018/2019	£ 2018/2019 Est	£
	<b>Income</b>			
3,430	Annual Subscriptions	1,917	3,792	
0	Grants	5,500	5,500	
200	Sponsorship	15	215	
185	Donations	6	6	
2,167	Teas & Draws	20	2,200	
1,352	Annual Dinner	1,032	1,032	
1,138	Bar Sales	261	3,000	
389	Competitions	7	400	
102	Green Fees	40	100	
325	Clothing	50	0	
0	Social Events	133	317	
42	Other Income	16	8	
<u>9,330</u>		<u>8,996</u>	<u>16,570</u>	
	<b>Expenditure</b>			
3,628	Green & Machinery	2,050	3,460	
3,296	Premises & Grounds	108	2,000	
186	Rent	0	200	
158	Electricity	273	180	
269	Water Rates	506	500	
0	Fire Extinguisher Check	165	165	
690	Insurance	693	693	
0	Advertising	216	216	
188	Printing, Postage & Stationery	111	154	
502	Members Expenses	85	60	
70	Bar Licence	70	70	
0	Website	5	5	
85	Sundries	8	42	
1,193	Annual Dinner	912	912	
1,114	Affiliation Fees & Trophies	571	582	
543	Food & Draws	70	621	
0	Clothing	0	0	
0	Bank Charges	0	0	
0	Bar Expenses	286	1,308	
<u>11,922</u>		<u>6,128</u>	<u>11,168</u>	
<u>(2,592)</u>	<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<u>2,867</u>	<u>5,402</u>	

Buckfastleigh Bowling Club Committee Meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 2.00 p.m.

#### REPORT ON THE GREEN:

##### Work done since closing the green:

- Scarified gently crossways [total of well over 40 loads taken off green]
- Scarifying and short spiking will speed up the playing surface during the season and strengthen the sward
- Grass cut crossways during closed period
- Cut diagonally Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April [10 loads] [down to 6mm], for open day
- Rubbers and benches brought out and some hedge trimming plus general tidy up, by 16 members of BBC on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April [many hands make light work]
- Gully cleared
- Loose edge board made good by Vic
- Lower half of green had another Iron solution applied.
- Granular fertiliser applied before showery rain
- Machines adjusted ready for seasonal work
- Met with Consultant to view green and draft plan of action for the season.
- Hand weeded [but leaving clover and speedwell to be treated with suitable chemicals, during first three weeks of May, by Consultant]

##### Work to be undertaken

- Further cutting of the grass lowering cut down to 5mm as advised by consultant because of our circumstances [weather dependent]
- Scarifying during the season to speed up playing surface by removing more thatch and loose moss
- Further spiking [short spikes to aerate and assist drainage]
- Fill in yet more holes [caused by birds]
- Chemical treatment for pests, by consultant
- Enlist help of the Green Team, produce final rota
- Reorganise mech. Shed
- If weather is suitable and grass growing well adjust mower cut to 5mm [possibly Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April] for start of the season.

Many thanks to all who have turned up as a group, to get green ready and to those who have quietly worked their magic to get the green and surrounds to look as good as is evident.

Consultant, Tim, is overjoyed with the green and the progress we have made. He keeps saying it looks the best he has seen, considering the challenges we face. He is very keen to help, as he can see we take such a group pride in our ground and green, and he wants to be part of the process and progress.

Ham

Green Team Leader

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019