

EASTBOURNE BOWLING CLUB

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 21st January 2015 IN THE CLUB PAVILION AT 10.30 a.m. (UNRATIFIED)

President Alan opened the Meeting and welcomed all Officers and thanked them for attending.

Present: President Alan Finch, Secretary Jean Clements, Ladies' Captain Julia Fordham, Men's Captain Peter Jackson, , Ladies' Vice Captain Annie Jackson, Men's Vice Captain Brian Clements, Match Secretary Reg Rowlands, Assistant/Membership Secretary Gillie Hill, Assistant Treasurer Brian Fillery, Green Ranger Barrie Fordham, House Manager Colin Dunne, Sponsorship Secretary Pauline Packham,, Bar Manager Sandra Dossett, and Competition Secretary Francois Celada and Provisions Ann Wells.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Treasurer John Dossetter, Past President Paul Furley, and Ladies' Secretary Sheila Simmons,

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 23rd October 2014 were approved and signed. Proposed by Reg Rowlands and seconded by Sandra Dossett.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

5.10 Support of County under 31's - Decision to be made by the Treasurer at next meeting. Action JD

5.11 Re. Green Fees for ladies playing County - Ladies Secretary to update at next meeting Action SS

9.4 Eastbourne Bowling Club is responsible for the lopping of the trees. Alan Finch is awaiting Council permission to cut the trees down. Action AF

10.4 The Club voted at the AGM to accept children from the age of 8 years upwards.

13.1(c) *It was automatically assumed at the meeting that this item had been added to the AGM Agenda and assumed that the Club had voted 'yes' so there was no further discussion.* In fact no decision as to whether 'New to Bowls' members are allowed to vote at the AGM was made at the AGM, because this item was not added to Item 12 on the AGM Agenda and according to the AGM Minutes it wasn't discussed at any other point in the meeting. Action JC/AF

15.6 It was agreed that all Membership Forms will be displayed on the notice board as per the Constitution.

4. **HON. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

4.1 There was no report from the President.

5. **HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Secretary Jean Clements

5.1 Letter from the Council outlining proposals for double yellow lines in Saffrons Road.

5.2 Two First Aiders are resigning and a notice will be put up for volunteers to take their place.

5.3 Mike Fitzgerald and Hazel Smith have resigned as Trustees for the Club and Colin Dunne, John Ereira, and John Dossetter have agreed to act as Trustees.

5.4 The Soroptimists have rebooked their Meetings for 2015.

5.5 Linkswood have rebooked their AGM

5.6 St. Johns has booked the Clubhouse for a quiz night on 7th February and has offered the Club admission for one team at a cost of £9.50.

5.7 The Parking Permits for this coming year will be printed on green discs instead of white.

5.8 The Honours Board will be updated in February.

5.9 Our headed paper and Website is to be updated to read 'affiliated to Sussex County Bowls' as the Sussex County men and ladies have now merged.

Ladies' Secretary Sheila Simmons

Sheila Simmons was not present but there was nothing to report.

6. **HON TREASURER'S REPORT:**

John Dossetter was not present. Brian Fillery reported that to date he had banked £16,900 joining fees.

7. **CAPTAINS' REPORTS:**

Ladies' Captain Julia Fordham

7.1 Drink sheets to be put on the tables at teatime so that payment can be collected from each player after the game.

7.2 An Invitation Day will be organized for a weekend date later in the year. No club members will be allowed to enter. A committee will be asked to finalize the details.

7.3 Thanks were expressed for the money allocated to the ladies who attended the finals of the Top Club in Leamington and the subsequent prize giving. Julia requested that the money won by the Top Club Team is put towards something definite and not just absorbed in the club funds. The equipment shed was suggested but the Treasurer will make the final decision.

Action JD

Men's Captain Peter Jackson

7.4 Peter suggested that indoor fixtures with Eastbourne and Langney are stopped because it is difficult to find players and instead look perhaps to booking indoor matches with Clubs further afield such as Wealden or Preston.

7.5 Peter asked if anybody had a spare printer and Gillie Hill offered a printer and computer for Club use. Action GH

8. **MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

8.1 Motcombe BC has requested that we only play once per season on a home and away basis.

8.2 All fixtures are now on the website.

8.3 The Greens open on Saturday 18th April as agreed with the Green Ranger and the first match is Saturday 25th April.

8.4 We will be hosting a Sussex Youth Academy under 18's three rink match on Sunday 26th July at 11.00. Pauline Jackson will arrange refreshments. We also are playing a mixed 8 rinks on the same day.

8.5 To date we have matches: 53 tourists, 27 local, 8 club, we are hosting 16, 1 indoor.

9. **GREENRANGER'S REPORT:**

9.1 The Landscape Group has completed the end of season maintenance of the greens. They have scarified and verticut the greens and applied top dressing, fertilizer, leather jacket and worm control. They will also be checking grass growth and keeping it under control.

9.2 Tasks completed:

- Replace posts in football fence
- Handrail to top green repaired
- Edged up round the paths and greens

Tasks ongoing:

- Clean paths around green
- Remarking greens with 3 settings
- Clean and replace mats in the ditches
- Prepare turf nursery by the garage
- Re-organize the garage
- Replacing the 2 meter round measuring sticks with square 2 meter sticks
- Preparing benches ready for preservative treatment
- Equipment shed needs repairing or replacing
- Expansion joints on the concrete paths need filling

9.3 There is an ongoing problem with foxes which is being controlled by the contractor.

10. **ASSISTANT/MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

10.1 There are: Men 52 Ladies 43 Total 95 Social 27 (totals corrected since the Meeting)

10.2 Gillie Hill handed to the Captains the Children and Vulnerable Adults folder she had prepared for the Club.

10.3 Colin Dunne handed out relevant documents to the Committee prepared by the Child Protection Officer, Wendy Dunne.

10.3 Colin Dunne reported on behalf of the CPO that:

- DBS checks are underway for coaches
- Voluntary Disclosure Forms have been handed out to the Committee
- Separate toilets are not necessary for children.
- The Child Protection Policy is now displayed on the notice board

10.4 At the moment five playing members have re-joined as social members and only ten of last year's 'new to bowls' members have rejoined so far. But five new members have joined.

11. SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

There is currently no Social Secretary

12. COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- 12.1** Francois proposed a new competition open to all members. A vote was taken. Agreed by All
- 12.2** Handicaps are done and will be displayed in the books
- 12.3** As competition entries are declining the Captains will promote the competitions at the Spring Meeting.
- 12.4** Francois proposed that only winning teams of club members are written on the Honours Boards. Teams including members from other clubs should not to be added to the Boards. A vote was taken. Agreed by All
- 12.5** The lock and keys to the trophy cabinet might need to be replaced because some keys appear to be missing. Action FC

13. HOUSE MANAGER

- 13.1** The House Manager produced a schedule of repairs and maintenance which he explained will have to be implemented at some point within the next few years. He proposed the money to fund this is raised from increased revenue and grants from Sport England, the Lottery Fund etc. He proposed that he meet with Mark Lower, who has offered his services, so that a Business Plan can be put together for this purpose. He asked that the committee members read through the schedule and feedback their comments to him so that items marked 'urgent or otherwise' are correctly designated. His budget will be agreed later when priority has been agreed.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 15.1** The Sponsorship Secretary, Pauline Packham is arranging for Go-Cruise to come to the Club one evening in February or March for a social event to explain their business. The date will be advertised on the web page, in the clubhouse and emailed to members.
- 15.2** The Cardiac Arrest Team will attend the Club after the Spring Meeting on the 8th April to give a demonstration.
- 15.3** Focus will attend one of the Coffee mornings in March.
- 15.4** Pauline will arrange an evening of bowls for the sponsors later in the year. Action PP
- 15.5** Brian Clements will look into the cost of a new flag with the new name. Action BC
- 15.6** Reg Rowlands will be resigning his position at the end of the year.
- 15.7** Sandra Dossett asked if the chain could be used again on the gates. No decision was taken.
- 15.8** A decision on the cleaning contractor will be taken at the next meeting when quotes have been received from interested parties. Action JC/AF

The meeting ended at 12.15

The next meeting is to be arranged

Signed.....

Date