

**Minutes of the Ashtead Bowls Club Management Committee meeting held
on Friday 16th April 2021 at 1500 hrs on Social Distancing 'Zoom'**

Present

Keith Merrett (Chairman), Neil Attwood (Secretary), Alan Huxtable (Treasurer) and Mike Brent (Men's Captain), Carol Wildig and Mildred Guthrie (Ladies Captains), Peter Webb, Pam Bennett, Ian Guthrie, Ruth Price, Brian Levens, Rita Marlow,

Apologies – None

Approval of Previous Minutes –

The Minutes of 21st Feb 2021 were approved and will be signed at a convenient date.

Treasurers Report

A copy of the latest set of the figures were sent to all prior to the meeting and a copy is attached. There were no issues raised

The Treasurer announced a further grant of £8,000 from the MV Council which brought this year's total to £28,000.

Captains Report.

The updated Covid regulations for the club were about to be issued. Policy of the Club is set by the JPC Committee. The Chairman requested a Vote of thanks for all the work put in by the JPC to get us ready to play.

The first match is against Epsom Park (4 by 3 rinks) and discussions on restrictions have taken place. Similar discussions will be held with the ESL matches, both away, versus Dorking and Caterham. Parking may be a problem.

It was noted the data base has some names missing, this will be checked By Alan and Keith

Competitions.

Draw for 7 competitions made and will be on the notice board shortly. Entries for the others will be left open for the time being.

Green Ranger

List of Mowers is up but still 2 short, some new members have joined the list but attrition due to age and health has left the numbers short.

Water system has been commissioned and tested.

Bar Manager

The 'Kitchen' Bar has been restocked and the system will be the same as last summer. It will continue to be used until 21st June unless situation changes. This will be a cashless bar, but minimum payment is £1, this may cause problems. Need to get more volunteers to 'man' the bar on match days.

Facilities Manager

Thanks to 14 working party members turning up last Wednesday (including 3 new people) the surrounding area is now ready for members to use the green in safety. The JPC has organised the equipment to satisfy Covid Regulations, in the Clubhouse.

Chairman's Update.

The Committee ratified the statement presented in the agenda regarding expenditure on the Broadmead side of the green.

Club policy will be as indicated by BE and organised by the JPC, this will be reconsidered with any changes due on 17th May and 21st June.

Discussion then took place over concerns of H&S regarding the carrying of drinks down the side of the green nearest to the Cricket Pavilion. It was agreed that Hillside must be used and a notice to restrict drinks being delivered CP side. Consideration for a drinks carrier rather than trays would be looked into.

The Chairman asked for assistance with the Open Days and he was checking that we have registered with BE for additional support. A number of committee members confirmed their offer of support.

It was agreed by the Committee that the £135 (additional £55) should be requested from members now that we will be able to offer a reasonable bowling opportunity. We have been offered £1000 from Cunningham Eves in sponsorship and we shall be issuing all playing members with £15 of vouchers (3 x £5) for use on food at club events. This may be used in 2021 or 22. Social member's subscriptions will remain at £20 as normal social activities have been severely curtailed.

Agenda

20.12 Volunteers

The Club is in urgent need of new blood in many areas of the club.

It was agreed that recent and new joiners should be approached to assist and some of those who have played, for some time, at the club but do not contribute, to take some roles.

20.13 Centenary

Just under £500 has been handed in for the Raffle to date. Many people are just buying the 30 tickets and not trying to sell to friends and family. Comment was made that there are greater charities and organisations vying for people's money. The club has committed to the raffle and we must all endeavour to support it.

Churchill Retirement is offering to sponsor an event, possibly to a similar amount to Cunningham Eves. This will be either the Invitation Day or The County Match. We are offering to invite the local residents of their apartments 'Afternoon Tea' and a chance to see how bowls is played or to have a go. There is potential for new members from 17 residents in Ashtead and 12 in Leatherhead.

Shirts and Blouses will be arriving shortly, they will be collected from the Clubhouse and additionally the £30 of vouchers and Bowls stickers will be in eac.

Any other Business

The 'Clothes Rail' will be set up for a short period of time before all unwanted/unsold goods will go to a Charity shop. Shoes will be discarded.

A number of senior members who do not use a computer (their wives do it for them) have expressed their disappointment at the demand that they must learn to use the computer booking system. Ian and Keith will discuss the situation with them and help them to be able to book slots.

Bowls Direct will be visiting the Club on the morning of 18th May. The ladies have been advised and it was requested a general notice is sent out.

The meeting closed at 1715hrs and the Chairman requested the next meeting to be around the next Covid change.