



SIDCUP BOWLS CLUB

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MINUTES OF BOWLS COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 3rd April 2022

Present

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| Mr J Trotman | Captain | Mr Tony Lush | Green Keeper |
| Mr J Bunce | Vice-Captain/Fixtures Sec | Mr N. Florey | Committee Member |
| Mr Brian Henderson | Secretary | Mr Dave Smith | Committee Member |
| Mr C Baugh | Treasurer | Mrs M. Beedle | |
| Mr K O'Connor | Assistant Secretary | | |

1. Apologies

Mr Stuart Stotesbury, Mr S Moore

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as read and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Any matters arising will be covered in the following reports

4. Committee Members' Reports

Captain

The Captain observed that the Green was looking very good but had no other issues to raise.

Vice-Captain

Bunny reported that everything for the 2023 programme was on schedule.

Secretary

Brian reported that:

Carole Pezet had mistakenly been left off of the Bexleys application and should therefore be refunded her entry fee of £8. Clive to organise..

13 entries had been received so far for the internal competitions. £770 had been paid into the bank account and Brian holds a cheque for £35 and £56 in cash. Clive asked that Brian hold onto the cheque/cash until he returned from holiday.

The Handicaps were discussed and approved for 2023.

Brian completed the Kent ULEZ questionnaire and returned it along with the contact details for the Men's and Ladies' sections as requested by Kent.

Brian had attended two Kent meetings in March i.e. The Council meeting and that of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Vince Morgan of Blackheath and Greenwich had offered to review the energy costs of the Club, a service provided to other clubs. Clive stated that the Club was on a fixed tariff until 2024 and therefore any review would need to be considered next year.

The issue of Leatherjacket infestation of greens has arisen with other Clubs resulting in major damage. A chemical that is banned for domestic use is allowed for larger institutional users e.g. Golf Clubs. Bowls England is making representations to Government to get this allowance extended to Bowls Clubs.

Brian restated the BE rule that any advertising on shirts must observe the regulations on size limitations on the branding featured.

The BE Big Weekend open day programme is again being promoted for 26 – 29 May. Participants are excused affiliation fees. This overlaps with the SBC open day scheduled for 29th April.

Affiliation fees will increase in 2024 to Kent £6 and BE £7.

BE have stated that Clubs not recognising and implementing the new Safeguarding protocol will be blocked from affiliation from 2025. However, Nicky Weaver, who is the Tennis Safeguarding Officer has offered to extend the role to encompass the Recreation Club to include all the sports sections. This was welcomed as an appropriate and sensible solution and that SBC would co-operate with Nicky to ensure its effectiveness and that it conforms with the BE requirements.

Wrotham Bowls Club has closed as a result of a Landlord decision to redevelop the site. The Club's Trustees decided to fight this decision in Court but lost resulting in a £44,000 legal bill. This was raised as a warning that the Club Trustees had to ensure that their personal exposure was protected by the Club.

Treasurer

Clive reported that there were no finance issues to raise other than that payment was due on the new mower which had to be made prior to delivery. Clive will transfer the SBC contribution to the purchase to enable the main Club to make the payment.

KCBA Delegate

Reported above

Green Ranger

Tony reported that the Green had been cut and a treatment carried out but that a further two cuts were planned before the opening on April 15th.

The mower will be stored in the space below the pavilion.

Tony will take delivery of the mower and receive the training for use. He will then, in turn, train the squad who will be undertaking the mowing.

It has been agreed to part company with Melvin. While this will preferably be done face-to-face, if this is not possible it will be done by letter or email.

Keith Driver will be commissioned as Greenkeeper from 1st May.

The issue of SRC members' children found playing on the Green was again raised. The parents of the children had been informed. It was agreed that the main Club should be asked to ensure that the Easter Egg Hunt should ensure that the Green is protected.

5. Any Other Business

Team selections

L&SC

Gold Badge: Mark Garrard away to New Beckenham by 11/6/2023

Lonsdale: Stuart Stotesbury at home to be played by 2/7/2023

Pairs: Roger Woodward/Paul Payne at home to Bromley be played by 21/5/2023

Triples: Tony Lush/John Talbot/John Russell at home to be played 11/6/2023

Fours: Mick Hooper/Keith Pearce/Clive Baugh/Mike Thomas at home to Bromley to be played by 11/6/2023

Challenge Shield: Away to Bromley "B" to be played by 11/6/2023

Teams to be confirmed to L&SC.

Top Club – Orpington Excelsior

Singles: Clive Baugh/Keith Pearce

Pairs: Stuart Stotesbury/Paul Payne

Triples: John Russell/Tony Lush/Mick Hooper

4's: Mark Garrard/Roger Woodward/Les Whale/John Talbot

Dates to be offered to Orpington: Wed 10 May/Friday 12 May/Sunday 14 May

Fixtures

There was a clash on the 24th June with the men due to play VCD with 5 triples and the ladies had a Jubilee Triples match where two further rinks were required. VCD were to be asked to reduce the match to 4 triples.

There is a clash on 20 July with 3 Men's (NWK) and a Ladies' (Jubilee) match all currently listed as fixtures. Attempts will be made to either move the Jubilee match to the afternoon or to switch one of the NWK matches to away.

LX match due to clash with the Ladies umbrella on a couple of dates. Mavis to look into moving the umbrella to the morning.

13/14 September. There is a mixed triple friendly with Orpington on 13th September and a Men's friendly 4 triples match at Orpington on 14th September. To be reviewed.

Membership

Ladies' membership to be registered with Kent using form A1 by 1st May. Mavis to action.

Working parties

Markers to be finished

Green protection

To protect the Green, all umbrellas and roll-ups are required to use nets. Membership to be informed.

Notices

Kerry stated that notices on how to operate the Fox fence, the rink rotation plan and the new coaching service had been produced and will be shown on the two boards in the pavilion and on the website. The Fox and rotation notices will also be affixed to the equipment hut.

Publicity banner

Agree to display the banner for 2023 at a cost of £50 was agreed.

Pavilion cleaning

Mavis asked when the pavilion would be cleared to allow for it to be cleaned. Should be clear by Tuesday 11th.

Coronation Mixed Drive

Mavis's proposal to allow players to dress in the national colours was agreed.

Ron Bentley

Ron's funeral is scheduled for Wednesday 5th April at 3:30 at Falconwood crematorium and then back to the Club for 4:30. Rob Bull's appeal for funds to buy a bench to honour Ron had been successfully supported and a bench has been ordered. Rob was thanked for his efforts.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 5:00pm.

Signed as a True Copy _____