

Woodhall Spa Town Bowls Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting
1000hrs Saturday 29th June 2024

Present:

Dave Walsh (Chairman/Greenkeeper)
Steve Anderson (Treasurer)
Sam Elgar (Secretary)
Brian Trinder (General/Bar Subcommittee)
Hazel Trinder (Catering/Events)
Pauline Mallon (Joint Competitions Secretary)
Kevin Mallon (Joint Competitions Secretary)
Bev Redman (Social Secretary)
Phil Redman (Fixtures Secretary)
Ron Nicholson (Friendly Fixtures/Bar Subcommittee Lead/Vice Chair)

Apologies:

Paul Bastiani (Membership/Property Secretary)
Terry Butchart (Sponsorship Liaison/Bar Subcommittee)

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed as correct.

Chairman's/Green keeper's Report (Dave Walsh)

Dave reported that the bowling direction on our Green has been turned around again to try and save some of the grass which has sustained damage in the wet weather and particularly on Open Day in April. Billingham have put forward a proposal that the outdoor bowling season be moved from April – August, onto May – September which may be of benefit in maintaining all Greens.

Sutton-on-Sea shared with us that they only use Grass Roots Green maintenance once a year, in September to complete winterisation, seed sowing and top dressing. This results in an annual bill of over 50% less than we are currently paying and where it has become apparent, we cannot recoup the loss of 1940's weekend in full annually, this is a cost cutting exercise we must consider.

Dave went on to explain that Sutton-on-Sea manage this by having working parties made up of club members who, on rotation, look after the Green three times a week for the remainder of the season. A discussion was held on how we could identify members who would be willing to take part in our proposed work parties. In the first instance the Committee would like to bring to your attention here that if we cannot

get volunteers then subs as well as Green fees will have to increase substantially. We will shortly be sending out an electronic questionnaire which every member should complete so as we can identify who is happy to volunteer for what duties, to support our club. Even if you are unable to offer any help at all, please complete this to allow the Committee to view a full picture of where we can go.

Treasurers Report (Steve Anderson):

Steve explained that an annual council tax issue arose as our banking does not allow for references to be added as we wish when making payments, this results in the payment being unidentified by the receiver and we must then point it out to them every year. This is resolved for now, this year.

The benefit of removing fuel allowances and increased Green fees shows in our accounts but not to the extent it will cover the lost £3k from 1940's weekend.

Accounts were scrutinised and shown to have £18,140 total assets/equity however when the £8k Grass Roots bill is paid it will look significantly reduced.

£615 professional fees have been charged for the Land Registry documents which were commissioned back in 2022.

With £44.79 equipment repairs paid out for the ride on mower, which was not serviced for 4/5 years, and an essential servicing tool approved at £40 on top of these listed expenses the current account will end up £3k in deficit without 1940's weekend in July. As Dave pointed out, savings need to be made and volunteer working parties are our best hope to reduce Grassroots costs, so please do get involved.

Secretary's Report (Sam Elgar):

Sam reported our website is up to date with 2024 events and welcomes further photos for this from members over the season to secretary.wstbc@outlook.com

Sam asked if anyone could deliver the copies of Land Registry documents to Trustees without email, to save on stamps. Dave and Steve volunteered to do this.

Sam reported that she has now put up the list to add your names and numbers of guests you may wish to bring to the Summer Social BBQ on Sat 27th July. This is so we have an idea how much salad is required. Our Bar will be open for purchases at the event, bring your own food to be put on the BBQ.

Sam reported that she has been liaising with the Conservative Club over this years Salmon Trophy, she has managed to secure the buffet afterwards at the same price as the previous two years. Hopefully our bar can make some profit as well as Green fees and Raffle (the collection boxes will be out again soon), Dave will arrange the prize for the Spider and Paul will ensure our membership forms are available on the day for interested visitors from the Con Club. Ideally, we will have 18 or 24 players from each club, it is understood that those who are members of both will mostly play for the Con Club and Sam will ask Val Sylvester to inform Ruby Salmon's family that this is taking place from 1.30pm on Saturday 17th August. Watch out for the sign-up sheets appearing in both clubs this month 😊

Running through other upcoming dates for discussion, it was noted that the

Coronation Cup could do with a few more names up on Sunday 14th July.

The friendly at home to Holt on Thu 18th July 2pm is short of names, Ron made the decision the Thu eve interclub competition will be postponed that week allowing more to put their names down without bowling twice in one day.

The Open Pairs on Saturday 20th July is now full and closed.

The Open Triples on Saturday 24th August currently has 18 confirmed teams so some scope for further teams, ensuring an even number of teams are entered.

Membership/Property Secretary's Report (Paul Bastiani):

Paul sent a report with his apologies:

We have two new members (Elizabeth Pollard & James Cork – welcome 😊)

Paul has sold 3 shirts, leaving 7 in stock since the last meeting.

2/3 members wish to purchase shirts who's sizes we do not have in stock currently.

New members generally are keen to order a shirt.

Paul asked for authorization to order 10 more shirts which will be stock in hand rather than expenditure. This was approved by the Committee.

You can contact Paul at prbastiani@gmail.com should you wish to purchase shirts at £27.

Fixtures Secretary's Report (Phil Redman):

Nil to report.

Friendly Fixtures Secretary (Ron Nicholson):

Sunday 30th June – Friendly – Home – Collingham. Ron was not able to raise Collingham via their contact details so drove over and met with them, they have 14 players and 2 spectators attending tomorrow.

Thursday 18th July – Friendly – Home - Holt BC will bring 14 players to play 5 rinks of triples borrowing a WSTBC player, over 18 ends. A break after 9 ends for tea and biscuits. On completion retire to the pavilion for tea and cakes. Holt to supply the cakes. The WSTBC bar will be open on the afternoon. Match fees agreed at £2.00 per player.

A commemorative A4 certificate to be produced by Ron for presentation on the day, as requested by Holt.

Lincolnshire Vice Presidents Association have been in touch and wish to identify a date to play at WSTBC in a friendly 2025 season.

New memorabilia is required for repeat visiting teams and Ron asked Sam if she could arrange for local business producer Sally to demonstrate what she has available to the Committee as we were impressed with last year's keyrings for the Salmon Trophy; Sam will invite her to an upcoming meeting.

Bar (Ron Nicholson):

Ron stated that he had identified mistakes in previous stocktakes where 48 bottles of water had caused inaccurate figures and having drawn a line under this has now ensured that all stock is kept together in the storeroom to avoid a repeat of this mistake.

It was identified that it is our Bar's first year of trading at the Salmon Trophy (17th August) and with this event attracting multiple 'thirsty' spectators, as well as players it should be well stocked to offer it the opportunity to do well for us.

Competition Secretary's Report (Pauline & Kevin Mallon):

Pauline reported that the Competitions are now well underway, and she is collecting monies.

Thank you to Jim Aldridge who is extending the Patchett Cup trophy plinth to allow for further engraving as well as producing a new Coronation Cup trophy.

All trophies, including the Tuesday Trophy and Coronation Cup will be presented at Presentations Day (Sun 8th September).

Sponsorship/Liaison Secretary's Report (Terry Butchart):

Nil to Report.

Social Secretary's Report (Bev Redman):

Bev has looked further into Cricket Bowls but found this not to be viable for us.

Please buy a few more £1 bonus ball squares so we can uncover the winner of the £70 soon.

Bev will be thinking about additional games/competitions for spectators at the Salmon Trophy on 17th August.

Events/Catering Secretary's Report (Hazel Trinder):

All events are in hand, whilst the Pairs are full, there is still scope to add a few more Triples teams, so long as these equate to an even number of teams.

If you are still considering entering here is our Triples application:



Triples-Invite-2024.
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Any other Business:

As agreed at an earlier Committee meeting Raffles should run with the same colour tickets throughout, Dave has purchased some pink ones to ensure this happens; as well as winning tickets being stuck to each prize rather than becoming excessively time consuming in winners picking out prizes.

The Tangent Club of Woodhall Spa has requested a taster evening on Wed 17th July. Dave will arrange this and let us know if he requires any further assistance on the evening.

Ron likes the diary used on the Collingham website and asked Sam to have a look at their site to see if ideas could be incorporated into ours. Sam will complete this and report back at the next meeting.

Phil stated that some had asked why we don't have a Facebook page but it was noted this requires daily admin as a minimum and with a website should not be required. Sam adds our Car boot events to local Community Facebook sites, and this was considered sufficient at this time.

Dave repaired the kitchen roof which had leaked using the ladders Brian Trinder has kindly donated (Thank you Brian). Dave found that pine needles had built up as well as some fixings requiring waterproofing on the roof (Thank you Dave). We will need to stay on top of clearing the pine needles moving forward.

Steve spoke to Phil Richardson about completing our annual PAT testing who has agreed to cover this for us. Thank you, Phil.

Steve will cancel our Music Licence to prevent it auto-renewing as we are not using it for 1940's weekend anymore.

With there being no further matters arising the meeting was closed by the Chair at 1205hrs.

Next Committee Meeting:

Saturday 17th August 2024. 1000hrs.