

Minutes of the
Executive Committee meeting
For Sellindge Bowls Club
Held at the Sellindge Bowls pavilion
on 3rd September 2018

Committee present

President. Trevor Groom

Roger Coker Rosemary Coker Joyce Groom Malcolm Cage Lawrence Harvey Derek Nelson Tony Excell Christina Sandy Allyson Betts Ros Sawyers Teresa Oliver-Jones

Apologies if any

Kevin Gipson & Derek Gosling

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 3^{0th} July 2018 were circulated on 26th Aug 2018.

Confirmed to be a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report

Thanks go to Derek Nelson for organising a very successful competitions finals day, also to Jim Betts for the good quality of the green, and to the catering members.

Correspondence

Letter received from members Tom and Callum Wratten who have decided not to join next year. This was acknowledged and all the best wished to them for the future.

Treasurers Report

Income and Expenditure sheet attached.

Our income and expenditure have approximately balanced over the last year at just over £1200 apart from the £2000 cost for the club shirts. This balance is because both our costs and income fell by the same amount of approx. £1500. The fall in costs is due to our maintenance cost of the clubhouse and machinery being lower this year. The fall in income is a concern. Raffle money is down £1000 compared with 2 years ago when we changed to giving prize money. This year food income was down £150, subscriptions down £400, social events (quiz and race nights) down £500.

Our finances are currently headed in the wrong direction.

The following suggestions have been made, to be discussed before next year's season commences:

- 1) Revert back to doing cheaper raffle prizes such as chocolates and wine, at approx. £1-£3 per prize rather than the £5 cash prize we are at present giving, and to be bought by the committee.
- 2) Increasing the subs to £95.
- 3) Reducing the teas to tea and biscuits, which is now happening at other clubs.
- 4) Start making a small charge of £1 per member on the Tuesday roll-up afternoons.

Captains Reports:

Ladies

Christina says the ladies have done well and completed all the Shepway matches, Rose Bowl, & Maggie Clegg. An excellent season.

Mens

Malcolm says a good season for Mens Shepway and friendlies. 21 won 21 lost 2 rained off and one cancelled due to cup final day. He thanks Christina Kevin and Allyson for help in choosing the teams. All in all, a good year.

Competitions Secretary Report

Finals weekend went well but could have done with more support from the non-playing members. Derek was concerned that the day didn't gel, re the presentations. It may be better to be carried out over two days and have a finals weekend as some players were having to play three matches, this made it a late finish and some supporters had to leave before presentations were made.

More members need to be encouraged to enter these competitions.

The committee praised Derek for a very successful day.

Report on the Green

Excellent job carried out by Jim Betts. Renovation will be carried out during the week after the season's closure, when a top dressing will be put on the green.

Caterers report

Running smoothly and going to plan.

Secretary Report

Nothing to report

Fixtures Secretary report

Next year we will be hosting the Shepway finals on the 24th September free in the fixture list.

Any Other Business

Hedge opposite the clubhouse. This is very high and a health and safety issue when it comes to it cutting. It was proposed that a special ladder costing £375 be purchased which can be placed in the shrubbery making access easier. Agreed Lawrence and Derek to make the decision.

Suggested by Teresa a new position for the clip boards to be displayed to enable members to add their names for matches where they are easier to see and reach. Inside the clubhouse would seem to be a solution where the light is better, removing them away from the changing rooms and also amalgamating the mixed matches on one sheet rather than separating men and women.

Shepway Issue: An email has been received from two active Shepway competitors and can be seen in the correspondence file, requesting that they be allowed to take over the organising of the Shepway matches including selecting their own team players. It was critical of the way it has been run this year, and has very personal references to situations that do not suit their very competitive way of playing. This is quite a contentious matter and has caused divided opinions within the committee. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged between these members and Shepway players from within the committee. This was made for the following Friday, with a follow up extraordinary committee meeting to discuss the outcome.

Agenda for AGM:-

Election for new committee

Constitution update. Copy to be sent to all members, before the AGM

Motion to scrap the five required matches to be played by 31st July required before one can enter into competition matches. Vote to scrap/get rid of!! Tony proposed Joyce seconded

Green fees.

Green Keepers Fees

Proposal of new Honorary Members-Suggested Melvin Millbourne and Milly Hodges .

Date of next meeting

29th October 2018

Signed Chairman