

Sellindge Bowls Club

Minutes of meeting held 20th November 2017 Club house

Present: Trevor Groom, Roger Coker, Rosemary Coker, Lawrence Harvey, Allyson Betts, Rosemary Sawyer, Tony Excell, Derek Gosling, Joyce Groom, Sonia Munday (deputising for Teresa Oliver-Jones), Kevin Gipson

This meeting was called as an interim meeting to confirm the positions of Mens' Captain, and Vice Captain for next season.

1. Chairman's report

Roger explained absence of Malcolm Cage who has rescinded his notice of termination of the role of Mens' Captain verbally - he was not, however, invited to attend the meeting due to a misunderstanding. Roger will convey the conclusions to Malcolm after the meeting.

Trevor explained that the vote for Vice Captain taken at the AGM was in fact not valid since our Constitution demands a seconder should have been signed for Tom Wratten's nomination 21 days before the AGM - this was not the case, so the vote was invalid.

Kevin was asked by Roger on behalf of the committee if he would stand as Vice Captain and he agreed on the understanding that Malcolm was standing as Captain. Tony Excell is the Junior Vice Captain. Kevin was thus appointed to the committee.

Roger will speak to Malcolm to confirm his re-appointment as Mens' Captain.

2. Bank alteration

Lawrence reported that Santander Bank needed confirmation by way of a copy of these minutes to state that Sonia Munday as ex-Secretary is standing down and Teresa Oliver-Jones is now Secretary and should be a signatory on the Club's dealings with our bank account at Santander. Lawrence is to send a letter enclosing these minutes to affect this amendment which the committee agreed should be done.

3. Bye-laws and Constitution

As several changes need to be made to the Club Bye-laws as they stand presently Joyce and Lawrence have undertaken to amend those clauses accordingly and bring it to the next committee meeting for approval. Any matters which members feel should be altered should be passed to them for discussion.

Also due for amendment is our Constitution - this is being undertaken by Lawrence, again with any suggestions on changes being made to him before the next committee meeting. A discussion on the role and title of Junior Vice Captain ensued -one of the issues to be resolved in a rewrite.

4. Club shirts

Roger reported that Allyson had obtained the agreement of Accounts Unlocked LLP (Rose Murrell being her contact) to part-fund the cost of our new club shirts (half the cost of the order already quoted by Roger to Rose) and Roger has now ordered 10 different size shirts to be available to us for trial fitting before the final order is processed.

The logo for the sponsor is being put out to quote. An email to Rose Murrell was sent by Roger as follows:

'I thought you would like to know something about Sellindge Bowls Club. It was formed in 1972 with the green being laid by Allyson's father and over the years the ditches were replaced with railway sleepers but as these are wood and rotted in 2015 the club secured funds from Bowls England to replace all the ditches with precast ditches. The original clubhouse was an old site hut but as the club grew it became too small for our needs. Members raised money to purchase a large porta cabin with all the work done by members and since then we built another club house with changing rooms. All the club members are active in maintaining and improving facilities. A Sellindge Bowls Club triple were the first to win their County badges in 1983 and since then more members have had successes in County and National competitions with one outstanding success being Allyson Betts becoming Kent's Champion of Champions in a singles competition then going on to represent Kent nationally. All members work hard to make the club what it is today. On behalf of Sellindge Bowls Club I would like to thank your company for your very generous offer to part sponsor our new club shirts.'

Rose Murrell replied 'It sounds like the Club has come a long way and it will be nice for you all to have the new shirts. Look forward to hearing from you when you have resolved the issue of the balancing funds'.

Roger also reported that Graham Funnell is chasing the possible funding from Shepway Trust in the Silver category (as previously recorded).

Meeting ended 11am