

Minutes of the Executive Committee

For Sellindge Bowls Club

Held at the Sellindge Bowls pavilion

On 29th October 2018

Committee present

President. Trevor Groom

John Collins Joyce Groom Malcolm Cage Kevin Gipson Lawrence Harvey Tony Excell Christina Sandy
Derek Gosling Teresa Oliver

Last meetings minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 3rd September 2018 have already been circulated. Confirmed to be a true copy and passed to the new chairman to be signed.

Chairman`s Report

John Collins has been welcomed into the chair by the committee.

John wished to express that this is a time to move forward and to improve relationships and build bridges following a sad end of season resulting in loss of members. We must aim to increase the club membership and enjoy as a club the competitive nature needed to survive the forthcoming matches, internal and hopefully external.

Correspondence

Email received from Graham Funnel resigning from the club.

Treasurers Report

Ways to save money is the topic being discussed as at the moment we are spending more than is being brought in and although we are ok for funds this has to be managed whilst we are in a good position and can afford to act with proper consideration as to how we tackle the matter.

Lengthy discussion followed

- 1) Club membership fees £90 full member (increase of £5)
 - £45 New bowler (increase of £2.50)
 - £20 persons in full time education
 - £10 Social Member

Agreed.

2) Doing away with a formal tea (bread and butter and cakes) when hosting our friendly matches and offering a good quality biscuit, this would benefit the club in two ways.

a) One less person to find to do the teas which allows an extra member to enter into a match which when we are short will help.

b) The cost we would be saving

John proposed we charge a £4 fee to cover green fee and teas.

Agreed

Christina has offered to do the catering rota but has suggested we purchase mugs for future use which we will pay for from a fund raising event and this will make the clearing up after the matches easier and quicker. Less washing up.

If this solution does not work we will revisit the matter again, it is not cast in stone.

Other solutions were muted, maybe to include green fees at home and away into the membership fee. An increase of £60, which shares the cost with all members, rather than the few who regularly play, this would give a guaranteed income to the club.

Captains` Reports

Seasons closed nothing to report.

Green Keepers Report.

Covered in the recent AGM report

Secretary Report

Final confirmation on Presentation Dinner details taking place on the 2nd November.

62 members attending.

Fixtures Secretary report / Shepway Reports

Joyce has said she will be Shepway Rep for the ladies.

We will be hosting the Shepway Finals on 24th August.

All the competition cup matches were discussed and it was agreed we would make every effort to put teams forward into all of them. With the plan to give additional support and encouragement to the newer players being asked to take part.

Any Other Business

For information only at this stage.

1) The secretary advised the committee that she was holding 40 club shirts worth approx £1000. (Ladies 19, Mens 21, of various sizes) These now to be kept at the clubhouse for new members.

2) Shepway Sports Trust, Silver Trust re: Copies printed for all committee members to read and remind us what this trust can do for our club, with the intention of hopefully involving ourselves with them in 2019, particularly re advertng our club in various ways.

This year the club received £175 towards new trophies, engravings and presentations.

3) New Raffle procedures to save £6 each friendlies match day played. Looking to drop the 3x£5 prize and replacing with lesser value prizes, such as wine and chocolates purchased in bulk by the committee so quality is always good but only costing £3 or less if additional prizes are added. Teresa will liaise with Christina in the new year.

4) The Repositioning of forthcoming games/matches clip boards into the main part of the clubhouse. This will be dealt with in the new year.

5) This Year`s Closing Day .This was a disappointing day due to the rain stopping play, but also because no alternative plans were made. Members turned up with food and it lacked organisation. Next year to be planned a little better and cancelled in time should the weather dictate.

6) Fund Raising team

Malcolm has been asked by Christina Searle, Rosemary Atkins and Jacky Antin to be permitted to form a fund raising team and organise social events.

Agreed and appreciated.

Date of next meeting

January 28th 2019