

MINUTES FOR
the Executive Committee meeting
For Sellindge Bowls Club
Held at the Sellindge Bowls pavilion
on 28th January 2019

Committee present

President. Trevor Groom

Chairman-John Collins **Captains**-Malcolm Cage, Christina Sandy

Vice Captains- Kevin Gipson, Pat Harvey

Junior Vice Captain-Tony Excell

Treasurer-Lawrence Harvey

Fixtures Secretary-Joyce Groom

General maintenance-Derek Nelson

Mens Shepway Rep-Derek Gosling

Ladies Shepway Rep-Joyce Groom

Secretary-Teresa Oliver-Jones

Guest-Fund Raising Representative-Christina Searle

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 29th October 2018 have been circulated and Confirmed to be a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman`s Report

John said he has had conversations with the recent leavers of the club to see if a change of mind would be possible but at the moment we are still unsure as to the outcome of the conversations, we await signing on day.

Suggested we try to encourage the bowling members to play in more games as it is sometimes a struggle to meet the game requirements of players.

Suggested also that he writes to John Martin to encourage his return to the club.

Correspondence

Email from George Coles. Read out advising the committee that he will not be re-joining as he did not enjoy his bowls last season, and felt that good players had left which would be detrimental to the club but with no further explanation or reason.

Treasurers Report

1) Income and Expenditure sheet attached.

Lawrence states that it is self-explanatory and due to the club being quiet during the winter season nothing much happening to make a difference to the figures.

2) It was agreed that some new fencing has to be purchased at a cost of £440 and the go ahead given for this work to commence.

Captains Reports:

Christina and Malcolm have designed new team selection forms, these are to include both Ladies and gents on the same form to make it easier for couples to arrange their diaries together, and they are to be displayed on a new notice board in the actual main clubhouse rather than in the separate changing rooms.

Christina welcomed Pat as the new ladies Vice Captain, and also advised us that Sharon Pumfleet and Pauline Ash will be re-joining this year which will boost our numbers again. Thanks was given to the Tuesday team for installing a new notice board in the Ladies changing room for the display of the league matches.

Competitions Secretary Report

We are all very happy that Derek Nelson has agreed to come back as Competitions secretary with support. This role will be eased with the decision made to no longer have the triples competitions, it will now just be singles and pairs. It proves very difficult at times to get 6 people to agree a match date that suits and was hard to fit into the necessary time scales.

It was suggested that a little more encouragement be made for members to take part in the internal competitions, perhaps in the letter that gets sent out regarding signing on night, and also on the night itself.

Green Keepers Report

Nothing to report

Caterers report

Christina will deal with tea rotas nearer the time, and the purchasing of biscuits etc. It was suggested that we reintroduce ourselves to the social club with the intention of it maybe becoming the supper venue following the evening matches, but this was not received favourable due to previous problems

Secretary Report

1) Presentation Dinner, a new venue was discussed and dismissed as still happy with the Ashford Golf Club. A provisional booking has been made for Friday 1st November.

2) Signing on night all booked in social club for the 5th April.

Fixtures Secretary report

Joyce is going to rename Newcomers Day on June 2nd. Whilst this is primarily a welcoming to newcomers it would help if more members could be encouraged to attend.

Finals day has been put back to the first Saturday in September, and will now remain in September for the next five years which is better than being what seemed to soon in August.

It was suggested that the social events also be added to the fixtures list which Joyce will do.

Shepway Reports

N/A

Fundraising Reports

Christina Searle attended and advised that the following events are already taking place such as the second Friday in the month coffee mornings, Quiz nights being arranged, Car Treasure Hunt being discussed with Christina Sandy, and maybe a Christmas Craft fair.

Any Other Business

- 1) Agreed for Tony to purchase a new fan heater for the clubhouse,
- 2) 5th May being the first of the Sunday morning coaching days, it has been suggested that this day also be an open day to try and introduce the game of bowls to encourage new players. They can come along and get a feel for the game, this will have to be advertised locally and discussions will take place as to how we approach this.
- 3) Entry fee for the competitions to remain at £2 per competition.
- 4) Trevor Groom has said he will become a social member this coming season, rather than a full playing member, but will not be averse to playing a game if he was needed. He wishes to pay full fees.
- 5) An update in the By-Laws re description of footwear, colour now not stated but still to be smooth soled and heel-less. Lawrence dealing with this.
- 6) A need has been identified for a set arrangement to be implemented re the setting up of the rinks before a match so they are ready in time for arrivals. This is often the same people whilst others do not assist. A suggestion is that the skip organises their own rink and ensures it is put away at the end of the match.
- 7) Lawrence said John Collins be made a signatory on the account to replace Roger Cocker, this was agreed, and Lawrence will deal with the bank to implement the changes.
- 8) Malcolm asked on behalf of some club members 'Why do social members have to pay a fee.' This was discussed and John Collins suggested that this can now be free, but if the member wishes they can make a voluntary donation which would be appreciated. Agreed by committee.
- 9) John Collins is to make enquires for a quote for additional signage, to make the visibility of the club more prominent from the outside, preferably above the entrance gate.
- 10) Teresa to talk to Margaret Cooper to see if we can promote ourselves in the Parish Council magazine, village magazine, Facebook page etc.
- 11) Flyers to be designed to give out on signing on night to all members to pass around, flyers for the drop in centre, the new housing estate to be considered, and to be put into the social club. All ideas to be worked on.

No other business, the meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

Date of next meeting

March 25th 2019 in the Clubhouse 10am.

Signed
Chairman
John Collins

Dated