

Minutes
For the Executive Committee Meeting For Sellindge Bowls Club
Held at the Sellindge Bowls pavilion on 26TH May 2021

Committee present

President-Tony Excell **Chairman**-John Collins **Secretary**-Teresa Oliver-Jones **Treasurer**-Lawrence Harvey **Captain**-Christina Sandy **Vice Captains**-Kevin Gipson, Pat Harvey **Fixtures Secretary** Denise Hanson **Men`s Shepway Rep**-John Collins **Competitions Secretary**-Kevin Gipson **Ladies Shepway Rep**-Ros Sawyers

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April confirmed and signed by Chairman.

Chairman`s Report

John welcomed the committee and thanked them for coming.

His wish is that we can return back to normality as soon as possible, and that club members will soon be able to add their own names to the games boards.

He thanks Christina and Kevin for all their hard work coping with the current situation.

Correspondence

N/A

Secretaries Report

New members` details are being collected and database updated.

Treasurers Report

Attached.

Grant monies received from local council £500 which was put towards treatments for the green.

A discussion was held as to whether we should consider incorporating our green fees and teas cost into the annual subscription.

Lawrence is going to submit some figures to discuss next time we meet in preparation for the AGM if that is the way we decide to go.

Captains Reports:

Christina commented on the struggle she was having getting members to play away matches, but home games were no problem. This could be early repercussions of the pandemic where people are still wary of mixing, and sharing of cars.

Direct contact is still preferred when it comes to organising the friendlies matches, so maybe for the moment both systems will apply. (Members can arrange directly with Christina by email, or use the boards in the club house. She will consolidate the two.)

Suggests that we continue wearing greys for the moment as most clubs are requesting this due to non-use of changing rooms.

At the moment there is no reason to commence with teas as our clubhouse does not allow for social distancing.

Competitions Secretary Report

Drawn pairs going well, even with the wet weather we have had to contend with. The time scale has been extended to allow for the inclement weather conditions giving more time for the first round.

Green Keepers Report

All good. Playing well.

Fixtures Secretary report

Updated Fixtures Schedule to be sent out to members.

Shepway Reports

Copy Attached.

A discussion took place concerning the ladies Shepway teams.

Any Other Business

1) Getting back to normality. Still restricted until at least the 21st June. 6 triples can now commence as lock-down rules are eased. 36 people on Green. 30 off the green. Spectators now welcome, but within these numbers.

Roll ups to commence. Diary back in the clubhouse. No charge for roll-ups, including Friday evenings unless someone wants to organise a competition.

Tony is keen to start up `Top Dog` on a Friday evening as an enticement to get players to join Friday evening roll-ups. It has been suggested that new members be actively encouraged to join in with existing members to continue on from their coaching and help with social relationships. The coaches will be asked to take this on.

2) Social Media. Discussion had on promoting the club to gain more membership, and Denise is going to ask her granddaughter to help set up a Facebook page to assist this purpose.

3) Cleaning rota to be arranged asap. Teresa to draw up. Tony has offered to clean the gents toilets on a Tuesday. Very welcome.

4) Clubhouse is sometimes not being locked up properly, Teresa to remind members in her next newsletter.

5) Two woods day and BBQ. These to be put back until it is easier to organise. After 21st June. Discuss next meeting.

6) It was suggested that out new members presently undergoing coaching be charged £2.50 for use of green to add funds for the club. This was dismissed as false economy, and the fact that new players have an expensive time with shoes clothes etc.

7) The first aid box needs updating and a responsibility given to someone for its upkeep. Teresa will ask Malcolm if maybe the coaches could take this on as we have trained first aiders within that group.

8) More helpers needed on a Tuesday morning. Teresa to email out to members and request more volunteers.

9) Thanks to Denise for painting the ladies toilets, a great improvement especially following the damage caused by a recent leakage.

10) It has been suggested that Malcolm be approached to come onto the committee as a support for the club maintenance. Tony Excell will ask Malcolm.

The clubhouse is falling into disrepair, and needs some urgent work done. The general feeling is that the Tuesday gang will be able to temporarily fix some of the problems but long term there is a larger financial issue that will have to be addressed.

Held over for next time for further discussion, after further government guidance as to the easing of final lock-down.

1) Teas for friendlies games

2) Tea Rota, Cleaning Rota, Fundraising.

3) Use of club house for changing

4) 50th Anniversary plans to incorporate club dinner+ Captain inviting other captains to play a game.

5) AGM RE increasing fees for next year.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 16th June 10am.