

Minutes
Sellindge Bowls Club
Committee Meeting
Held at Sellindge Bowls Pavilion
On Monday 8th August 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2023 confirmed as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

Present:

Trevor Oliver-Jones-Rosemary Atkins-Lawrence Harvey-Christina Sandy-Pat Harvey-Teresa Oliver-Jones-Kevin Gipson-Denise Hanson-Malcolm Cage-Jacky Antin-Ros sawyers-John Collins-John Hammond

Chairman`s Report-Trevor

Trevor congratulated the club on its recent high spots with its excellent wins, Friendlies and Shepway games.

Vice Chairman-Rosemary

Nothing to add further, happy with how the season is going.

Secretary-Teresa

Discussed a venue for Presentation Dinner and decided on a couple of dates. Teresa will ring around and book asap for end of October. Suggestions are Etchingham Golf Club, Indoor Bowls, both Folkstone and Ashford, and Lympe Castle.

Treasurer-Lawrence

Copy of accounts on reverse.

Suggestion was made that we apply to the Parish Council for some funding, Kevin volunteered to pick up application form from their office.

We are in urgent need of a new Treatment Sprayer at a cost of approx. £1200. Something we must have so agreed by all that purchase needs to be made.

We do have to watch our finances next year but not to the detriment of the green.

Captain-Christina

We are doing well in our friendlies games and getting quite a few wins.

Christina gave her thanks to Pat and Kevin for their continued support and hard work.

A conversation took place suggesting that we have a presentation each year for a Champion of Champion cup and Christina will take stats next year to make this possible.

Vice-Captain Pat

Pat had nothing to report.

Vice-Captain Kevin

Kevin is happy with how all is going this year particular the Shepway games which are experiencing some success.

Fixtures Secretary-Denise

Denise pointed out that we are having issues again with a club allowing us to play at their club but then is too busy or unable to get a team together to play the return game losing us revenue. It maybe the right time to drop them next year and find another club to replace them. Denise to make the call and discuss.

The Social Club Fun Day next year is going to be on June 9th. The next years fixtures list will reflect this to avoid the club playing a friendly game making it difficult to man the Fun day on our green.

It was also suggested that we may get a better response from new members if we have our own Open Day early May before the formal coaching starts. It is recognised that the last two years of open days in association with the social club have not benefited our numbers to any great extent, and a new approach should be considered. The conversation moved further as to what can be done to make new members feel more welcome. Decision taken to review at our next committee meeting with any ideas considered.

Shepway Rep John/Ros

The Shepway games are going well. The Rose bowl, Hudson Cup and Wood Cup are all being entered. We are hosting the Rose Bowl, and this is under the supervision of Jacky and Ros with helpers organised to make the day a success.

Competitions Secretary-John C

John is looking to have the three finals games played from 2.30 on Finals Day, and it was suggested that a lunch be put on from 12 noon.

There have been difficulties for members arranging their drawn pairs matches, and John may will try a different format next year.

Catering Officer-Jacky

Little to report as Jacky has been incapacitated for the last few weeks, but teas etc have run smoothly and Jacky is now back in control for the Rose Bowl and our internal days plans.

Maintenance-John H

John is happy with how the maintenance is going, lining up a few jobs for the winter months. He suggested at a previous meeting that we buy a commemorative Rose for our late Queen and as this is now available to buy it was agreed that this was a nice idea and for him to go ahead and arrange.

Coach representative-Malcom

Congratulated John H on getting his coaching badge and welcoming him onto the coaching team. He also thanked Rosemary for taking control of the coaching whilst he was incapacitated.

Any other Business

Constitution update: Lawrence will take on board suggestion from Bowls England and paste them into our Constitution re Safeguarding. Christina S is our Safeguarding officer and is fully aware of her requirements and already qualified although is aware she will have to do an online course to satisfy Bowls England.

End of season Renovations- Commencing the Tuesday after the club closes 26th September- we will be asking for as many members as possible to help from 9am to 'core' the green.

This will be followed by a top dressing being applied and once again members will be asked to assist from 9am on Saturday 30th. An email will be sent out with this request.

It was suggested that we have a little team in the kitchen supplying refreshments.

Presidency. This position will not be taken up again by Tony and will be left vacant until a name come up that will fit the role. The committee have been asked to put names forward by email to the Chairman if they think there is a suitable candidate.

Notice Boards- These need updating and the go ahead has been given to spend the necessary funds to allow this action.

Closing Day. Sally C has offered the Rock Choir to perform for us at the end of this day. The committee thought this was a nice idea and thought it would be good to finish the day off with a BBQ.

Date of next meeting 25th September 2023