

Minutes
Sellindge Bowls Club Committee Meeting
Held at Sellindge Bowls Pavilion 9th September 2024 10am

Present: Trevor Oliver-Jones Lawrence Harvey Teresa Oliver-jones Pat Harvey Kevin Gipson Denise Hanson Rosemary Atkins Jacky Antin John Hammond John Collins Joyce Groom

Apologies: Christina Sandy

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2024 to be confirmed as a true copy by Chairman.

Chairman`s Report-Trevor

Praise for all who have taken part in the running of the club, those partaking in competition games and to Christina for managing the friendlies games which at times was a nightmare situation, yet she always managed to get the game played.

Vice Chairman-Rosemary

Rosemary praises Christina for a good job on Finals Day, not only taking part in the finals herself but also cooking the bacon rolls.

Secretary-Teresa

All issues to be discussed under AOB.

Treasurer-Lawrence

Copy of accounts attached. Lawrence says he is happy with the figures and the club is breaking even, even after recent renovation works have been carried out.

Captain-Christina

Not present at this meeting, but is happy with how the season has gone, albeit very difficult at times fitting in all the games especially the rescheduled ones.

Vice-Captain Pat

Nothing to report as such but praise for the way 'What's App' has worked so well for the club adding simplicity to Christina's job organising the games.

Vice-Captain Kevin

Sadly, the Shepway season was disappointing for both the ladies and men's teams, although the results do not reflect fairly on the games played, as our standard of play has been better than previous years.

Fixtures Secretary-Denise

Re the future, there is a need to filter out some of the games through the season as it has been a push squeezing them in, although a lot of the problem has been due to cancellations and rescheduling.

Joyce has asked that the new Triples Competition Day be put in the Fixtures book, Denise agreed, and John C suggested the presentation cup be called the Presidents Cup, using the New Romney Cup for this purchase.

Shepway Rep John/Debbie

The Shepway AGM is the 3rd of October 7pm at Folkestone Parks. This is a good opportunity for our Shepway members to attend to hear about the future of both the league, regulations, and the Rose Bowl and Wood Cup competitions. There has been dissatisfaction in how some clubs have not adhered with the rules and have cancelled for the wrong reasons to suit their club when games have clashed with other competitions dates and best players have not been available to play leaving a weakness in their Shepway league games which is not the way this should operate, with Shepway league matches being played as a last resort by some of the larger clubs.

Competitions Secretary-John C

John has next years Counties games ready to put out to members. We have until 1st November to apply to take part.

Thanks, and praise went out to all members who participated in both counties and internal competition games, overall went smoothly even allowing for the weather which at times did its best to disrupt.

Catering Officer-Jacky

Jacky is pleased with how this season has run, especially as she has had a few disruptive health issues. Next year she and Teresa are talking of sharing the role and bringing in additional support where required. This will enhance other areas such as ensuring there is always cover for ladies and gents' games for refreshments not having to involve playing members.

Maintenance-John H

John gave praise to his band of supporters. The replacement of a new door to the dressing rooms is required.

John also would like volunteers to meet one day and take on the task of manually removing the moss on the green. Lawrence will talk to Jim and choose an appropriate time for this to be organised.

President Joyce

Joyce wondered whether we should bring back having a raffle at the friendly's games, stating that we were losing revenue for the club. This was discussed and we were reminded that our green fees were increased this season to allow for no raffles.

Any other Business

Pre AGM

Constitution-No amendments to be made.

2025 committee-The Election of Officers list has been put on the notice board for names to be nominated. This stays on the board until a week before the AGM

Membership Fees-A discussion took place to see if in the future our fees should be increased to cover the income from the friendly games rather than collecting on the day. Lawrence to consider the figures and possible put the idea forward at the AGM for future years. This would work out cheaper for those playing a lot of games, representing the club, but a bit more expensive for those that don't. making it fairer for all members. A discussion to be had at the AGM with the intention of maybe implementing in 2026.

As for the next years fees it is suggested we increase the membership by £10 to keep the club in a healthy position. This was agreed by all voting members.

Club playing colours for trousers.

Navy has been suggested but cost is an issue, plus, to really look smart they should be the same shade and possibly purchased from the same supplier. Jacky suggested that maybe we find a sponsor who would pay for this. A matter to discuss at the AGM but not to consider implementing until 2026.

New mats

Agreed these are needed. It has been suggested that we apply to the Parish Council for these. Jacky/Kevin to see if this is possible.

Music evening Malcolm March 22nd, 2025

Agreed this would be a good event as they are always successful.

Presentation Dinner

Menu and cost Nov 1st Friday.

Teresa to finalise the details and give out to the members, cost to remain at £35 same as last year.

Ladies v Gents Day re food/John BBQ

Agreed John will purchase the meat and Jacky the rolls, and cost to be covered by the club.

Closing Day.

Commencing at 1.30pm to allow time for a game and food before the Rock Choir perform at 5pm.

Coffee morning

To commence on the 11th of October Jacky to discuss with Teresa.

Meeting closed at Mid-day.

Signed

Chairman

Date next meeting to be discussed with the new committee.