

**GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
19th June 2023 at 10.00am
Location: Club House**

Present: Olive Bambury – President, Lorraine Capon – Chairperson, Ken Perrett – Treasurer, Phil Sherman – Club manager, Ray Furnell – Club captain, Barbara Harris – Social Committee

1 Chairman to open meeting

Lorraine opened the meeting at 10:10am. She welcomed Barbara who was present to cover Social Committee issues.

2 Social Club

2.1 New Members event

Ray suggested that we should arrange a “welcome to new members event” on 1st July. We might then have a social time afterwards with tea and cake. We agreed to send out an invite for people to sign up. 2pm start. No charge. Smart casual dress. There will be no coaching on that day.

Action 1: Ken will prepare a notice for the notice board for the proposed “welcome to new members” event on 1st July, and send out an invitation.

2.2 Presentation evening

The arrangements for the Presentation Evening were discussed. The Committee felt that the burden should not be on the Social Committee, so outside caterers would be used. Some people felt that there was too much carbohydrate at the previous event in the club. Barbara will discuss other options with the Pinewood Café. The presentation evening will be in November.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

The proposed County Ladies match against Buckinghamshire has been cancelled as they could not get a team.

5 Review of the Action List

Most of the actions had been completed.

Phil has cancelled the previous order for the external signs and requested a new design. Lorraine was a bit worried about having a green and yellow border. Phil said that it would be possible to change the club colours if we

should eventually purchase new shirts. We will review the design when available.

Action 2: Ken was asked to send Phil a copy of the club logo.

Phil has spoken to Ian Evans about the use of our electric to charge the BTC vehicles. They have an app which tells them how much they are using. We will see if the app works.

Action 3: Phil will ask Ian Evans to send Ken copies of the usage reports from the app.

We discussed a replacement defibrillator. It was agreed that we would identify suppliers of a defibrillator service.

Action 4: Lorraine will identify suitable suppliers for a replacement defibrillator service.

Ken had obtained details on how the dementia workshops might work. It was agreed that we would canvass members to see if we could get people to support this activity.

Action 5: Ken will put an article in the newsletter to request support for a set of dementia bowling workshops.

6 Review of Open Day

The Social Committee did a wonderful job at the Open Day. It was very well attended with 57 interested people coming.

Ray suggested that having an Open Day on Bank Holiday was not be ideal. We had decided on that day as it coincided with Bowls England, and had received 6 referrals from Bowls England.

We discussed the possibility of having further activities to attract new members. Barbara was a bit worried about the potential work involved for the social committee. We discussed something around the end of the season with more of a focus on the social activities during the winter season. This would not require catering. We agreed to hold this on September 2nd. It would run from 10am until 20pm. The match planned for 3rd September could be a fun event. .

7 Secretary's correspondence.

Action 6: Olive was asked to check with Irene to see if she has any paperwork or keys from her role as Secretary. Members letters?

We have received a request for us to revert to the previous raffle arrangements. This was discussed later in the meeting.

We had a comment that the disabled toilet is becoming cluttered with the storage of umbrellas and chairs.

Action 7: Phil was asked to investigate the possibility of storing the umbrellas and chairs elsewhere, bearing in mind that they are heavy and cannot be carried too far.

There was also a comment about the steps to the green not being secure.

Action 8: Phil will fix the steps in the corner to make sure they are secure.

Action 9: Ray will ask the green keeper to leave the steps in place at all times.

Action 10: Lorraine will reply to the member who commented on the state of the disabled toilet.

One member wrote to the committee saying that previous recent minutes have not accurately reflected the Executive committee's actions and therefore the lines of communications have begun to break down.

Obviously, we hope to have a new secretary asap, if someone will volunteer, but until then we are trying to cover the post. We will aim to have the minutes of meetings agreed by the committee on-line within a week or so of the meetings, and then put an unapproved copy on the board and on our website. Hopefully this will make things more relevant and improve the situation.

Action 11: Lorraine will respond to the query about publishing the minutes.

8 Treasurer's report.

8.1 Financial situation

Ken presented his report – copy attached.

Some members are not completing the necessary details for receipts and payments.

Action 12: Ken to include something in the next newsletter on how to complete the receipts/payment slip.

The amount showing against TVL appeared to be low.

Action 13: Ken will look into why the reported income from TVL matches is so low.

8.2 New raffle

The Committee reviewed the new raffle arrangements. Opinions were quite mixed and a letter had been received from one member asking for the old system to be reinstated. It was felt that the new system had not yet had sufficient time for people to get used to it, so we would continue with the new system until the end of the season and raise this as an issue at the next AGM.

Action 14: Ray will respond to the member who wrote to the committee about the new raffle system.

9 Club house manager's report.

The Committee thanked Phil for unblocking the ladies loo.

He had needed to cut one of the padlocks off one of the sheds as it had seized up.

Action 15: Phil will replace the shed padlocks with ones which are easier to read.

10 Club captain's report.

Ray reported that some matches have had to be cancelled due to lack of people signing up.

11 Club Development

11.1 Initiative by Steve Daniels

Steve Daniels is progressing several initiatives aimed at getting the local schools involved in bringing groups to play bowls.

11.2 Purchase of new sets of bowls

There was a discussion about the need for the club to have sets of smaller bowls available for potential new members.

Action 16: Ken was asked to enquire about prices for two two sets each of size 000, 00, 0 and 1 and to report back to the committee.

12 40th Anniversary

Our 40th Anniversary Celebration is planned for Sunday 30th July. Barbara suggested that we have a barbecue. We will keep the format as Crown Green, dress as smart casual. We will take names and give out tokens for two items on the barbecue. Olive will present pens. Club will pay. All members to be invited. We will organise a raffle, and people to bring something along.

Action 17: Phil will ask Chris Hynds and Allen Tyler if they would be willing to do the barbecue (again).

13 Any other business

13.1 Possibility of having a TV in the clubhouse

Having a TV in the clubhouse has been brought up again. Ray thought it might be a good idea, if only to publicise the up and coming matches/events (club advertising) and possibly show big events that could be made into a social event. Nobody knew how this could be achieved.

Action 18: Ray will look into the possibility of installing a TV at the club.

13.2 Sponsorship

The issue of potential sponsorship was raised.

Action 19: Lorraine was asked to contact Jackie Burgess to see what, if any, limitations are in place regarding sponsorship advertising round the green.

13.3 Rink markers

We have received some complaints that the Rink markers are not straight. We decided to leave them as they are until the end of the season and then those who think they are still 'offline' will be asked to assist in another measurement check.

14 Date of next meeting

Monday 17 July 10.00 in the clubhouse