

Setting membership fees for 2020/21

1 Introduction

The Club Constitution states “Subscriptions will be calculated by the Treasurer for that year and presented to the AGM or EGM for members’ approval”. This paper sets out the basis for the calculations and proposes membership fees for 2020/21.

2 Creating a budget

At the time of writing, there is great uncertainty about the 2020/21 bowling season. What is clear is that there have been no closed season activities to date, and little prospect of opening up the club during the winter season. Consequently, the club has lost the income from the bar, the Sunday lunches, the meat raffle, the cribbage and the short mat, and from any social events.

For the purposes of the budget, it has been assumed that there will be no winter activities. However, given the recent announcement that vaccines will be rolled out during the spring, it would appear reasonable to assume that the club will be able to open as normal for the summer bowling season in April. This means we would be resuming friendly matches, club competitions, and county leagues, as well as being open for roll-ups.

There is still some uncertainty around running social events, so no income or expenditure has been included for events during the summer of 2021. Most of the events have been held during the closed season and these will be in the next financial year.

3 Income

Income has been estimated at £19,800. Subscriptions are assumed to be at 2019/20 levels and membership is assumed to be the same as for 2019/20. It is assumed that all bowling activities will be possible, with friendly matches, county leagues and club competitions. Bar income is assumed to be 50% of the 2018/19 level due to the lack of a winter season.

4 Expenditure

The costs are assumed to be largely unchanged, with a return to the normal cost of the green and other clubhouse costs as previously.

The assumed income and expenditure are set out in the following table.

Row Labels	Sum of Budget
RECEIPTS	£19,801.20
4000 Subscriptions	£9,050.00
4100 Collection of fees	£3,951.20
4300 Bar Sales	£6,000.00
4400 Fund raising	£800.00
4500 Crib/Short Mat/Bingo/Craft	£0.00
5000 Money for charities	£0.00
5200 Receipts from events	£0.00
5400 Miscellaneous income	£0.00

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PAYMENTS	-£23,602.00
7100 Maintenance of the Green	-£6,500.00
7200 Clubhouse costs	-£6,850.00
7300 Utilities	-£1,700.00
7400 RCBBA related costs	-£1,302.00
7500 Costs of competitions	-£600.00
7600 Match costs	-£1,900.00
7700 Cost of fund raising	£0.00
7800 Bar costs	-£4,000.00
7900 Gifts to charity	£0.00
8000 Event costs	£0.00
8100 Gifts and presents	£0.00
8200 Stationery and printing	£0.00
8300 Licences	-£450.00
8400 Other costs	-£300.00
Grand Total	-£3,800.80

5 Overall forecast outcome

On the basis of these assumptions, the club would make a loss of around £4000.

6 Considerations for setting the subscriptions

We increased the bowling subscriptions from £80 to £100 and the social membership from £15 to £25 for this year, and also increased the match fees from £2 to £2.50. If we had been able to enjoy a winter season, then I feel sure we would have been in profit. Consequently, the loss has already been incurred. We need to give the new subscriptions at least a full year of normal operation to assess whether these are the appropriate levels and it does not seem right to try to recover the winter loss by increasing subscriptions for next year.

I propose the following:

- a) We maintain social and bowling subscriptions at the same level as for this year
- b) We adhere to the scale of charges as set out on the right.
- c) We inform club members that we are expecting a £4,000 loss unless we can collectively raise additional income during the summer season.

As per clause 8 of the Club Rules, the Executive Committee has agreed the following set of charges for 2019/2020

Description	Amount	Notes
Subscriptions		
Annual Bowling Subscription	£100	
Annual Social Subscription	£25	
Bowling fees		
Bowls Match fee	£2.50	Home and away matches
Reduced match fee	£1.00	In the situation where an away team does not provide a full tea – at the discretion of the Captain of the day.
Bowling Guest	£2.50	Green fee on each occasion (Guest to be signed in)
Activities		
Sunday lunch	£2.00	Per occasion for non-members (Guests to be signed in)
Social events, including Bingo	£2.00	Per event for non-members (Guests to be signed in)
Cribbage League	No charge	Members only – £1 paid for food when at home
Short Mat	No charge	Members only
Craft Group	No charge	Members only

Approved by the Executive Committee on 14th May 2020

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4th December 2020