**Management Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 6:30pm**

Present: Mr P Atkin (President), Mr K. Sproston (Treasurer), Mr N. Bickley (Secretary), Mr C. Robinson,

Mr T. Laws (Trustee), Mrs Wendy Boult (Welfare Officer) & Mr S. Turner.

Apologies – Jim Stuart, Ernie Hultquist, Howard Jones, Mr F. James (Chairman), Mr D. Barrett (Club Captain), Mr E. Hultquist & Mrs R. Vance Cotsford.

1. Approval of the Minutes from 14th April 2021 – the minutes were approved by all present at the meeting.
2. Matters Arising

* Nick Bickley confirmed that there had been no response from the membership regarding coaching
* Ken Sproston noted that there was still a problem with the automatic lights. The corner light and the one half way up the path do not come on and the one by the gate does not work when approached from the clubhouse side

**Action: Chris Robinson to contact Glyn Humphries to ask the electrician who worked on the clubhouse to come and look at the lights**

* Chris Robinson has had the plumber back to fix the leak under the toilet and repair the toilet that was running. He also informed the meeting that there is hot water in the toilets now
* Ken Sproston said that polling at the club had gone well
* Chris Robinson told the meeting that the pictures from the clubhouse are now in the attic and will be put onto the website in the future
* Wendy Boult felt that the joint day for the Mens and Ladies Cups had gone well but she was disappointed that most of the men had left the presentation of the cup. Chris Robinson felt that if members enter competitions they should be encouraged to stay to the end of the competition. Wendy also suggested that both competitions start in the morning so that the finish at the same time.
* Ken Sproston raised the subject of Social Membership as one of the new members had asked if the husband, who is unable to bowl, could come in? Wendy Boult confirmed that she had been asked about this as well. Nick Bickley felt that there may be members who may be coming to the end of their bowling career who may wish to continue membership for the social aspects.

Ken Sproston named the Associate Members of the club and Trevor Laws confirmed that to become an associate member you had to be a member of the club for 10 years.

**Action: Nick Bickley to include this as an agenda item for next meeting and the topic needs to be discussed by the first meeting in 2022.**

* Ken Sproston felt that there needed to be a Social Committee to organise events, once the pandemic rules were relaxed, to help the 20 plus new members to get to know other members of the club.

Wendy Boult said she was willing to help organise events once the situation allows it

* Ken Sproston suggested that with Ernie Hultquist still recovering from his accident we need to think about who is able to staff the bar.

It was felt that as there were low numbers using the club, at present, that the situation can be dealt with, however, once the restrictions have been lifted we would have to revisit this especially for social events

* Two new teapots have been purchased, by Chris Robinson, and more will be bought if it is felt they are needed for social events

1. Toilet Refurbishment

The job has been completed with the addition of the clubhouse being redecorated throughout.

One aspect that has arisen from our bid with Sport England is the requirement that members of the Committee fill in a declaration of interests which may conflict with their role on the Committee when jobs are being tendered. Nick Bickley has produced a form for Committee members to fill in which will be kept on record and will be renewed at the first meeting of every year. Where a member has a possible conflict of interest they will be asked to step down from any decision making process regarding the matter in hand.

Chris Robinson reported that Cress Security had raised the issue of the wiring for the movement sensors looking untidy. There is also the issue of the sensor in the store bleeping when someone goes in.

**Action: It was agreed that this would be left until there was an issue with the sensors and it would be looked into then.**

A mirror has been donated by Chris Robinson’s daughter and this will be installed in the ladies toilet area. At the same time the towel rail will be put up in the kitchen. Chris Robinson will get bins for the kitchen and outside area.

Chris Robinson also requested that blue tac and Sellotape should not be used to put notices up on the clubhouse walls as this removes paint when they come down.

Any notices should be put on the boards inside and outside the club.

1. Secretary’s Report

The Secretary has kept members up to date regarding the rules for use of the green and clubhouse throughout the pandemic. He has acted as a conduit for members who wished to book green time but were unable to access the Keep&Share App. He has put notices around the green and clubhouse setting out the rules and also registered the club with NHS Track and Trace and displayed the NHS QR code for people to register attendance at the club.

He has been in contact with the Secretary of the Stone Ex Servicemen Bowling Club regarding the annual friendly and it was agreed to postpone this match with the intention of trying to fit it in before the end of the season. The Secretary contacted Nick Bickley on 22nd June to say that, due to a number of events being pushed back to the second half of the season, the Stone Crown Challenge will be cancelled this year. As part of the refurbishment he provided Sport England with evidence they required to release the funding for the project.

1. Treasurer’s Report

Ken Sproston reported on the accounts, which has been sent to committee members, he pointed out that, due to the grant from Sport England being banked, the figures looked inflated this month but this would balance out by the next meeting, the main thing is that the accounts balanced. He felt that there would be a need, in the future, to consider how much should be kept in the accounts.

Nick Bickley enquired how did the subscriptions go this year in that members were asked to pay more than the reduced rate if they felt they wished to?

Ken Sproston explained that not many had taken up the chance which is reflected in the figures which are about half the normal amount.

Ken also felt that the coaching provided by the Gill and John Morley played an important role in attracting members to the club.

Wendy Boult felt that if we were to implement social membership this would help retain members in the future.

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| Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account | |  | £38,632.45 |
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| Lloyds Bank Savings Account | | | £15,037.18 |
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| Accounts Totals | |  | £53,669.63 |

1. Captains Report

Dave Barrett reported that the club competitions had been well attended and had included a number of the new members. Reports had been posted in the clubhouse.

Peter Atkin gave a report on the events held so far:

Howard Johnson Cup

This was played as singles this year due to the need for social distancing. 16 players took part.

In the morning session the Presidents side scored 140 points and the Captains side scored 102. In the afternoon the Presidents side scored 133 and the Captains side 122, therefore, the President won the trophy with 273 points to 224. (No cup was presented as it could not be found).

**Note: Chris Robinson explained a number of old trophies had been found and that we needed to decide what to do with them. This needed to be considered at a full committee meeting.**

Men’s/Ladies’ Cups

These were played on the same day with the men starting at 10.30 am and the ladies 1.30 pm.

15 men entered the competition and Ryan Boult won the final against Dave Barrett.

8 Ladies took part and the competition was played as a Round Robin to enable new members to meet other players. The cup was won by Wendy Boult and one of our new members, Elly Wain came third in her first competition.

Captains Cup

14 players took part including two new members of the club. The final was won by Phil Allman.

1. Green and Grounds

Chris Robinson explained that as Peter Elliot is unable to give time to cutting the hedges help was needed to do this work. Nick Bickley had canvassed members for help but no one had come forward. Chris went on to say that the work would be carried out by the Friday green team. He explained that the height of the hedge will be reduced by about 18 inches to aid maintenance. A hedge trimmer is being donated by Phil Allman to help with the work. When the first cut is done help will be needed to move the cuttings. It was agreed that the cuttings will be put in the skip rather than stored at the end of the car park. The patch of garden by the main gate has now been seeded.

Ken Sproston added that the old benches had been removed from the front of the clubhouse and benches had replaced them.

Chris explained that old card tables and wooden benches had been utilised to replace these benches. Volunteers are still needed to sponsor a bench and oil it annually.

Nick Bickley mentioned that Betty Pelter had asked if another bench and table could be put in the cut halfway down the green. Chris Robinson will look into this with the Friday team.

Ken Sproston said that all teams and club members commented on how good the green is.

1. Safe Guarding

Wendy Boult has put up new signs including directions for the disabled access into the club.

Chris Robinson raised the issue of the disabled access into the club as a user had demonstrated that the turn onto the path leading to the access was very difficult for wheelchair users. We need to look at how we can create a smooth turn up to this door by removal of some sleepers and installation of a path.

**Action: It was agreed that Nick Bickley would investigate possible grants to aid us with this. Wendy Boult suggests approaching the authorities disability advisor first to see what they can suggest.**

1. Membership

New Members since last meeting:

Geoff Mcara, Pauline Mcara, Barbara Wetton, Jackie Hawkins, Steve Hawkins, Mary Prescott, Paul Griffiths, Stephen Wilson, Dave Shelly, Iain Macmillan, Peter Skelson, David Burrows, Pauline Bird, Graham Morris, Isobel Aspinall, Roy Aspinall

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| Membership Numbers | | |
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| Full | | 108 |
| Life | | 11 |
| Junior | | 0 |
| Associate | | 5 |
| TOTAL | | 124 |

Nick Bickley suggested that we need to look at the club rules, once the restrictions have been lifted, to consider aspects such as social membership.

Ken Sproston also added that we need to produce a welcome pack for new members giving information about the history of the club, names of the committee members and other useful information.

1. Bar

No report was received

1. Any other Business

* Chris Robinson told the committee that the new website was in place but had not yet been launched. It was agreed that the launch should go ahead and then Rhys Powell could continue to populate it over time. Members will be informed about the sites new name once it had been launched.
* Chris asked if anything had been heard about the development of the old rugby club site. No news had been heard.
* Peter Atkin thanked Chris Robinson for obtaining the flagpole and flag for the club.
* Chris Robinson informed the meeting that an ex junior member of the club, Steven Waddison, had passed away. The Committee send the condolences to Chris and Wendy and their family.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 22nd September at 6.30 pm.