**Minutes of Management Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 6.30pm.**

Present: Present: Frank James (FJ) (President), Nigel Fox (Chair)(NF), Nick Bickley (NB) (Secretary) (Trustee), Ray Bandha (RB) (Treasurer), James Shearer (Safeguarding) (JS), Phil Allman (PA) (Club Captain)

Vilma Allman (VA), Elly Wain (EW) John Cussons (JC), Ken Sproston (KS) (Trustee), Nigel Ireland (NI),

1. Apologies: Trevor Laws (TL) (Trustee), Dave Barrett (DB)
2. Approval of minutes from 24th April 2025

Proposed: NI

Seconded: JS

1. Matters arising

3.10.1 Sounder has been repaired

Page 3 – the matter regarding the letter from Wendy Boult has been investigated and resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

10.2 - The large clock is now working

12 vi - KS thanked the committee for granting this honour.

1. Secretary’s report
2. Kept members informed about events and updated website and Facebook page
3. Liaised with South Staffordshire Ladies County Team regarding match to be played at the club with help of DB and JC
4. Completed BCGBA survey about club development highlighting development planning and need to attract younger players
5. Organised meeting about transferring trustee positions
6. Started process of purchasing new club polo shirts – it was agreed that the colour would have to remain royal blue as this had been decided at an AGM
7. With help of EW liaised about a charity bowling day on 22nd June – this has resulted in a lot of work for EW and it was agreed that we would not be able to hold it again
8. Treasurer’s report

RB reported to the committee on the accounts that had been shared with them previously.

1. Bank balances are similar to last year which indicates all subscriptions are in
2. There has been no large expenditure above normal costs
3. RB highlighted the need to think about planning whilst keeping funds available for any unexpected repairs
4. There is approximately £300 left in the Lloyds account and all direct debits have been cancelled and will be transferred to the Nat West account as requests are received
5. There were some initial problems with cashless payments but the system is now working well
6. Bar prices have been increased
7. Membership
8. 11 life members

 11 social members

 01 Associate member

 00 Junior members

108 Full Members

131 in total

1. There have 16 terminations and all received a phone call and were grateful for being contacted. All have left the club on good terms.
2. It was agreed that in the case of Fred Meacock he would be welcome as a guest at any time
3. There are 17 full memberships available and 4 social memberships

NI proposed that the number of social members be raised to 20 and this was seconded by PA.

The committee agreed to the proposal and will review the limit again at the next meeting.

1. EW reported that one new member was asking about times of roll ups where they could improve their game which they felt was beyond the coaching sessions. A timetable is available showing times the green is available when they could play with experienced bowlers. EW has also offered to meet to practice.
2. New members have been asking about keys.

There are 92 keys in circulation

62 people have paid a deposit for keys

1. A discussion was held about internal competitions.

It was agreed that due to lack of numbers participating the Captain’s Cup, President’s Cup and the Men’s and Ladies’ trophies these would be amalgamated into a new competition know as ‘Stafford Bowling Club Open Championship’ which would be for all full members and played as a singles knock out competition. The first competition will take place in August.

**Action: FJ to purchase new trophy**

 NB reported that Chris and Wendy Robinson had offered to help organise the Lane Trophy.

**Action: NB to contact Keith Richards regarding a date**

1. EW informed the meeting that it has been agreed that competition prizes would be bought from the entrance fees and any money left over would be given to the treasurer
2. Report from Social Committee
3. VA outlined the following events to be held:

26 July – Quiz Night

17 August – Open Day for all members, friends and family (volunteers will be needed to help at this) 1.30pm start finishing at 4.30pm and then at 5pm the will be a music night with Kenyon Walker (£5)

On the day there will be a raffle, bowling for the bottle of whiskey and various other games

18/19 August the Individual Merit tournament will take place at the club all day

21 August the American Singles will be held

27 September music night with Kenyon Walker

A discussion was held as to whether another act should be booked, however, it was agreed that other acts cost over £350 and that Kenyon had a good support at the club then we should continue to use him.

1. VA stated that, nearer to the time she will ask members if they wished the ‘Winter Games’ to take place?
2. JC suggested that to make it easier to organise and to help raise bar sales each competition could be help on one night. It was agreed that this was a good idea.
3. Bar Report

JC asked about that staffing the bar having individual passwords?

It was agreed that people staffing the bar would sign in a book when they were working

1. Captain’s Report

PA has been helping with the internal competitions which are going well

1. Greens and Grounds

No report

1. Safe Guarding

No issues to raise

1. Use of Fieldhouse - VA
2. VA informed the committee that for various reasons the Wednesday A Vets Team would not play at Fieldhouse next year and wished to move back to Riverway.

A discussion was held about the lack of hospitality at Fieldhouse which did not meet with the offer made by Fieldhouse when the contract was drawn up this year. There were contributions by NF, EW, VA, KS, FJ, JC and JS. PA asked, on a number of occasions for the committee to vote about his, however, it was agreed that as the original decision had been made by the three teams then any move should be agreed by the teams. This decision should be made soon if Riverway was to be booked.

**Action: NB will send out an electronic vote on the matter**

1. VA highlighted a change in the rules of bowling which has been causing confusion. She will be sending an email out to Saturday captains and will include NB so he can send it to members so the rule becomes clearer.
2. Décor and development of clubhouse

NB suggested that a sub committee be formed to put together a 5 year plan looking at decorating and updating the clubhouse.

RB recommended that this is opened to interested club members.

KS felt that this should now be the club’s priority as we have spent a lot on new equipment in recent years.

It was agreed to form the sub committee.

EW suggested that we create a book of the historical pictures from the club for members to be able to look through. It was agreed that this was a good idea

 14 A discussion was held concerning whether a television set should be put up in the club.

There was some opposition as it was felt that it would not add to the club, whilst other members of the committee felt it would add to the club drawing in people and helping to increase bar profits.

It was agreed to pass this to the new sub committee

 15 AOB

JC noted that some people have had problems with the lock on the main door. It was agreed that JC should contact a locksmith to get the lock serviced.

Meeting closed: 20:40

Next meeting: 6th August 6.30pm.