



## CHIPPING NORTON BOWLS CLUB INDOOR COMMITTEE

Notes of a Meeting being held on 26 March 2024 at 6.30 p.m.

Attending: John Cook, David Freeman, John Hurren, Roberta Jarvie, Paul Killackey, Cathy Sparks

RJ told the group that Richard Gillett had died.

### 1. Attendance/Apologies

Apologies received from Julie Singer, Julian Horsley, David Lattimore, Keith Field, Martin Sparks and Percy Hickman

### 2. Minutes of a Meeting held on 9 January 2024

Minutes were accurate and a copy signed by JH. Copy to be filed in the office (CS)

### 3. Matters arising

The 50 Club. Julian is running it but it needs to be better promoted as a lot of members are not aware of it. DF won the first month and Linda the second month. Explanation of how it runs were provided to JH. It was suggested that payment by direct debits could be an option but DF advised that banks don't really trust that kind of thing because of money laundering.

The website is still an issue. JH told the committee that Julian is going to build us a new website. DF said that he has seen a draft version on DL's phone. We need a webmaster to update the information on a regular basis. We also need a members' section that would be controlled by using passwords. This item will be further discussed at the management meeting next week. RJ confirmed that we needed to know what costs would be involved in this exercise.

We seem to have more tokens available to purchase. We also have 50p tokens available for purchase. JH thought that the way Julian splits the income from tokens and green fees did not show the true figure of income from games. This to be discussed at the next management meeting. The aim is to reduce the amount of cash we collect.

The pool table was well used at the final Wessex game.

The boards for outside games have been updated. RJ advised that Bill's name was missing from one of them. DF seems to struggle to peel the paper off.

The boards for last year's new games indoor games are still missing. JH had given DF a copy of the quotes. If costs are high, management would need to approve the expenditure. The quote proved to be quite high. DF will contact the company and see if we can obtain something cheaper. RJ suggested we try and find out where we bought the latest boards.

Club shirts. We still have a small stock of the old shirts and RJ is keen to try and sell them at a reduced price. It was agreed that when players represented the club, the new style of shirts and trousers should be worn. To be discussed at the next management meeting.

#### 4. Correspondence

None received by CS

#### 5. Officer's Reports

- Fixture Secretary- John Cook

JC had sent a copy of the draft fixtures for next indoor season and these were thought to be very good. Burford will be pleased to play against Chippy.

RJ has a record of the results of ladies and friendlies. We won 11, lost 3, 2 with no cards, 2 cancelled. The ladies games: 1 draw, 2 with no cards, 1 lost.

JC advised that he would provide the list of contact from the various club for the person who would take over organising the fixtures. He would also do a synopsis of what needs to be done.

JC has not found a replacement for him. Rob Kemp seems very keen and could be approached to join the committee

Some dates for the fixtures won't be known until the summer. We are just losing Northampton. West Berks does not have a fixtures secretary at the moment. The date will be confirmed once they have appointed someone. The game will be at home.

As far as JC knows, the date with Avon Valley has been confirmed. In the past, some games have been cancelled or their fixtures secretary has doubled booked them. It was agreed that Avon Valley seems to be having problems. They charged £6 for rink fees and £9 for a meal which was a salad. West Berks are also very expensive due mainly because they employ contractors to deal with the bar and catering.

JC was thanked for his contribution to the committee and club

- Membership Secretary – Keith Field

We had 28 new members giving us a total of 110 men, 45 ladies and 1 junior members. (156 members) which is similar to last year.

It was suggested that for the next indoor season, the membership fee would be £75 and the green fees would remain at £3. Friendlies and matches would be £5 (with tea and biscuits). We should try and get away with meals.

There was a query about Wessex games as sometimes Chippy players would be asked to pay and other times not. We don't seem to be following the rules and this needs to be sorted out for next season. According to the Wessex league, all players should pay. PH to be asked to look into this for next season.

The question was raised as to whether visiting national teams pay when they visit. JH said that we don't normally charge. DF indicated that when he played away games, he had been charged so why are visiting players not being charged? This needs clarifying.

It was agreed that the Club should subsidise matches such as the Denny game. DL should get the opportunity to comment on this. (JL) Compared with other sports, bowling is not very expensive. To be discussed at the next management meeting together with proposed fees for next season.

- League Organiser- John Hurren

The winning teams of the leagues will get £5 in scratch cards, the competition winners get £5 in scratch card and the runners up £2. The results for the leagues are

Monday afternoon Ladies Triples – Marigolds are the winners, with M & M's runners up.

Monday Pairs League – Tristars are the winners with 36 points and GLF are second with 30 points.

Tuesday AM Rinks league – Winners are Bumpkins (25 pts) and Runners up are Tigers (24 pts)

Tuesday Evening Men's Rinks league- winners are Badgers with 26 points, runners up: Mavericks had 25 points.

Wed AM League – Venturers are the winners with 23 points and second are SOS with 22 points.

Thursday AM League – Winners are: Modpeckers with 34 points and Runners up are: Modests with 26 points

Friday AM League – Misfits are the winners with 23 points and runners up Swifts had 22 points.

Friday evening Men's triples league – Winners are the Barmen with 28 points with runners up: Robins with 24 points.

We need to make sure all the trophies are in. (DF/JH). We have photographs of all the trophies.

The club does not organise for winners to have the trophies engraved. It is a surprise we are not being challenged on this.

JH will send an email to all the captains of winning leagues about the presentation evening (JH) which is on the 11 April.

- Wessex Selector – Percy Hickman

No report from PC

PH is happy to remain in the role for next season.

We are 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7 teams. Carterton are runners up who lost to Barwell. We hosted one of the regional games. Play was of a high standard. Three international players took part. It was good income for the bar. One of the umpires for one of the ladies games said that rink 4 was not right.

- OIBA - David Lattimore

DL's report was:

County games have been well supported by members of Chipping Norton Indoor Bowls Club. We had 18 members of the club play for the county during the season playing the majority of the games if not all. Thanks to all those members that have supported the club in 2023/2024.

- OWIBA - Roberta Jarvie

RJ reported that this has been non-existent up until now. They have had a committee meeting. Chipping Norton is the HQ for it. Anne Lattimore is going to be the Secretary for the group. We are holding their cups but are not responsible for them. They don't have a lot of fixtures but they are trying and today some are playing in Leicester. Our ladies players should be encouraged to come forward for the games.

- Internal Competitions Secretary- Dave Freeman

The competitions are nearly finished. We have the men's and men's pairs finals on Thursday evening. Some deadlines were missed for the competitions. DF wants to propose that next year triples and rinks are handicapped. It might persuade more members to take part and give everyone a chance. To be discussed at the next annual meeting. The committee approved this on a trial basis for next year.

We had 5 rink teams and 8 triples going into the draw for these comps.

Fixed dates for triples and rinks worked well.

Last Saturday worked well and was well supported by members. It was well supported and DF will try and do this every year.

DF also wants to find a way to encourage more ladies to take part in the competitions.

DF also wants to be more flexible with competition deadlines at the beginning of the season but be more prescriptive as we get closer to the finals.

Discussion followed about the handicap system. We will continue with the current system where Tuesday and Thursday morning leagues are not handicapped. We need to change one of our assessors. DF offered to join the panel. We will start from a clean sheet again.

Some of our new members need reminding about the dress code (if they join again next season)

Members who paid for competitions that did not run have not been refunded yet. DF to let Julian have details. (married couples and ladies pairs)

- County competitions – Dave Lattimore

All the comps are now completed. Carterton won all the competitions despite some very close games in particular the Pairs final between Will Parker and Andy Macintyre against Dave Leighfield and Martin Shephard which was decided on a very exciting last end. Will and Andy won 15-14.

Other members in the finals included Mick Boobyer and Chris Charles in the Australian Pairs and Dave Lattimore in the Over 60's singles. Full reports are available on the OIBA website with photographs.

I would like to thank all Chipping Norton members that played in the County competitions and also all those that supported the players. Chippy was the only Club that turned up and supported its players at the various venues.

RJ will arrange for the board to be updated. This has to be sent away to get done.

## **6. Annual meeting - committee position**

JH completed the form that is located on the notice board. We still have vacancies for the secretary, league secretary and fixtures secretary. JH will remain as league secretary if necessary.

It was emphasized that having monthly captains was essential for friendly fixtures

DF confirmed that he would be taking over the role of Safeguarding Officer with immediate effect and would join the management committee. Management meeting to approve the appointment. CS to send him electronic copies of all the policies and procedures. JH advised that there is evidence that clubs with safeguarding in place result in fewer issues. Information held at county level will need updating.

We need to recruit some new coaches who will also have to get safeguarding training.

## **7. Propositions**

DF will write up a proposition for handicapping the triples and rinks competitions next season.

JH proposes that the league handicaps are kept as they are. Handicaps are not applied to Tuesday and Thursday morning leagues.

PK queried the use of the word substitute in the rule book. There was an instance when several substitutes were used that were much better players and one of the regular players was watching the game from the side. It was confirmed that if players are not available, up to 3 substitutes can be used for rinks. They would not act at skips. If the rule is being abused, then this should be tackled.

## **8. Indoor competitions presentations including catering 11 April**

This had not been advertised and as leagues have finished, members have not had the opportunity to book places. DF will contact competition winners and runners up. JH will contact captains for the leagues. It was suggested we invite Margaret Woodville to the event as a guest. JH will get her contact details from AL and approach her. It would give her the opportunity to encourage ladies to join county games.

RJ and JS will deal with the catering offering jacket potatoes and chilli/beans and cheese for £8 (one course)

DF will organise the certificates and scratch cards.

RJ will send a general email to members inviting them to book places.

After the meeting certain objections were made about the invitation to the OWIBA President to attend our Presentation evening. Following discussions on the matter with the aggrieved parties, the invitation to the OWIBA President was withdrawn and the current OIBA President (David Lattimore) was invited to formally present the awards.

## **9. End of season**

Final date still needs to be confirmed. Monday morning rolls up are available until 22 April which was considered to be quite late. The indoor season start is likely to be 12 April but is weather dependent. There is a game on the 18 April. JH will try and extend the league programme for the indoor season next year. We will be able to get a closing date once the outdoor committee has met. (locking up rota etc).

## **10. AOB**

Rob Kemp is proposing to run a Wednesday morning roll up indoors over the summer. It was agreed that if players are not outdoor members over the summer, they would have to pay a £10 membership fee to ensure our insurance covers them. Rink fee would be £3. JH will confirm this to Rob.

PK advised that morning leagues secretaries should have access to the building. It was agreed keys and fobs would be provided (RJ)

RJ confirmed that captains should be in place for each month and can assist with team selections.

It was also agreed that club colours would replace whites for week end friendlies

The fixture book will be in the same format using the same printers. JH will contact RJ over the summer.

RJ also advised that advice had been sought from the heating company. They confirmed that it would be more economical to have the heating on using timers rather than having it on from 9 am to 9 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

JC was thanked for his contribution to the committee in his role of Fixtures Secretary