

CHIPPING NORTON BOWLS CLUB – CASC 01991

Management Committee meeting held on 2 October 2024 at 7pm in the Clubhouse

Present: Ann Lattimore, Julian Horsey, Percy Hickman, John Hurren, , Dave Lattimore

Apologies: Dave Freeman, Roberta Jarvie, Percy Hickman, Martin Acock,

1. **Minutes** of the meeting on 5 August 2024 were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

- Membership cards with the Wifi password are being distributed along with the handbook. The card gives members a discount at Kidlington Specsavers as part of the sponsorship deal
- JHo had emailed West Oxfordshire District Council for a price on disposing of the old cooler
- Coffee machine – Rijo had attended the club to give a presentation on a potential replacement for the failing machine. The initial price given was £10,000 + vat although it did include some freebies. Those present felt that at least two alternative quotes should be obtained including one from Cotswold Coffee, a Moreton based company.

Action JHo

3. Correspondence

- Jack High Club Insurance had written offering their services to the club. It was agreed to look at their product when considering next year's insurance.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Figures circulated in advance
- Turnover now stands at around £70,000 for the current financial year
- Gas and electricity increases are in line with overall price increases
- A new fixed rate deal of 40p per day plus 22pkwh had been agreed for electricity costs
- A change in recording now shows liabilities as soon as invoices are received rather than when they are paid. This means that for this year only the accounts include 13 months of bills.

5. Outdoor report

- The annual meeting on 19 September was well attended and all officer positions were filled
- The club had hosted nine high profile events during the season and received very favourable reports from the rest of the county
- Next year's fixtures were mostly booked. One of last season's touring sides had asked to come again
- Plans are underway for a charity gala day with a barbeque and music

6. Indoor Report

- Still early in the season. Leagues were underway a week earlier than in previous years. This gave gaps in the schedule for competition play including some fun competitions being organised by League Secretary Paul Killackey, There are a number of new members. As of this week 71 members were fully paid up
- Club competition entry boxes are out
- Complaints had been made about match fees but they are the same level as last year
- Indoor Committee Secretary and Fixture Secretary posts are still unfilled
- There was a good turn out for the Bowls Drive which officially launched the season
- County competitions – male and female – are on the relevant notice boards
- Plans are underway for a County Junior competition – format yet to be decided

7. Safeguarding

No safeguarding issues to report.

8. Health and Safety/ Risk Assessment

- Issues still to be completed from the recent **town council inspection**
 - a. Grab bag
 - b. Fire alarm awareness briefing for all committee members and league captains
- **Pest issue** – the pest control man had made an initial visit and laid down bait etc in the roof and other relevant spots. A return visit is due tomorrow. Once the rodents are under control electrical work will be needed to make good the damage and install metal trunking or other appropriate material to deter future incidents. Meanwhile the areas affected had been made safe.

9. Club Improvement

- DL had been looking into the possibility of holding a monthly meat raffle. This was thought to be a good idea
- JHo suggested a counter top fridge for the bar containing sandwiches and snacks. This was felt by those present to be unworkable with the current reliance on volunteers.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday 28 November at 7pm

Signed.....

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