

Titchfield Old English Bowling Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 25 Nov 2019

Apologies – Sue Cooper (SC)

Minutes – The minutes of the meeting held on 22 Oct 2019 were agreed.

Matters Arising – There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Routine Reports (Exceptional Items Only)

Maintenance – There are problems with the outside tap and obtaining suitable parts but DJ has matters under control. PAT testing of electrical appliances will take place this week. PAT testing is undertaken as part of the club's H&S policy.

Finance – IW has added budget assumptions to his routine income/expenditure reports which he presented to the meeting. As the number of Awards Dinner attendees exceeded the target costings, the evening generated a modest contribution for the Club. Peter Nash's prize donation generated an additional £58.

Social – VJ reported generally favourable feedback from members about the Awards Dinner although there were organisational difficulties with the venue. She has generated an outline programme for 2020 which was reviewed as a separate agenda item.

2019 AGM Actions

- **Competition Matches Played During Regular Club Sessions** – The Sec reminded the committee of the change made to para 8d of the constitution at the AGM and the clarification requested by Norma Cumming during AOB. It was agreed that what was really needed was compromise and commonsense from members but the Sec will generate a draft codicil to para 8 for the committee to consider before all the constitutional amendments are implemented.
- **One Day Doubles Competitions** – Although the trial "one day" ladies competition held in 2019 had been well supported and received there are issues regarding the capacity to stage the competition that are fair to all lady members. A date for a repeat of the competition would be included in the 2020 programme but the committee will give thought to the format before proceeding. A proposal to introduce a similar competition for men was rejected on the basis of schedule overcrowding and the better take up of the men's traditional competitions.
- **A Programmed Day for Main Competition Ladies Matches** - The committee decided that although the idea at first sight has merit, there are too many practical issues to consider which will make the task of the organisers more difficult and the idea was rejected for 2020.
- **Leaving Gift** – The Chairman, through the Vice President, had researched Joan Ruck's wishes in this matter. Previous requests for such funding from club funds in recent years have been rejected on the grounds of setting a precedent. After some discussion it was agreed that this policy would be maintained. A volunteer would be sought to organise a collection from members who wish to contribute.

Programme for 2020

VJ presented a draft programme of events for consideration by way of a planning tool to establish dates and lead volunteers for particular events. The programme was very crowded in July. As we have lost our sponsor of strawberries and the difficulties experienced in recent years with timing and the weather, the strawberry tea has been taken out of the programme next year and the ladies one day doubles competition will move to June.

Volunteers and organisers will need to be sought in particular for BBQs, Fun day and an assistant for JC for competitions. The Sec will instigate this action.

Correspondence & committee succession planning

The Chairman briefed the committee on the circumstances leading up to the letter of resignation he had received from the Secretary and of the correspondence that had occurred prior to, and following on from, the news being sent to the whole membership. He stressed that without a committee and supporting volunteers the long term future of the club is in serious jeopardy. He repeated his assertion at the AGM that we need more members to be involved. Sue Cooper will be leaving the committee at the end of the year and the Sec had let it be known to fellow committee members some time ago that he would need a relief or some support in 2021. The same is true for JC.

The situation to date remains that the Chairman is seeking a replacement for the Sec, although DD has agreed to remain in the post until either a replacement can be found or the start of the 2020 season.

That Chairman is still urging the Sec to withdraw his resignation in the light of the overwhelming expressions of support for his, and indeed the whole committee's efforts, some from much unexpected sources.

The chairman will be writing to the author of the misguided comments, attempted to be posted on the club website, about their conduct.

Any Other Business

Woods Register - DJ reported that considerable progress has been made in establishing an inventory and he and the Sec would continue this work with a view to testing woods to Pershore standards where required.

Membership Form - CW will finalise the format of the renewal form before Jan 2020.

Titchfield News – The Sec informed the meeting that he had submitted a short article about the club and the trophy winners in time for the Dec 2019 issue.

[Out of meeting item – 2019 AGM apologies had been received by the Sec from John Oliver but were omitted from the minutes in error. An updated version of the AGM minutes will appear on the club's website]

Date of Next Meeting – 4 Feb 2020.