

## Informal Minutes of the Zoom Committee Meeting Held on 10 March

**Present:** DS, DD, DJ, IW, MD, VJ, JC, CB & JK

DJ reported that the greens can be ready in time for 3 Apr should the committee so decide. The contractor carried out the major preparation work on Sat 6 March successfully and the fence painting is underway. The hose pipe attachment to the outside tap has disappeared mysteriously.

Finance – IW ran through the accounts to date. Subscriptions are coming in and so far, no further transfer from the reserve has been necessary to sustain the cashflow. However, the policy of retaining a reserve of one year's running costs, should the club need to apply for grants, is likely to be unsustainable as the season progresses. The committee recognize this but will continue to resource essential expenditure and look to see how the finances can be repaired in the longer term.

The issue of rebates if requested was discussed. It was agreed the maximum rebate would be 1/6 as the club was open for 5 of the usual 6 months for play but it was hoped that members would recognize the tough financial position of the club. Green fees for associates and guests were also discussed and it was agreed that for the 2021 season they would be £3 a game.

Membership – JC reports that 29 full members have so far joined and there are 4 transfers to Associate. There have been 3 sets of bowl hire returned. JC acknowledges all cheques he receives and asked the Sec to inform the membership to contact him if they have not received that acknowledgement. It was recognized that we need to recruit new members. The Sec has an invitation to be published in the April issue of the Titchfield News. It was agreed to plan for an open day event on Sat 15 May.

Reopening – Although the greens would be ready for play by the 3 April it was decided to delay the opening day by a further week to bring us more into line with the government roadmap, so the planned season start date is Sat 10 April. Dave will plan to prepare 3 rinks as for the end of last season but should the play guidelines change a fourth can be added at short notice.

Competitions – The secretary suggested that, given the uncertainties, it would be best to plan for discrete competitions to be played over shorter periods than normal. This would mean that the concept of Finals day in September would disappear and be replaced by smaller finals days spread throughout the season. The committee agreed to delegate the running of the 2021 competitions programme to the Sec.

Playing Rules - JC has circulated an updated version of the playing rules. The committee members agreed to forward comments to JC by the end of the week.

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The Sec has contacted Mr. Fielder, an owner of the ground about renewal of the lease in 2023. The owners have confirmed that they are in principle content to renew for a further 10 years. There would be a small rent increase and there would be legal expenses. The club will also need to appoint three new trustees in due course.

The Chairman stressed the need to get some momentum into our programme after the difficulties of last season. He suggested the provision of coaching and mentoring of newer members and to take a critical look at the programme the club can offer.