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**BIDEFORD BOWLING CLUB**

**Chingswell Street, Bideford EX39 2NG**

**President: Paul Debnam**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Friday 27 May 2022.**

1. Members Attending P Debnam, E Blight, M Braunton, B Capps-Jenner, R Ellis, N Fowler,

B Hughes, C Headon, M Headon, C Rockey, J Rockey, G Rundle, A Weston

M Blight

1. Apologies None
2. Obituaries None reported.
3. Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 29 April 2022 having been

circulated were reviewed and accepted. Proposed by Grace Rundle and seconded by Liz Blight. Carried.

1. Matters arising The ND Triples League were sympathetic to our withdrawal of one team and

have left our A & C Teams in the league.

New bowling mats would cost £14 each.

It was also noted that most of our jacks were past their ‘use by dates’. These would cost £33 each to replace.

The committee decided that the mats and jacks should be replaced for next season should our finances allow.

1. Correspondence An email he been received from Marie Botting concerning the policy of not

paying travel expenses when representing the Club at the recent Patrons match at Ilfracombe. The committee decided that travel expenses should be reimbursed for all such matches in the future.

1. Treasurer Liz confirmed our current financial position:

* Current Account balance is c£41,000. This is c£31,600 nett of Tour Money and Tournament Entries). This is an increase of c£2,800 from last month reflecting the importance of the bar and sundry income such as match fees in building our reserves to see us through the winter expenses.
* Barry Dymond Account balance is £1,070

1. Match Organizer Barrie reported that:

* The initial Schools event had taken place this week and was a great success. He wanted to thank all those members who helped out. There is another Schools event scheduled for 16 June.
* The Patrons match on 2 June would be limited to 16 players as we do not have enough players signed up. It was confirmed that we would be providing a bowlers tea for the match.
* Barrie suggested that we combine our trip to Bridgwater with VP in 2023 with the Strand and VP playing at different clubs in Bridgwater. He will follow this up with VP to see if they are interested.
* Some fixtures are being rearranged as they clash with the Tour dates.

1. G&E Nothing to report.
2. Membership A ballot proved in favour of the application from Nick Cudmore.
3. Tournament 2022 Barry advised that there is a meeting of the Tournament Committee next week

and that applications close next Tuesday. The Ladies singles has proved to be very popular and other events are well supported, although the Men’s singles could do better. In contrast several Barnstaple Clubs have cancelled their tournaments due to lack of interest.

1. Honours Boards Keep locking around at what other clubs have done!
2. Bar & Catering Bar and Catering settling into a good working routine. Cashing up at the bar was

taking too long and it was decided that a Z read and full counting out of the cash float would only be weekly and that for all other nights notes would be put away for banking leaving an ‘approximate’ float in the till.

1. AOB John suggested that we have the green ‘professionally’ put to bed at the end of

the season. He would enquire as to cost and report back to the committee.

Charlie asked whether the stock of badges could be used for tour. The Committee thought this a good idea.

Bob was concerned that not enough players were signing up to the friendly matches and that he was forever trying to find players. Michael would email players reminding them that these games were for all abilities and simply a fun way to spend an afternoon.

As there was no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 11.15am.

**The next GP Committee meeting will be on Friday 1 July at 10.00am.**

Signed............................................................... Date...............................