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**BIDEFORD BOWLING CLUB**

**Chingswell Street, Bideford EX39 2NG**

**President: Paul Debnam**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Friday 29 April 2022.**

1. Members Attending P Debnam, E Blight, M Braunton (Part-time), B Capps-Jenner, R Ellis,

B Hughes, C Headon (Part-time), M Headon, G Rundle, A Weston, M Blight

1. Apologies N Fowler, C Rockey, J Rockey
2. Obituaries None reported.
3. Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 25 March 2022 having been

circulated were reviewed and accepted. Proposed by Barry Capps-Jenner and seconded by Liz Blight. Carried.

1. Matters arising To be dealt with in latter reports.
2. Correspondence We have accepted an invitation to submit a rink to play for the Devon

President’s team at VP on 14 July. Margaret and Bob will nominate a team.

1. Treasurer Liz confirmed our current financial position:
* Current Account balance is £38,008. (POST MEETING NOTE: This is £28,779 nett of Tour Money and Tournament Entries)
* Barry Dymond Account balance is £1,070

The importance of bar income to maintain our cash reserves over the course of the season is obvious for all to see.

1. Match Organizer Barrie reported that:
* The Bristol Touring side had cancelled as they could not raise the numbers required.
* The Schools programme was taking off with events scheduled for 25 May and 16 June.
* The Rinks Booking Book was back!
* Barrie suggested that it was up to the respective Captains to update the Rinks Book for Foxlands, County Trophy, Triples Leagues, Etc.
* The Devon Patrons will be here on 2 June. Michael will send a list of BBC Patron Members to Bob.
1. G&E Ann reported on behalf of the Committee:
* A Fun Day had been organized for Bank Holiday Monday 2 May.
* Jubilee event has been discussed and details will be out shortly.
* The Committee proposed that tea/coffee for organized coffee mornings would be charged at £1 per cup. After some discussion the GP Committee agreed that tea/coffee served as a separate beverage (e.g. to visitors or to players after a match instead of drinks from the bar) at matches or any other occasion would remain at 50p per cup.
* The internal competition draws would take place after this meeting.
1. Membership Applications had been received from:
* Scott Cockbill
* Peter Gaydon
* Jack Mugford (Young Player)
* Catherine Sharman
* Kevin Sharman
* Peter Smith

All the applicants had discussed their applications with various members of the committee and ballots proved in favour of all.

1. Tournament 2022 Just over a month to go to closing date. The only notable shortfall in entries is

the Men’s Singles.

1. Men’s Triples We will not be able to put out 3 teams. The B team under Ken Lange pre-

pandemic has been decimated and there are only 21 names up wanting to play for any team anyway. Michael will advise Colin Wallis of our predicament and await the ND League decision.

1. Honours Boards Many of the Honours Boards are now full and the large board only has one more year available. A decision will have to be made on the way forward. Michael produced a photograph of a sample acrylic type display and suggested that all

 the boards could be done this way and put on the wall where the current large board is freeing up space where the current smaller timber boards are. The Committee will look out on their travels for all options and a decision will have to be made before next season. A typical acrylic board of approx. size 2’ x 3’ tall would accommodate 60 years of single names.

1. Bar & Catering We seem to have ‘muddled’ through with operating the bar, but only because

the same people help out. Charlie and Barrie have some ideas that they want to flesh out, but key to this is an organized rota similar to the kitchen operation.

1. AOB Barrie suggested that the Men’s Locker Room door be locked during games and

access is only via the double doors. All agreed that this was a good idea for security reasons.

Grace suggested that we could do with some new bowling mats as ours were distinctly worn, probably not helped by cleaning protocols imposed by the pandemic.

As there was no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 11.40am.

**The next GP Committee meeting will be on Friday 27 May at 10.00am.**

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