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**BIDEFORD BOWLING CLUB**

**Chingswell Street, Bideford EX39 2NG**

**President: Paul Debnam**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Friday 28 October 2022.**

1. Members Attending P Debnam, E Blight, B Capps-Jenner, N Fowler, C Headon, M Headon,

B Hughes, A Weston, M Blight

1. Apologies M Braunton, R Ellis, C Rockey, J Rockey
2. Obituaries None reported.
3. Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 30 September 2022 having been

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

1. Matters arising The green has now been scarified, seeded and top dressed.

The roof over the Ladies has been repaired.

1. Correspondence Nothing received.
2. Treasurer Liz provided a statement of our current financial position:
* Current Account is £35,441. (This is c£34,140 nett of 2023 Tour deposits)
* Barry Dymond Account balance is £1,071. There was a suggestion that this money could be used for the replacement competition winners/club officials boards together with a small plaque noting Barry Dymond’s contribution to their purchase. This account could then be closed.
* Liz noted that there was a small profit (under £1k) for the financial year just ended, but that the 2022/3 accounts would have the full impact of the rise in utility costs plus possible imposition of rates for the first time. Monthly readings of gas and electricity are taken.
* The committee agreed to maintain subscription levels at £105 (inclusive of affiliation fees) as 2023 would impact heavily on family budgets and we had reasonable reserves at the bank.
1. Match Organizer The Committee were delighted to see Barrie back after his health ‘scare’. He

gave an update on 2023 fixtures:

* Chasewater had requested a return fixture and the committee were happy to accept.
* We have 4 County events at the club.
* We currently have some 45 friendly fixtures.
* The Fun Days organised by the G&E committee have been incorporated into the fixture list.
* The Tour dates have been confirmed and incorporated into the fixture list.
* The committee confirmed that we would enter 2 teams for the Men’s Triples. It was hoped that we could give games to some of our newer members when circumstances allowed but that the 2022 teams would remain in place for 2023.
* Many clubs are asking if we could accept playing in greys during the day. The committee saw no reason not to accept any such request and play in greys/whites would be noted on the team sheets.
1. G&E Ann reported that the committee were arranging a coffee morning for Saturday

10 December. Michael Blight would produce a suitable poster.

Ann also advised the meeting of the way the 100 Club was conducted. The Committee unanimously approved and thanked Ann for all the work that she had put in to this.

1. Membership No applications received.
2. Trustees The committee nominated Robert Fowler, Paul Debnam and Michael Blight to

be named as Trustees once the legal hurdles on the existing Trust Document and Trustee List had been sorted out. The committee would also ask Ann Blackmore to be a Trustee when she returns from holiday.

1. AOB Nicky advised that the November meeting would be her last as she was not

seeking re-election. She would always be on hand to help and the committee thanked her for her contribution over the years and for her continued involvement ‘from the back benches’.

Paul let the meeting know that he had been proposed as County Administrator, subject to confirmation at the County AGM.

Paul then presented the club with a set of new mats for the outdoor season. The committee were delighted by this extremely generous and practical gift which will benefit all playing members.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11.20am.

**The next GP Committee meeting will be on Friday 25 November at 10.00am.**

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