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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 July 2022.**

1. Members Attending P Debnam, E Blight, M Braunton, N Fowler, G Rundle, M Blight
2. Apologies B Capps-Jenner, R Ellis, C Headon, M Headon, B Hughes, C Rockey, J Rockey,

A Weston

1. Obituaries Past member Sheana Brown (Ladies Captain 2016).
2. Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 1 July 2022 having been

circulated were reviewed and accepted. Proposed by Michael Braunton and seconded by Nicky Fowler. Carried.

1. Matters arising Nothing that would not be covered in later reports.
2. Correspondence None.
3. Treasurer Liz provided a statement of our current financial position:

* Current Account is c£33,146 nett of outstanding tournament payments.
* Barry Dymond Account balance is £1,070

Liz noted that all expenses such as electric, gas, waste, etc. needed a complete review. The whole club had to take responsibility for ensuring minimal energy usage. Perhaps the cooler could be switched off when there are no home games for several days?

She noted that there also needs to be a hard-nosed debate about membership fees, green fees and the like as our reserves will not last forever and there are some large expenses looming in the future. In this we are no different to any other bowls club in the area.

Liz advised the committee that she would not be seeking to remain as Treasurer at the AGM.

1. Match Organizer Barrie had submitted a written report in which he noted:

* Various fixtures had been cancelled due to lack of support. Some of these were by us. It is perhaps a legacy of the pandemic, but we need to get the message across that matches are the life blood of membership and seek ways to ensure support.
* Friday 12 August is a match v County President.
* Sunday 21 August is the Standor Cup v Victoria Park. We really do not want to cancel another Cup match!
* The County Trophy Finals on 21 July seemed to be appreciated by all visitors. The excellent standard of the green was especially noted.
* We are providing facilities for 4 County events in 2023 which is a reflection of the hard work by all involved after the damage caused to our green by leatherjacket infestation in 2020/21.

1. G&E Michael reported that the Committee had met this month and that:

* Another Quiz Night was being organized for 16 September.
* Another Fun Day was booked for the Bank Holiday weekend. Those present noted that the last one was very enjoyable and well organized – thanks go to all involved.
* The entry sheet for the John Cork is now up. This is scheduled to be played on Sunday 14 August as in the Fixture List.
* Michael was especially pleased with the support for the Club/Spoons nights. Most of our newer members turned up for them which is sign of how much friendlier the club has become.

1. Membership A ballot proved in favour of an application for full membership from Colin

Atkins.

1. Tournament 2022 In Barry’s absence Liz advised that a meeting of the Tournament Committee had

taken place on Wednesday and that all outstanding matters had been covered. We could still do with some extra help during the week, especially in covering the bar opening times. She noted that the County had arranged some finals for the tournament weekend which could affect some of our player entries.

The 2023 Entry Forms were available and would be put out during the Tournament.

1. Honours Boards Keep looking!
2. Bar & Catering All going well (note that extra volunteers still required for the Tournament

Week.

1. The Green All visitors have been impressed with the quality of our green this year,

especially when compared to all the local clubs. Thanks must go to the continued hard work of all our ‘green’ volunteers and to the ‘gardeners’ for the well-kept and colourful surrounds.

Michael (Blight) asked if we could confirm that wetting agents were still being applied to the green, especially as dry conditions continue to be forecast.

1. AOB Grace asked if the cigarette stubbers had been replaced. The old ones had

certainly been removed but no one present was aware of who removed them and what was being done about replacements. The plastic sand buckets would be put out during the Tournament as a ‘catch all’.

Grace also asked if the Club would be providing a wreath for Remembrance Day. The Committee approved that a wreath be provided on behalf of the Club and that Grace would be at the service to present it.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11.00am.

**The next GP Committee meeting will be on Friday 26 August at 10.00am.**

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