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**BIDEFORD BOWLING CLUB**

**Chingswell Street, Bideford EX39 2NG**

**President: Paul Debnam**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Friday 1 July 2022.**

1. Members Attending 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 P Debnam, E Blight, R Ellis
2. Obituaries None reported.
3. Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 27 May 2022 having been

circulated were reviewed and accepted. Proposed by Grace Rundle and seconded by Barry Capps-Jenner. Carried.

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

* Current Account is c£32,940 nett of outstanding tour payments and Tournament entries.
* Barry Dymond Account balance is £1,070

Ann advised that £40 raised on quiz night was to go to ND Hospice and Charlie confirmed that monies raised on the tour were to go to Children’s Hospice SW.

1. Match Organizer Barrie reported that:

* The second schools event had taken place on 16 June and was enjoyed by all. There are pictures on various social media platforms. This was seen as a positive PR exercise both for bowls and for the club.
* Both Plymouth and Bridgwater had cancelled their matches. After some discussion it was agreed that we accept the fixtures again in 2023 and trust that circumstances within their respective clubs will enable them to fulfil their obligations.
* Some additional fixtures on our calendar:
  + 10 July is a fun day with BBQ
  + 17 July is Mixed Pairs
  + 20 July is the Ladies Charity Night

1. G&E Ann reported that:

* Another Quiz Night has been arranged for Saturday 9 July
* A Fun Day with BBQ has been arranged for Sunday 10 July. The BBQ would start at around 3.00pm.

Carol asked whether we could organize another ‘big breakfast’ event. Looking through the diary 10 September or 1 October were possible dates. Ann would discuss at the next G&E Committee meeting.

1. Membership A ballot proved in favour of applications from Tina Miller and Peter Mitchell.

There was then a general discussion concerning dress code and footwear for bowling. The new members booklet that was being produced covered this but it was felt that more emphasis should be made in new members induction so that little is left to interpretation.

1. Tournament 2022 Barry advised that a meeting of the Tournament Committee had taken place and

that:

* The Programme was now printed.
* The bar was scheduled to be opened 11.00am – 11.00pm and many volunteers would be needed to cover the shifts.
* A members team would be needed to play visitors on Saturday 30 July. The list to go up soonest.
* A sound system is required. Robert is on to this and a fall back is the Golf Club.
* There is an open meeting of all interested parties on 12 July to discuss catering arrangements.
* The freezers will need cleaning out and testing.
* An additional rubbish bin is required during that week.
* An email is being sent to all members advising them of the Tournament and the help that is required.

Michael confirmed that he had printed the raffle sheets and would leave them at the club this weekend. The Tournament Committee to decide when to start selling these tickets.

1. Honours Boards Keep looking!
2. Bar & Catering Thanks to all our volunteers and it is especially gratifying to see many of our

new members putting themselves forward. The atmosphere in the Club has never been better and the future looks good.

1. The Green A great effort by all concerned in getting the green back to a condition that is

better than any green that any of us have played on this year. It also has to be said that the ‘gardeners’ have produced a wonderful surrounding that is commented on by all visiting teams. Well done to all of the ‘outside’ workers!

We have received a quote of £1200 for autumn maintenance to include:

* Deep scarify in both directions to remove thatch build-up
* Power brush to remove debris
* Solid tine whole area
* Overseed
* Top dress
* Apply fertilizer

The materials for this would be supplied at a further cost of £941. In response to a query from Grace, Michael confirmed that he had already checked these material prices and that they were very competitive (and slightly lower) than our current supplier. The Committee agreed to place the order for these works.

A decision on sub-letting the 2023 autumn maintenance would be made later this year/early 2023.

1. AOB Carol pointed out the damage to the external blind valances. She would

investigate further to see if repairs could be made.

Margaret noted that there were no County games scheduled here. Paul would be asked to try and find out why, especially as it was custom to have certain games at the County President’s home club.

Barrie produced some pictures of artwork created from redundant bowls that he had come across on the tour. The Committee agreed that all the large size (>5) bowls could be used to create something for the Strand to have as a talking point.

Mike (Braunton) noted the delipidated condition of the cigarette stubbers. It was agreed that if they could not be adequately cleaned up, they should be replaced before the Tournament.

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

**The next GP Committee meeting will be on Friday 29 July at 10.00am.**

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