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**BIDEFORD BOWLING CLUB**

**Chingswell Street, Bideford EX39 2NG**

**President: Paul Debnam**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Friday 26 August 2022.**

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

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

1. Apologies P Debnam, R Ellis
2. Obituaries Past members June Lavender and John Ridge.
3. Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 29 July 2022 having been

circulated were reviewed and accepted. Proposed by Grace Rundle and seconded by John Rockey. Carried.

1. Matters arising Nothing that would not be covered in later reports.
2. Correspondence Communication had been received from Bowls Devon canvassing opinion on

whether we were happy to continue with Bowls England decision to limit national pairs and fours competitions or revert to the traditional 21 ends. The consensus opinion was ambivalent but saw no reason to support any motion to change back to 21 ends for these competitions.

1. Treasurer Liz provided a statement of our current financial position:
* Current Account is c£39,382.
* Barry Dymond Account balance is £1,070

Following last month’s notice to the Committee, Liz said that Mike had undertaken to do much of the daily ‘donkey’ work of the job and that she was therefore happy to put herself forward to continue as Treasurer subject to Club approval at the AGM.

A cheque for £528.41 was going to Children’s Hospice SW which was the monies raised by the Captains’ Charity this year.

Liz noted that we may need to consider purchasing a new vacuum cleaner/returning the existing one under warranty as it did not seem to be up to the task.

1. Match Organizer Barrie reported that:
* A coach had been arranged for the match against Chasewater (Truro). After discussion the Committee agreed that there would be a charge of £10 per head for all who travel. There would be no extra match fee to pay. All players would be accommodated and the team sheet would clearly note all those who would be substituted at half time. Extra spaces on the coach would go to partners/friends after allocating all the players a seat.
* The match against the Littleton touring side on 20 September was confirmed and would be played in greys. A buffet lunch was organized for them at 12.30 and the bar would be available from 12.00. They had paid all fees and lunch costs in advance.
* The Captain v President match was confirmed as Sunday 25 September (not as printed Fixture List).
* The indoor match against Kingsley was confirmed as Saturday 12 November.
1. G&E Michael reported that the Committee had met and that there would be a Trophy

Presentation after the Captain v President match followed by a Karaoke evening. It was also agreed that there would be a ‘Spider’ before the match.

1. Membership A ballot rejected the application for full membership from Mr Oscar Spring.

Michael would write to Mr Spring and advise him of the Committee decision.

1. Tournament 2022 The Tournament account showed a profit of £2,132. Charlie asked what

additional profit had been made by the bar that week. Based on the bar take for the week, it was estimated that there was at least an extra £3k profit to a normal week. Charlie noted that at a combined profit of at least +£5k, this subsidized members annual fees to the tune of c£60 per head. Perhaps we should make this clear at the AGM.

1. Honours Boards Keep looking! Having viewed boards at North Tawton and Torrington recently,

Committee members knew what not to have!

1. AOB Grace asked what the current Full Membership was. POST MEETING: There

are 81 affiliated players.

John noted that some of our members had volunteered to paint the outside of the Clubhouse this Autumn/Winter. Subject to complying with H&S and using the correct pantone colour, the Committee were delighted to accepted their offer. All materials would be paid for by the Club.

John noted that the perimeter to the green needed some TLC. The Committee agreed that the slabs should be taken up and rebedded.

John also asked about the possibility of installing Solar Panels. After some discussion, Michael undertook to investigate installation options, grants available, etc. and report back to the Committee later in the year.

Carol unveiled a panoramic of Edinburgh that had been presented by our friends from up North when they were down for the Tournament. A suitable spot in the clubhouse would be found to hang this gift.

Michael (Braunton) had had an offer to take a group photograph. It was agreed that we would use the opening day next April for this.

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

**The next GP Committee meeting will be on Friday 30 September at 10.00am.**

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