

Malmesbury Bowls & Social Club General Committee Meeting

Wednesday Apr 21st

1. Present - Tom Wilkes, Paul Lucas, Brian Reynolds, Tina Reynolds, Roger Pope, John Smith, Derek Squire, Graham Mockridge, Joan Long

Apologies Ruby Robins

2. Matters Arising

a) Trees – Due to be cut May 5th – 7th, including stump.

b) Flood protection preparation – brambles and surplus vegetation cleared. Fence will need repair or replacement. Tom to bring forward suggestions.

c) Short mat running well and providing a revenue stream.

d) Lights. Evening test went well. Committee will plan a day/night event for all members after May 17th.

e) Parking. Some issues with overcrowding at times. Information/instructions will be sent to all members via a newsletter. Tom to prepare.

3. Finances and Correspondence

a) Current balance across the two accounts £43,000.

b) Treasurer Role. Paul Lucas to take over from Tina by the end of April.

c) Membership Update. The club now has 46 bowling members. Club contact details will be displayed on the changing room window. Roger to effect.

d) Fund Raising. Bonds are still being received. Unlikely that the club will be able to access any further government 're-start' grants.

4. The 2021 Season

a) Fixtures Update

Cancellations and confirmations. Derek will produce a month by month update for all members.

b) Cotswold League

'A' team fixtures confirmed, first game on May 11th. Now urgent:

- Selection of skips
- Confirmation of availability and willingness to drive (individually) of a further 9 to 12 club members (to ensure reserves).
- Communication between team captains prior to each game
- Confirmation of a selection committee

Brian to liaise with Roy initially.

c) Other Competitions

Date to be decided for the Tim Goodall memorial game.

Other competitions e.g. pairs/triples should be possible and will be much more practical after May 17th. All being well the club will be open on **Friday May 21st from 6.30 p.m.** This will allow play and a social event.

Proposals for competitions can be brought along and discussed on that date.

d) Big Bowls Weekend

The club will run an Open Day on **Saturday May 29th**. Details to be decided including publicity. Derek to register the club with Bowls England.

5. Covid Update and Review

The first triples game went very well.

All members to be reminded of mask wearing within the club house and making use of the outside door for access to the bar until the rules change.

6. Maintenance and Security

There have been some incursions, including the green and the shed that is left unlocked for access to equipment.

Roger will purchase and fit a combination padlock on the shed. All members to be informed of the number once completed.

John will contact Wayne to investigate additional security cameras.

7. AOUB

a) Prior to the visit by Dales on April 22nd all current issues with the green were collated for Roger to discuss and (hopefully) resolve.

b) The Churchill display board needs removing.

c) Availability for ladies games will be via the usual 'book' system and this will be kept in the shed until the club house is more accessible.

d) A number of the items in these minutes will require discussion, updating and action before the next committee meeting. It is therefore essential that we maintain discussion via e-mail over the next few weeks.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday May 26th – 7.15 p.m.

This will be held in the clubhouse all being well!