

**Victoria Bowling Club
Meeting of the Committee
Wednesday, 6 March 2019, 7pm**

Agenda Item	Present:	Action
1	Steve Cornell [SCL] (chairperson), Alan Gilpin [AGN], Simon Airey [SAY], Dave Hourihan [DHN], Paul Crossland [PCD], Geoff Thompson [GTN], Sue Hillbeck [SHK], John Iddon [JIN].	
1	Apologies: Alan Medcalf [AMF], Dan Hartley [DHY].	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 16 January 2019): The minutes were accepted as a true record (proposed by PCD, seconded by GTN).	
3	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a. (Re)Election of Chairperson and Welfare Officer – SCL was asked if he was willing to continue as chairperson, which he was, and with no other nomination, this was accepted unanimously. In the absence of Martin Blamire, it was assumed that he was happy to continue as Welfare Officer, with DHN in reserve. This would need to be confirmed at the next meeting.</p> <p>b. Election of Team Selection Committee – As per the new team selection policy adopted at the recent AGM, the committee must now appoint a Team Selection Committee, led by a member of the committee and to also include three other club members. The list put up at the AGM only has four names: AGN, PCD, DHY and Alan Sanderson (see appendix 1). It was agreed that these four members should make up the Team Selection Committee.</p> <p>SCL proposed that AGN should lead the committee, as he has the most experience of league bowling, and is the current A Team captain. This was agreed.</p> <p>AGN asked about options for new teams, given the number of names on the list. He indicated that a Seniors C team could be an option and it was decided that AGN should write to the Seniors League secretary and ask if this was a possibility.</p> <p>c. Floodlights – No update.</p> <p>d. Team Shirts – SCL has been successful in obtaining shirt, jacket, jumpers etc. and a sample is in the clubhouse. Orders are now being taken.</p> <p>e. Floodlit League 2019 – AGN was delighted to confirm that 16 teams had now been confirmed (see appendix 2), and asked for approval of the committee to continue with that league structure. This was granted, and AGN said that he would send out requests for payment from the other clubs in due course, together with a proposed league structure (to later be confirmed).</p>	AGN
4	Proposals and Other Matters: None received.	
5	Treasurers Report: There was £9,813 in the bank at the end of February. Subscriptions have been slow coming in for 2019; SAY asked that the captains (once selected) chase up any not to have paid by the start of the league season. Parkinson's and the Vets have paid for their boards.	
6	<p>Secretaries Report:</p> <p>Club Competitions & Other Social Events: The unofficial winter singles league on Friday afternoons will be contested between Martin Gilpin, AGN, Keith Atkinson and AMF on 15 March. This will draw a close to the singles leagues, which have been widely appreciated.</p> <p>The unofficial winter doubles league on Sunday afternoons was won by the Greenkeeperz (AMF, PCD & Terry Mercer) this past weekend, and there is no intention to continue this until after the normal season.</p> <p>The list for the member + non-member doubles competition, to be held on 9 March (weather permitting) has a number of entries now, and AGN stated that the draw will be made on Friday, with times texted to entrants. AGN also noted that he is away this weekend, and so PCD and AMF would need to run the event on the day.</p> <p>Lists are also up for the Stubbs (6th April) and Forbes (13th April) Cups.</p> <p>Finally, AGN had sent out proposed dates for the Moscrop Cup, to be played on Fridays (avoiding Rural Fixtures). However, he had later realised that the KDBL Cup dates may clash. As the KDBL Cup dates can be changed, AGN proposed that we retain the suggested dates for the Moscrop and he put a list up shortly, being 24 May, 21 June, 12 July, 31 July and finals on 23 August.</p>	

	<p>Open Competitions AGN stated that now that SHK was back on the committee, he would add a competition secretary section to the agenda. He asked her about the 2019 competition entries to date: slow! AGN agreed to promote via Facebook in due course.</p> <p>Kendal League Fixtures are out, as we have two new secretaries sharing the role. A reminder that the Super 32 (in which we have eight representatives) will be held on 31 March at Holme BC. AGN has confirmed to Chris Hill (the competition secretary) that all of our four teams will be playing in the cup again this year.</p> <p>Finally, Chris Hill had asked clubs opinions on referees at events, and AGN had fed back that KVBC believed that these were only useful where the competition could not be manned properly by league officials.</p> <p>Seniors League No update</p> <p>Rural League Fixtures are now out.</p> <p>Cumbria County AGN sent our apologies to the last meeting, as he could not attend. Affiliation fees have been requested, and a notice was passed to SAY for payment.</p> <p>AGN also mentioned that BCGBA registrations in future will be £12, and the new form has been forwarded on to SAY.</p> <p>Finally, an email had been received asking for Junior Bowler information, which AGN was reluctant to hand over with the GDPR rules! He forwarded the email to Lesley Blackstone and Michael Wilson, for them to make their own minds up as to whether they were prepared to give their contact information to CCCGBA.</p>	AGN
7	<p>New Membership Applications: Matty Stewart has already been accepted by email, and was confirmed at the meeting. Stephen Watson, Peter Shepherd and Paul Newland were also unanimously accepted.</p> <p>AGN raised concern again regarding new members joining mid-year, as according to our rules and constitution, any new member joining after 30 June should pay half the annual subscription, which was not the case in 2018. He stressed that SAY should make sure that this was done from 2019, as we do not want to fall foul of our own rules! It was agreed that we should consider changing the club rules, as they were based upon a time where the green was not open in the winter.</p>	
8	<p>Any other business: GTN – Ron France had mentioned that Stan Rymell was not mentioned amongst the deceased members at the recent AGM, despite passing away last year (Ron was the only member to attend his funeral). AGN said that, as Stan had not been a member for some time, this was not a requirement, however it was agreed that we should aim to mention this oversight at the next AGM.</p> <p>GTN – The Northampton bowlers were disappointed to learn that we could not fix a date to visit their club, but understand how busy the season is. They would like to come back to our club again later this year, and will come back to Geoff with dates.</p> <p>SAY – Following up from Terry Mercer’s comments at the AGM, he showed his competition book detailing the split of expenses. AGN said that they should look to separate this out in the accounts next year, as the information was available to do so.</p> <p>PCD – Social night is being held this Friday, which will be promoted on Facebook.</p>	
9	<p>Date of the next meeting(s): AGN had suggested a schedule of meetings for the summer 2019, though added that SCL and Tim Kings were now playing in the Morecambe League and that Wednesday nights might not be great for them. SCL produced their fixtures, and agreed the following dates for our meetings: - Wednesday, 10 April Wednesday, 8 May Wednesday, 12 June Wednesday, 17 July Wednesday, 21 August</p> <p>SHK asked whether we could start earlier than 8pm, and it was agreed that 7:30pm would work for both her and those with young families amongst the committee.</p>	

The meeting closed at 19:55pm