

**Victoria Bowling Club  
Meeting of the Committee  
Wednesday, 8 May 2019, 7:30pm**

Agenda Item	Present:	Action
	Steve Cornell [SCL] (chairperson), Alan Gilpin [AGN], Simon Airey [SAY], Dave Hourihan [DHN], Paul Crossland [PCD], Alan Medcalf [AMF], Sue Hillbeck [SHK], John Foster [JFR].	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Geoff Thompson [GTN], Dan Hartley [DHY], Tim Kings [TKS].</p> <p>It was noted that John Iddon had resigned from the committee, immediately following the previous meeting.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 10 April 2019):</b> The minutes were accepted as a true record (proposed by DHN, seconded by PCD).</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>a. Floodlights – SCL has sent a few emails, but needs to provide more information before this can be progressed.</p> <p>b. Floodlit League 2019 – AGN checked with SAY that entry fees had only come in from Allithwaite, Heversham and Netherfield so far. AGN agreed to send a reminder email to the other clubs, with payment due by the end of June, though not until the end of this month.</p> <p>c. Membership Cards (from 2020) – JFR suggested putting a notice up to help get subscriptions in at the start of the season, which was discussed and it was felt that this could be done but was not necessarily going to benefit much – the ones who don't pay tend to be the ones who don't come down and so don't read notices!</p> <p>This was left as an open option, though the feeling from the committee was that the system at present is not broken.</p> <p>AGN mentioned that now that he had received a full list of renewed members from SAY, he could put up a list of members, though under the GDPR rules, this would exclude anyone who has not signed a statement of consent.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGN</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Proposals and Other Matters:</b> Nothing received.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Treasurers Report:</b> There was £12,076 in the bank at the end of April (plus around £2.5k in the bar account).</p> <p>Memberships are now all in, with total full (paying members) being 66 this year, compared to 76 by the end of last season. This was not seen as down, as we have not yet had the winter memberships this year, and expect a few to re-join come October time when other greens close.</p> <p>The Spring Doubles made a profit of £185, being £100 from Home Designs for sponsorship + £100 from the kitchen + £65 from the raffle (net of meat purchase) + £320 from entries, less £400 paid out in prizes.</p> <p>DHN questioned why at the competition, that the meat prize for the raffle was auctioned off, after it went unclaimed. He stated that, in his opinion, this should have been carried over to the next competition rather than the club having to go out and buy another prize. AGN stated that the competition was run by himself and SHK, and that on the day they made a decision to do so, as part of their roles at the club, and in fact, it brought in extra monies outside of the competition profits, which were added to the tea money float behind the bar. Other committee members were there and thought that it was a good idea at the time, and it was well received by those in attendance.</p> <p>DHN and SAY both felt that there was no right to do this, and that an error had been made by doing so on that day. It was questioned what would have happened had the winning ticket later come back and asked for their prize, which was now gone. AGN stated that several times the winning ticket number was shouted out, and it was made perfectly clear to those in attendance that if it were not claimed at the final call, then it was lost to whoever bought the winning ticket. We never give out raffle prize winners after the day of a competition, as once the day is over the prizes are either gone or retained for future draws.</p> <p>A long discussion was had, and it was decided that we were correct that once the final call had not been claimed, the prize was unclaimed and became property of the club again. Also, where the prize is not perishable, it should be retained for future competitions, and only where there is a finite life (i.e. the goods would be no good for the next event), should a second chance to win them be given.</p> <p>Overall, other than DHN and SAY, nobody felt that any harm had been done in this instance, so a line was drawn under it following this discussion, and decision on what to do in future, should the same thing happen again.</p>	

6	<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b></p> <p><b>Club Competitions &amp; Other Social Events:</b>  The Forbes Cup (which was sponsored £60 by Ian Gilpin) was won by Alan Gilpin, who defeated Mick Simpson in the final from a field of 32.</p> <p>The Moscrop Cup, to be played on Fridays (avoiding Rural Fixtures), is over half full now, and will be drawn once 32 names are listed. AGN noted that the draw will simply allocate players onto the four different nights, and each night will have its own draw between the eight before start of play.</p> <p>PCD is running a golf day this Saturday, at Crook, for some of our members.</p> <p><b>CCCGBA</b>  AGN has now received a full list of members from SAY, following the 30 April deadline, and will send the appropriate summary to Colin Howarth in due course.</p>	AGN
7	<p><b>Competition Secretary's Report:</b>  The Spring Pairs was won by Andy &amp; Billy Thornton, who beat Alf Moore and Andy Armstrong in the final from a field of 40. AMF noted that he'd put the results and pictures on our website.</p> <p>The next competition is the Spring Singles, due to be held on Sunday, 2 June, which currently has around 40 entries. Sponsorship money to be collected from Cumberland Building Society.</p> <p>AGN asked about whether we should change the date of the Autumn Singles, from Sunday, 1 September, to Saturday, 31 August, so that it did not clash with the crossing to the IOM, which would rule out many helpers and entries from our own club members alone. This was agreed.  AGN to update the competition list for the club, and email the league to change online. AMF to update our own website.</p>	SAY  AGN AMF
8	<p><b>New Membership Applications:</b>  None</p>	
9	<p><b>Any other business:</b>  SCL brought up that Terry Mercer had talked to him about potential alterations to the shed at the far end of the green, as a winter project for the greenkeeperz. This would increase the size and security of the storage significantly. AMF was asked what his opinion was, and he stated that he was yet to be convinced by it.</p> <p>DHN suggested that, if it were to go ahead, we should spend a little more and get proper roller shutters, so that the doors do not open up onto the green. Both DHN and SAY said they thought it sounded a very good idea.</p> <p>AGN suggested that SCL ask Terry to do a pricing up exercise, so that the committee can consider the proposal further at a future meeting.</p> <p>AMF stated that, whilst on the topic of capital expenditure, perhaps we could consider adding covered seating, such as what is used at Netherfield, which would give great benefit on showery days for just £600 or so. He also said that the bar could really use a glass washer, which would also cost between £600 and £800. Costings to gain, to be approved at a future meeting.</p> <p>SCL asked about the club's parkin places, as if we legally own two spaces could we put up signage to stop other vehicle users parking there. DHN stated that you cannot do this, and could well be asked to take any signage down, which would then be a waste of the money spent purchasing and installing them. AMF stated that we don't legally own the spaces, it is simply an agreement with the management company that run the flats. It was therefore decided not to change anything.</p>	SCL  AMF
10	<p><b>Date of the next meeting(s):</b>  Wednesday, 12 June, 7:30pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:37pm