

**Victoria Bowling Club
Meeting of the Committee
Wednesday, 10 April 2019, 7:30pm**

Agenda Item	Present: Steve Cornell [SCL] (chairperson), Alan Gilpin [AGN], Simon Airey [SAY], Dave Hourihan [DHN], Paul Crossland [PCD], Geoff Thompson [GTN], John Iddon [JIN], Alan Medcalf [AMF], Dan Hartley [DHY], Martin Blamire [MBE], John Foster [JFR].	Action
1	Apologies: Sue Hillbeck [SHK], Tim Kings [TKS].	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 6 March 2019): The minutes were accepted as a true record (proposed by DHN, seconded by PCD).	
3	Matters Arising: a. (Re)Election of Welfare Officer – MBE was asked if he was willing to continue as Welfare Officer, which he was, and this was accepted unanimously. MBE's DBS is up-to-date, due for renewal in 2020. b. Floodlights – No update. c. Floodlit League 2019 – AGN has sent out requests for payment from the other clubs, together with the proposed league structure. So far, two of the fourteen cheques have come in, but it is very early days yet. AGN passed the two cheques on to SAY, and asked that everyone update him if any other cheques were received.	SCL
4	Proposals and Other Matters: i. Terry Mercer had put a proposal forward that the club purchases new match jacks of alternative colour, so as to prevent use of match jacks for practice, and make them easier to find if mis-placed. The current match jacks were checked for expiry: the yellow ones run to the end of 2021, with the black ones to 2022. It was decided that match jacks of an alternative colour was a good idea, but that it was an unnecessary cost at this time, whilst we currently have eleven jacks in date. It was decided that at the end of the 2021 season, we should purchase new jacks and move the yellow ones into the practice cupboard, then two years later purchase another group of match jacks with the black ones going for practice. The cost saving of not getting our current jacks stamped again, would reduce the effective cost of the new jacks by doing it this way. ii. JIN has asked us to discuss winter memberships, and was asked to elaborate on his proposal. JIN stated that he had understood that there was a winter membership available, separate to the usual memberships, perhaps at a reduced rate. AMF confirmed that no such winter membership existed, and that those new members gained in Autumn paid the full £30, with the renewal at the AGM. iii. See appendix I for JIN's letter regarding team selection. JIN was asked to explain his letter further, and there followed a long discussion regarding the matter. It became clear very quickly that, whilst this was a hot topic, the club had only just adopted a new policy and in fact, at the date of JIN's letter, a bowl had not yet been sent in any league this season. SCL asked the room: who in attendance would support a squad system, such as that suggested in JIN's letter, to which there was only one hand raised. This was therefore dismissed, in favour of allowing the new team selection committee time to implement the new policy and strategy.	
5	Treasurers Report: There's £11,291.38 in the bank (plus around £2k in the bar account). Memberships are mostly in now, but SAY asked whether there could be a better system for collecting in future years. Several members have asked for a receipt, which SAY did not really know how to give officially, and it is awkward approaching people for memberships, especially with an increasing membership. GTN stated that if anyone asked for a receipt when he was treasurer, he used to give them one from a receipt book, but this was only ever on request. AGN mentioned that at his previous club, members used to get a small, pre-printed membership booklet, but that stopped when printing costs went up. It was decided that we research membership cards for 2020 onwards; how much these would be and how useful, and discuss again at the next meeting.	Anyone
6	Secretaries Report: Club Competitions & Other Social Events: The new member + a non-member doubles was won by Keith Atkinson (with Dave Jones), who beat Chris Wyatt (with Ronnie Jones) in the final. The Stubbs Cup was won by Matthew Simpson, who beat Mick Simpson in the final in a field of 30. This was an excellent turn-out, and there was also catering from the bungalow, which went down very well. The Forbes Cup (which was sponsored £60 by Ian Gilpin) has around 32 entries, and will be played this weekend coming, with catering again.	

	<p>Finally, AGN has put up a list for the Moscrop Cup, to be played on Fridays (avoiding Rural Fixtures). He decided to skip the first date of 24 May, and instead use 21 June, 12 July, 31 July and 23 August for qualifying nights and 30 August for finals night (following a suggestion from Terry Mercer to change the entry form).</p> <p>Leagues The season is now underway, and the only thing to come is the Kendal League Cup Draw, which was done last weekend at our club.</p> <p>Referees Society A letter had been received from the Referees, promoting courses – AGN had put the poster on the notice board. Some other posters had been received (other clubs open comps, etc. and also put up on the notice board for members to see).</p> <p>Open Competition Secretary Update In the absence of SHK, AGN noted that there were just 29 entries so far for the first open doubles, which was due to be drawn on Good Friday. AGN asked everyone to spread the word, to try to bulk out entries from our members, and also suggested that he'd promote interest on Facebook.</p> <p>AGN asked about raffle prizes, especially as the Fruit Basket may no longer be available, following the passing of Anne Oswald over the winter. DHN suggested approaching Todds Butchers for a meat pack, and that was approved as the big first prize. AMF mentioned that there was still some wine left over from last year, which will do the first one, then SCL will be going to Bookers (for tea, coffee etc.) so can get some more wine for other raffles whilst there.</p>	<p>DHN</p> <p>SCL</p>
7	<p>New Membership Applications: Ian Walker and George Lindsay were both unanimously accepted.</p> <p>AGN asked about Phil Dacre, who was back from Australia for a few short weeks, and had expressed an interest in playing in the Forbes Cup whilst he was over. It was made clear that this would only be allowed if Phil joined the club as a full member, as we've had issues in the past.</p>	
8	<p>Any other business: DHN – Are there any football cards still at the club, that could be used at social events to raise more funds for the club? There are a small number, and it was decided to sell some of these at the Forbes Cup this weekend and see how they go down. If accepted by the members then more could be sought by SCL at Bookers.</p> <p>JFR – John wanted to minute the sad passing of John O'Flaherty this past week, and asked whether anyone knew what the funeral arrangements were. AGN and AMF gave JFR this information, and said that the club will be very well represented, but that the family had expressed a wish to make the funeral as big as possible, in terms of numbers. All members are invited.</p>	<p>DHN / SCL</p>
9	<p>Date of the next meeting(s): Wednesday, 8 May, 7:30pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 20:58pm