

**Victoria Bowling Club
Meeting of the Committee
Wednesday, 12 June 2019, 7:30pm**

Agenda Item	Present: Steve Cornell [SCL] (chairperson), Alan Gilpin [AGN], Simon Airey [SAY], Paul Crossland [PCD], Alan Medcalf [AMF], Sue Hillbeck [SHK], John Foster [JFR], Geoff Thompson [GTN], Dan Hartley [DHY].	Action
1	<p>Apologies: Martin Blamire [MBE], Dave Hourihan [DHN].</p> <p>AGN asked whether anyone knew if Tim Kings [TKS] had any intention of attending meetings, as he hadn't come to any since he volunteered to join the committee at the AGM. SCL offered to speak informally with him at work, which was agreed as a sensible approach, giving him the chance to attend future meetings or step down. GTN asked whether we needed a more formal approach, and it was agreed that if TKS did not attend the next meeting then the committee should write to him more formally.</p>	SCL
2	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 8 May 2019): The minutes were accepted as a true record (proposed by SHK, seconded by PCD).</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a. Floodlights – SCL has now had an official quote – see appendix I – for replacing the light fittings with more efficient and more powerful bulbs (i.e. leaving the existing posts as they are). It was questioned whether the existing posts could be shortened, as they do “blow about a bit” in strong winds, and SCL agreed to check with the supplier if this was an option, and whether it effected the cost.</p> <p>JFR asked if we had enough power in the sockets for the upgrade, and it was accepted that this was the case, as the new bulbs would actually require less power, being more efficient.</p> <p>SCL will now aim to get quotes for the electrical side of the required work.</p> <p>b. Other Capital Projects (Shed Alterations) – Costings to follow at a later meeting.</p> <p>c. Floodlit League 2019 – Entry fees have come in from 8 of the 12 clubs, with just over two weeks to go until the final date for payment. AGN has started to prepare fixture lists for each tier, to be sent out once all monies have been received, which he will email to SCL to check over before distributing to clubs.</p>	<p>SCL</p> <p>SCL</p> <p>AGN / SCL</p>
4	<p>Proposals and Other Matters:</p> <p>i. Moscrop Format / Limitation of Entries – SHK stated that she had been asked by a couple of people, why the format of this competition had changed and why there was a limit of 32 on entries. AGN explained that this was agreed last year (October 2018 meeting), to trial in 2019 due to some issues with the old format (players arranging then cancelling, byes having to be given and players left frustrated) and also to give us a chance to play with more around the green and be able to take advantage of the bar being open. AGN stated that whilst it was limited to 32, nobody was missing out on a game, as it was not full.</p> <p>ii. Application for Seniors C Team / Other Team Options from 2020 – The Team Selection Committee in attendance (AGN, PCD and DHY) all stated that they felt there was not sufficient numbers to field a C team in the Seniors League, so this option should be taken away at this time, which was agreed unanimously. The committee discussed other options, such as starting our own new league, but it was felt that this would be a lot of work, and actually, now the season is under way, all members are getting a good level of games under the new selection process.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurers Report: There was £13,004 in the bank at the end of May (plus around £1,100 in the bar account).</p> <p>The Spring Singles made £208 on entries + £42.80 on the raffle (which included buying tickets that will cover the next few competitions as well). The kitchen monies are still to come in, and AGN asked SAY to mention that to Kirsten Wilson, as Debbie deals with the money and is very unwell.</p>	SAY
6	<p>Secretary's Report: Club Competitions & Other Social Events: The Moscrop Cup is scheduled to be drawn after the meeting and AGN asked for the opinion of the committee on this – there are 24 names, and AGN suggested that we skip the first two qualifying nights (next week and then 12 July), as the first clashes with a KDBL Cup Match and then if either A or B get through, one of them would be at home on the second date. This would allow us longer to fill the 32 names, and actually we could play 16 on each night, as it is just 3 sessions (four games at 7pm, four at 7:45pm then the winners play a second round match at 8:30pm, using the floodlights – this should make very good atmospheres for the evenings).</p> <p>It was agreed to run the Moscrop over two qualifying nights in August, as suggested, and that AGN should try to fill it to 32 before making the draw.</p> <p>Lists are up for the next four club competitions, and are filling gradually.</p>	AGN

	<p>CCCGBA An email has been received regarding Cumbria's Seniors Team, asking for players. AGN has mentioned this to AMF, but so far this has not been discussed between the Seniors – it was felt that only the A Team players would be of a standard to be considered, so AGN asked AMF and GTN to mention on the next match.</p> <p>Other AGN has now had chance to put up a list of current members and their contact information, taking into account the GDPR statements received and not including junior bowlers on the list, for safeguarding reasons.</p>	AMF / GTN
7	<p>Competition Secretary's Report: The Spring Singles was won by Chris Wyatt, who beat Roy Moxham in the final from a field of 52. AMF will put the results and pictures on our website.</p> <p>The next competition is the Norman Kinley Doubles, due to be held on Sunday, 30 June, which currently has 29 entries. PCD suggested contacting Linda Tebay, as they have some new members looking to play in the local doubles competitions to gain experience. Sponsorship money to be collected from G Forrest – SKH to ask Alan Sanderson to request.</p> <p>SHK stated that she had been contacted by a group of bowlers from Southport, who expressed an interest in booking our green and facilities and coming up for a coach trip. She is waiting to hear back from them.</p>	AMF SHK
8	<p>New Membership Applications: Caitlin Hillbeck was accepted unanimously.</p>	
9	<p>Any other business: PCD asked whether there had been any progress on the purchase of a glass washer for the bar. AMF has this in hand and it will be here soon.</p> <p>SHK asked for raffle prizes to be donated for competitions, if the committee could pass this message on to the members that they see.</p> <p>GTN asked whether we needed to minute deceased members, following Albert Brindle's recent passing. AGN asked if this needed to be added to the new membership section, though that was deemed unnecessary and we would simply make an effort to minute deaths of current and former members when they occur.</p> <p>SCL stated that he had been in discussions with John Iddon [JIN] in recent weeks, following a request of his for an audience with the team selection committee. AGN added that he had initially responded to JIN by email, letting him know that we only meet around once every four weeks, as we resolve team selection decisions mostly by Facebook Messenger, and JIN had replied saying that he would put his questions on paper, but had not sent them to AGN. SCL said that he had been able to answer all of the queries on behalf of the selection committee, summarising them as follows: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How are captains picked, as no lists were put up at the start of the season? Captains were selected at the start of the season by the team selection committee, in accordance with the club policy. Following an email from Dave Mould recently, they are now indicated by "c" and "v" on the match sheets. 2. Why was Colin Wilson dropped after winning? This was because Colin would otherwise have been playing three games that week, in Seniors, Rural and Kendal, and therefore he dropped to seniors reserve to give someone else a second game that week. 3. SCL stated that there were other small points that he'd answered. <p>SCL had been asked to look into "golf" towels (to dry woods) and has a sample that looks good. They are £9 a piece, which seemed expensive, but SCL was asked to add them to the list and if anyone wants them they can order. He also has a price for club ties, at £9.</p> <p>SAY noted that the bar cooler had now been sorted, and is paid for by our beer suppliers.</p>	All
10	<p>Date of the next meeting(s): Wednesday, 17 July, 7:30pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:38pm