

**Victoria Bowling Club
Meeting of the Committee
Wednesday, 17 July 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], Dan Hartley [DHY], Martin Blamire [MBE].	Action
1	<p>Apologies: John Foster [JFR], Geoff Thompson [GTN], Dave Hourihan [DHN].</p> <p>DHY asked SCL if he'd been able to have an informal chat with Tim Kings [TKS] as agreed at the last meeting (as he hadn't come to any since he volunteered to join the committee at the AGM). TKS appreciated being asked, and with other commitments felt he could not commit the time required to this role, so agreed to come off the committee.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 12 June 2019): The minutes were accepted as a true record (proposed by DHY, seconded by PCD).</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a. Floodlights – SCL has spoken to electrician, Stuart Richardson, who says he can get the same lights we've been quoted for (see last meeting minutes) at a third of the price! He also said that his co-worker could fit them at a lower hourly rate, and SCL was asked to get an approximation of total costs for approval at the next meeting. It was suggested that if the work comes in at a decent level, we could offer a free advertising board as a thank you to them.</p> <p>b. Other Capital Projects (Shed Alterations) – Costings to follow at a later meeting. AMF added that the bar dishwasher was being organised and should come in at £690.</p> <p>c. Floodlit League 2019 – Entry fees have come in from all 12 clubs and AGN has prepared a fixture pack to send to clubs on 1 August, which he had emailed to SCL and hadn't heard back. SCL said that it looked fine to him, so AGN will send these out to clubs at the turn of the month. AGN was also asked to put up a generic poster asking for members to help as much as they can over the competition. He said that there will only be 12 nights where one of our teams won't be playing, so the committee should be able to cover the desk between us.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AGN</p>
4	<p>Proposals and Other Matters: None received.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurers Report: There is £12,939 in the bank (plus around £2k in the bar account).</p> <p>The Norman Kinley Pairs made £4 on entries/sponsorship above prize money + £88 on the raffle, with the kitchen money still to come. We received £50 from the kitchen for the previous Spring Singles competition.</p> <p>It was noted that we will need to get a new sponsor for the 2020 Seniors, if possible.</p>	
6	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>Competitions & Other Social Events: AGN managed to fill the 32 places in the Moscrop Cup, which has now been drawn between the different start times and nights for qualifying. A poster has been put up.</p> <p>The Seniors Cup was won by Martin Gilpin, who beat Mick Simpson in the final. There were only nine entries for this, so it was run by PCD in two groups to give players more green time.</p> <p>The Bob Kirkby Trophy was won by Matthew Simpson, who beat Peter Blamire in the final, from a field of 20.</p> <p>Lists are up for the next two club competitions, and are filling gradually.</p> <p>The open competition (Norman Kinley Pairs), was won by Steve Carruthers and Jane Glaister (Windermere), who beat Carl Dobson and John Taylor (Burton-in-Kendal) in the final, from a field of 33. AMF to put the results on our website.</p> <p>Other An email complaint (see appendix 1) has been received from a member of this club, with regards to the conduct of Mr & Mrs Foster. John has already received a written warning from the committee over his behaviour in 2018 (his first season as a member), however, it was decided that there was no real substance to the complaint to warrant disciplinary action at this time. The matter was passed on to the safeguarding team (DHN and MBE) to review.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AMF</p>

7	<p>Competition Secretary's Report:</p> <p>The next competition is the Syd Nicholson Over 60's Pairs, due to be held on Friday, 26 July, which currently has 28 entries. Kirsten is away, and with Debbie not well, we do not have catering for this event.</p> <p>The Jim Oswald Doubles is next, being held on Sunday, 18 August, and this currently has 26 entries. SHK to push on Facebook nearer the draw date.</p> <p>SHK heard back from the Southport group but their requested date was not available, so she is waiting again for another date.</p> <p>SHK mentioned that Presidents Day was due to be held on the same day as the Skerton Invitation, which several of our members go to, to watch / support. There may be even more going following AGN's qualification for the event, meaning our club has three representatives. There are also others that normally enter club competitions away at that date. It was agreed that Alan Sanderson (our President) should be approached with a view to changing the date of this event.</p> <p>Finally, a new competition was being organised in memory of John O'Flaherty – a mixed pairs on 3 August. Steve Teasdale was going to speak with his family, to see if they were okay with this and if they wanted to attend.</p>	<p>SHK</p> <p>AGN / SHK</p>
8	<p>New Membership Applications:</p> <p>Charles Graham was accepted unanimously.</p>	
9	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>DHY asked about his work's do for the green, and requested that green fees be waived because they will "put plenty behind the bar". AGN mentioned that a group from Lloyds in Manchester used to come up and play us and whilst they were big drinkers, they still needed to pay the greenage. It was agreed that we do not want to set a precedence of not charging, so the usual £2 per player would apply.</p> <p>SCL has been approached by Growing Well, a local charity, with regards to providing catering at our events. It is likely too early to do the Seniors competition (but SCL will check), but it was considered whether we could use them for some events, which gives us an alternative to Kirsten and Debbie. Growing Well were offering the same arrangement, where 50% of profits are handed over to the club. It was agreed that SCL talk to them, but suggest that if they cannot do the Seniors, perhaps they could start next year.</p>	<p>SCL</p>
10	<p>Date of the next meeting(s):</p> <p>Scheduled to be Wednesday, 21 August at 7:30pm, however AGN stated that he was on holiday, so asked for this to be put back a week. After much discussion, it was decided to leave the meeting on the same date, and someone will have to cover for AGN, with regards to minute taking.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9:17pm