

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

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Present:</b> Steve Cornell [SCL] (chairperson), Alan Gilpin [AGN], Paul Crossland [PCD], Sue Hillbeck [SHK], John Foster [JFR], Simon Airey [SAY], Geoff Thompson [GTN], Alan Medcalf [AMF].	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Dan Hartley [DHY].	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 22 September 2019):</b> The minutes were accepted as a true record (proposed by SHK, seconded by JFR).	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>a. Floodlights – SCL stated that there hadn't been much progress, but he is planning on bringing an electrician he knows down on Monday. AGN mentioned that there were a couple of flickers and trips during the Floodlight League, but nothing major.</p> <p>b. Other Capital Projects (Shed Alterations) – Nothing yet, but work is not planned to start until February when the major frost has passed. AGN mentioned he'd spoken to his father (Martin Gilpin, who is doing the work with Terry Mercer), and he wasn't happy to start without permission from the building owner, as we would need to attach to it. AMF stated that Terry was planning to speak to Sam Wilson (The Albion owner) soon, but doesn't expect any issue.</p> <p>c. Floodlit League 2019 – AGN stated that he felt the league ran very smoothly this year, and the rule changes have made it much better for us as hosts, as well as providing positives for those competing in it. He has emailed clubs (see appendix 1), and asked for feedback, but nothing has come so far.</p> <p>One email has been received from Ann Anderson (Lindale player), requesting that we go back to separate start times for matches. AGN has replied, and also copied her into the email he sent to clubs. SCL mentioned he'd had emails from Ann as well, but as she is not the main contact for Lindale, we will wait to see if anything comes from the club – Ann Anderson has been very vocal in the past several years with regards to this league with complaints.</p> <p>SCL mentioned that there were a couple of suggestions from the Wednesdays night teams (suggestions only, as they were generally happy). These related to trying to manage how late the nights finished:</p> <p>1) Limiting ends – AGN mentioned that our scoreboards don't show ends played, so this may not work too well. AMF added that the scoreboards could be altered, but would need time to sort.</p> <p>2) Time limit the games – AGN stated this could cause controversy, as anyone getting a good start where the opponent starts coming back, could deliberately slow the game down.</p> <p>AGN said we could go back to 3 on the card, but it was mentioned that players like a full game, and we had plenty of time to finish the nights, and in fact, no night had gone up to 10pm, and generally were all wrapped up by 9:30.</p> <p>AGN said that he'd asked AMF to look at profits this year compared to last, and with keeping players there all night, the profits from the bar had gone up from £640 to £800 and the kitchen did significantly better too - £384 profit.</p> <p>SAY brought up that the Cumberland hadn't given us the £200 sponsorship yet, despite his asking - this covered the Floodlight League + the Autumn Singles competition. SHK offered to do a letter.</p> <p>d. Blackstone Complaint – SCL sent the letter that was distributed by email after the last meeting by recorded delivery, so that he knew they received it. A week later, Lesley Blackstone emailed Denise Noble (Cumbria's Safeguarding Officer) on the subject, asking what they were doing over the "safeguarding issue". Denise got Tom Baxter (Cumbria's Chairman) involved and they replied, saying there was no safeguarding issue and that the matter was closed. A second email was sent by Lesley to Denise, with more accusations – mainly aimed at AGN, not the club, so Denise sent copies of everything to the BCGBA, who confirmed back that there was no issue and the matter needed to be dropped.</p> <p>AGN stated that he had spoken to Denise regarding the possibility of removal of a member from a bowling club, as he felt Lesley had clearly shown the character not in keeping with what we would expect from our members. This was backed by everyone at the meeting. AGN had been advised that Denise changed Abbot Hall's constitution a couple of years ago for the same reason, and suggested we do the same – AGN stated that he'd received a copy of their constitution, and as we were changing our rules to incorporate a statement on junior selection anyway, he would draft something to clearly state the power of the committee to revoke memberships. We can discuss this at the next meeting, as we will need to finalise in January for the February AGM.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>SHK</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGN</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Proposals / Other Matters for Discussion:</b> None.	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>As we haven't met properly for a while, SAY asked how far back he needed to go with the competition summaries. AGN stated that he should start with the John O'Flaherty Mixed Pairs, so SAY said he'd email summaries through after the meeting, but generally we'd done well at competitions over the past couple of months.</p> <p>SAY questioned why we got the Presidents Day catering money – AGN said all he knew was Kirsten gave him the money and said they had sent enough to Cancer Care so this was ours. A couple of people said they thought there was a notice saying money would go to Cancer Care, so we should donate the money on, which was agreed.</p>	

	<p>The bank account has £14,805.90 in it, and there is around £2,900 in the bar account – AGN stated he felt that should mean a decent profit in 2018-19.</p> <p>*Added by email*</p> <p>John O’Flaherty Mixed Pairs - Sponsorship Vic, £100, kitchen £56, raffle 84.40, entries £232. Exp £280, surplus £192.40.</p> <p>Jimmy Oswald Pairs - £100 Sue &amp; Terry, kitchen £75, raffle £89, entries £222. Exp £320, surplus £166.</p> <p>Vic Autumn Singles – Westland (via Hayes) £100, kitchen £51.50, raffle £47.50, entries £160. Exp £280, surplus £79.</p> <p>Vic Autumn Doubles - C P Catering £100, kitchen £71, raffle £102, entries £272. Exp £360, surplus £185.</p>	
6	<p><b>Secretary’s Report:</b></p> <p><b>Kendal League</b> The Executive Meeting was held on 10 October (SCL attended), and AGM is due to be held on 28 November (SCL to attend).</p> <p><b>Seniors League</b> The AGM was held on 31 October (JFR attended).</p> <p><b>Rural League</b> The AGM is due to be held on 21 November (JFR to attend).</p> <p><b>Other Matters</b> Moore &amp; Smalley have booked the green for hire on Tuesday, 26 November from 6pm. AGN said that he can be there to open everything up but may struggle to stay all night, if anyone else could get down and do the bar / lock up later on.</p> <p>The total fundraising efforts from the catering team have been added up since Debbie and Kirsten started using our club and a write-up should be in the Westmorland Gazette soon – £5,631.17 was donated to Cancer Care thanks to the use of our facilities, and AGN and AMF were included in the photo.</p> <p>AGN stated that the catering team were doing another fundraiser in November (charity bingo), and it was agreed that the club would donate the unclaimed raffle prize of the Hayes Gardenworld voucher for this event, as we will make money again behind the bar. SAY also said that he’d ask the Riverside Gym if they would offer memberships, like they used to for the Floodlight League raffle.</p>	SAY
7	<p><b>Competition Secretary’s Report:</b></p> <p>SHK stated that dates had been agreed for 2020 and AGN has a schedule. Sponsors to sort out for them, as the club covered the Seniors and the new Mixed Pairs this year – PCD said he’d enquire with John O’Flaherty (via Steve Teasdale) whether the family want to put anything in for that one. SAY also said that we still have the Cumbria Suzuki advertising board up, but they don’t pay for it anymore. We could do with more sponsorship, and all members of the committee were asked to look around and we can discuss again at the next meeting.</p> <p>SHK said thank you to PCD for running the seniors competition this year, AGN for all his help with competitions and anyone else who has contributed to a successful year for the open competitions.</p>	PCD / All
8	<p><b>New Membership Applications:</b></p> <p>Stephen Ashburn, Ian France, Ian Harrison, Molly Hughes, Ronnie Jones, June Kidd, Alan Salisbury, Tony Slegers, Sue Wareing, Chris &amp; Mary West have been approved by email before this meeting, as there was a bit of a gap between the last meeting and this due to the Floodlight League.</p> <p>We also have a membership form and cheque from Brian Cowley, who was accepted unanimously.</p>	
9	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p>SAY asked whether anyone knew who might take over from him as treasurer. AGN said that he would do an AGM notice, and include a highlighted section appealing for a new treasurer. Others were also asked to talk to people to see if anyone would be interested.</p> <p>SCL said that he has now been informed that Growing Well, the local charity that enquired about providing some catering at future events, only do vegan food. It was therefore agreed that this would not be an option that we would like to pursue, as we do not feel the audience we cater to would appreciate that. AGN said that he’d spoken to Kirsten and she indicated that their team were keen to continue, perhaps fundraising for other local charities that mean something to our members.</p>	AGN / All
10	<p><b>Date of the next meeting(s):</b></p> <p>The following dates and times for the winter meetings have previously been agreed:</p> <p>Wednesday, 11 December 2019 at 7pm – committee meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, 22 January 2020 at 7pm – committee meeting</p> <p>AGM Saturday, 15 February 2020 at noon</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:27pm