

**Victoria Bowling Club
Meeting of the Committee
Wednesday, 11 December 2019, 7pm**

Agenda Item	Present:	Action
1	<p>Present: Steve Cornell [SCL] (chairperson), Alan Gilpin [AGN], Paul Crossland [PCD], Sue Hillbeck [SHK], John Foster [JFR], Alan Medcalf [AMF], Dan Hartley [DHY], Martin Blamire [MBE].</p>	
2	<p>Apologies: Geoff Thompson [GTN], Simon Airey [SAY].</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 6 November 2019): The minutes were accepted as a true record (proposed by JFR, seconded by SHK).</p> <p>AGN also produced a print-out of the email minutes, approving the opening of a catering bank account, which have already been approved by the chairman so that the account can be opened. AGN confirmed that the account was now open with Skipton Building Society.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a. Floodlights – the electrician (Dry Hannah) has been to have a look at what we currently have in place, and has advised that the wiring is okay as is. All we would need is a new breaker and two new switches (approx. £50 total for those materials) and with his time the full bill should be around £200. AGN asked how much the lights were, and SCL looked back at the quotes, concluding that all in, total cost should not exceed £2,000, and he asked the committee whether we wanted to look at grant funding or simply go ahead out of club funds.</p> <p>AGN stated that there was over £16k in the various bank accounts and as a non-profit organisation, re-investment into club facilities was part of what we should be doing, so for him, we should just go ahead. This was discussed briefly, and all agreed that we should go ahead with this project, aiming for the work to be done in February and so ready for the new season.</p> <p>SCL asked about the awnings, which were previously agreed to be purchased. AMF stated that the ones he'd been looking at (from Screwfix) were not suitable for rain, but were rather meant as a sun shade and so he was still looking.</p> <p>AMF also mentioned that the glass washer for the bar (also previously approved) is coming next week.</p> <p>b. Other Capital Projects (Shed Alterations) – following a recent discussion with Sam at the Albion, it appears that they may require building work, so he would not recommend attaching anything to it at this time. AMF said that the team were therefore rethinking options for now, but had been keeping busy with the replacement of boarding in the gutters as well as the new shelving in the bar, after the old shelf collapsed.</p> <p>c. Cumberland Sponsorship Money and Other Sponsors – SHK stated that she had done a letter and taken it to them by hand, but having spoken to SAY last week, the money had not yet come in. It was agreed to leave this until the next meeting, to see if SAY had been successful in obtaining the money, and if not, what the general feeling was for continuing to use the Cumberland for sponsorship and banking facility.</p> <p>SHK noted that the family of John O'Flaherty had agreed to sponsor his competition.</p> <p>d. 2020 Competitions – AGN has spoken to Denise Noble, who is meeting with Chris Hill (Kendal League secretary) this Sunday to discuss who will be doing the list of open comps for 2020. We have our schedule (AGN produced proposed lists of both open and club competition dates for next year – see appendices 1 & 2) ready, but need to make sure they don't clash with anything else before making official.</p> <p>AGN asked SHK whether she wanted to keep her father's (Jim Oswald) competition at the lower price, and it was decided to bring this in-line with the others for 2020.</p> <p>AGN noted that he'd changed the over 60's club comp date so that it was in half-term and then we should have the school car park, as well as potentially more helpers. He's also assumed Presidents Day will stay at the end of the season, as that worked well this year, and added the winter singles to the list. The Moscrop is also planned to stay as it changed to in 2019 (evening qualifiers to a final night).</p> <p>All agreed with the schedules of competitions, subject to checking clashes with other events in the area, once they are published.</p> <p>e. Nominations for Treasurer from 2020 – AGN produced a notice he planned to put up ahead of the AGM (see appendix 3), which included a red section regarding the treasurer position. He also noted that Dave Mould's Trustee position was up for renewal.</p> <p>JFR mentioned that his wife, Jackie, may offer to do the Treasurer role, but did have a lot of other things on so this would only be if nobody else came forward. She has done this role before for the club they played at in Manchester.</p> <p>f. New Club Rules for Notice of Motion to 2020 AGM – AGN produced a new set of rules he'd been working on at length (see appendix 4) for discussion. He recommended that these be taken away and reviewed by all, and he would later email everyone a copy + the old rules and a schedule of differences, as we would need to finalise these at the next meeting to include them as a notice of motion for the AGM.</p>	All

4	Proposals / Other Matters for Discussion: None.	
5	Treasurer's Report: The bank account has £14,097 in it, and there is around £2,500 in the bar account. There is also £35 in the catering account, of which 50% is due to us.	
6	Secretary's Report: Kendal League The AGM was held on 28 November (SCL attended). There are no major changes. AGN has received the subscription notice for 2020 and forwarded to SAY for payment (now in safe for AGN to collect on behalf of the league). Rural League The AGM was held on 21 November (JFR attended and gave a detailed report). Floodlight League Ron Fishlock (from Arnside), has been in touch and asked to withdraw from the league – this was nothing to do with us, as they have thoroughly enjoyed it, but they are struggling for numbers, especially on a Thursday night. Lower Holker have been contacted and have taken the place, so we remain full and there is no financial consequence to Arnside for dropping out at this time. Other Matters Moore & Smalley booked the green for hire on Tuesday, 26 November and this seemed to go very well – AGN thanked PCD, JFR and SHK for attending to assist on the night. AGN has emailed M&S to thank them for coming.	
7	Competition Secretary's Report: Nothing to note, as we are out of season.	
8	New Membership Applications: Ellie Chandler has been approved by email before this meeting. There were no other applications.	
9	Any other business: SHK has given the £60 back to Kirsten Wilson for the catering profits from Presidents Day, which have been donated on to Cancer Care. PCD asked when we wanted to host social nights, and it was agreed to do one on 20 December and 17 January. PCD to promote on Facebook and AGN to email members with details + AGM information. AMF mentioned that Kirsten was also going to run another event in January, but this would likely be on a Saturday.	PCD / AGN
10	Date of the next meeting(s): The following dates and times for the winter meetings have previously been agreed: Wednesday, 22 January 2020 at 7pm – committee meeting AGM Saturday, 15 February 2020 at noon	

The meeting closed at 7:58pm