

**Victoria Bowling Club  
Meeting of the Committee  
Wednesday, 22 January 2020, 7pm**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Present:</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Steve Cornell [SCL] (chairperson), Alan Gilpin [AGN], Paul Crossland [PCD], Sue Hillbeck [SHK], John Foster [JFR], Dan Hartley [DHY], Martin Blamire [MBE], Simon Airey [SAY].</p> <p>In attendance: Jackie Foster</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Alan Medcalf [AMF], Geoff Thompson [GTN].</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 11 December 2019):</b> The minutes were accepted as a true record (proposed by SHK, seconded by DHY).</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>a. Floodlights – SCL has told the supplier that we want to go ahead with a timeline of February / March, with the work to be completed by the end of March so that it does not interfere with the start of the season.</p> <p>AMF had asked SCL if an outdoor socket could be installed during this process so that the maintenance team didn't have to trail extension cables across the green. If we run wiring round, this could be expensive, but there is an option to attach to one of the lights with the only issue being that the light would need to be turned on in order to use the socket. It was agreed that the socket be linked to the light, as the cost of turning on the new floodlights is negligible.</p> <p>b. Cumberland Sponsorship – Monies now received and SHK offered to write to them thanking them for the 2019 sponsorship, and applying for the 2020 money.</p> <p>c. 2020 Club Competition Dates – AGN produced a draft list of club competition dates (appendix 1), amended so that they do not clash with other local events. He felt that this provides us with a better spread of dates across the year, and also produced a schedule of local competitions (appendix 2), with the draft club competition dates added with green highlight and our open competitions highlighted in orange. These dates were agreed unanimously, and AGN said he would print the list for the notice board and include in his next email to members.</p> <p>d. New Club Rules for Notice of Motion to 2020 AGM – AGN asked whether everybody had read his draft new rules and email commentary on the changes: everybody had and all seemed happy with them as presented. SCL asked to clarify the following minor points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Removal of social members – AGN explained that we haven't had social members for a while and that visitors to the club are encouraged without any fee, as long as members are present. It was agreed that these should be removed, though SCL pointed out that they should also be taken out of the section under voluntary dissolution, which AGN agreed to do before publishing.</li> <li>ii) Licencing hours – do we need to add a curfew for junior members? This was discussed, and it was agreed that we do not need to state anything, as if there is a legal requirement then we would have to follow it anyway and saying nothing allows flexibility.</li> <li>iii) Under complaints, we refer to the club's child protection policy but this is simply what we adopt as imposed by the BCGBA. AGN agreed to re-word this to "the applicable child protection policy".</li> <li>iv) Under subscriptions, do we not have a reduced fee for new memberships received mid-year? AGN stated that he had intended to bring this up in his report, as he was frustrated when he learned that someone paid 50% in July 2019 and then went on to compete in both of the winter leagues! His opinion was that any new member wishing to join should pay full whack, and this was agreed and so no changes are required to the draft new rules.</li> <li>v) Do we need to mention visitor green fees anywhere? AGN stated that this would be covered in "other fees" under the subscription section.</li> </ul> <p>JFR asked about new member applications, and whether there should be restrictions if they intend to play for the club in place of long-standing members, referencing back to the first match of 2019 where the D team that was picked was different to the one that finished the 2018 season. This was dismissed, as the club has a team selection policy in place that has been agreed and it was felt that it worked very well last season, as previously discussed.</p> <p>As an aside, AGN said that it would be good to put up a list for players who wanted to play in the teams in 2020, as well as a list for anyone interested in being on the team selection committee.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGN</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Proposals / Other Matters for Discussion:</b> None.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> There is £14,426.14 in the main account, with likely around £2k in the bar account (AMF not present).</p> <p>SAY said that he had passed everything on to AGN to produce the accounts for 18-19 and AGN said he was nearly there with them, and would email out when completed. Indications are that we have done similar to last year, with a surplus of around £1k. Bar takings were up but gross profit percentage had dropped due to us absorbing the supplier price increase, and AMF had already advised that prices will likely need looking at again before the start of the new season.</p>	

	AGN added that there was £277.10 in the catering account, of which £133.55 was due to us and £143.55 set aside to give to the local Motor Neurone charity.	
6	<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b></p> <p><b>Kendal League</b> Fixtures are now published and displayed on the office notice board.</p> <p>Denise Noble has sent out an information sheet for the MB Bowling website (see appendix 3), a copy of which AGN has pinned to the notice board in the office.</p> <p><b>Cumbria County</b> AGM minutes have been received and several officer positions were not filled: Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Mens County Manager, County Team Secretary, Junior County Team Secretary and Junior County Team Manager are now vacant posts!</p> <p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <p>1) Andy Blackman (Netherfield BC) has emailed a very detailed suggestion for bringing junior members into our sport at the Kendal clubs (appendix 4), and asked whether we would be interested. AGN said that in his opinion, this was looking at the wrong age bracket, and we would be better targeting those in their 30s and 40s, from which you may get junior members (children of those that take it up) – if you look at the juniors in the game that have played over the years it is almost always those with family already in the sport. AGN also stated that he had concerns over safeguarding, as the children would not necessarily be with their parents.</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that KVBC were not interested in taking part in this, and AGN was asked to reply to that effect and wish Netherfield luck with it.</p> <p>2) Martin Kinley replied to AGN's email communication sent out on 19 December, stating that: "One thing that was on my mind was publishing some guidelines when using the official 'the vic' Facebook pages and appropriate language. I have seen some language in the past which I didn't think was appropriate for a bowling club but its part of good governance to lay down some ground rules."</p> <p>This has been discussed previously at our meetings and we are happy that this is being monitored. It was not felt that there needed to be a formal policy, and AGN was asked to reply to Martin Kinley explaining our reasoning.</p> <p>3) An email had come from John Smith (Rural League), asking if we could host two David Skidmore matches this year: we were down to do one but Netherfield have advised that their green will again be closing early for remedial work at the end of the summer, so they cannot commit to hosting. We would therefore be required (if available) for both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of September. AGN stated that on the 9<sup>th</sup>, several of our usual helpers would be in the Isle of Man, but it was agreed that there would be sufficient numbers around despite this, and that we should offer to help by hosting both dates. AGN also mentioned that he'd checked the Torchlight Carnival date and it was at the end of September in 2020, so we were okay there, and he would reply to John Smith.</p>	<p>AGN</p> <p>AGN</p> <p>AGN</p>
7	<p><b>Competition Secretary's Report:</b></p> <p>The winter singles was won by AGN, who beat AMF in the final from a field of 32.</p> <p>The open competitions are now online and entries are coming in.</p>	
8	<p><b>New Membership Applications:</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
9	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p>SCL – Alan Sanderson had asked if we could purchase some new dominos for the social area. SCL also mentioned it would be good to build a unit under the dart board for bits and bobs like the darts, dominos, poker chips etc. Both were agreed.</p> <p>It was asked whether we should put a trophy cabinet in the bar area. SCL said that this had previously been agreed several years ago by the committee but never done. A discussion was held, and concluded not to go ahead with a trophy cabinet, as there was now ample space behind the bar and that has a reduced risk of break-in than a display.</p>	
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: AGM Saturday, 15 February 2020 at noon</p> <p>We need to set the date for the first committee meeting after the AGM, and Wednesday, 26 February at 7pm was suggested, and agreed.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:13pm