

**Victoria Bowling Club
Meeting of the Committee
Wednesday, 26 February 2020, 7pm**

Agenda Item	Present: Steve Cornell [SCL] (chairperson), Alan Gilpin [AGN], Paul Crossland [PCD], Sue Hillbeck [SHK], John Foster [JnFR], Simon Airey [SAY], Jackie Foster (JeFR), Alan Medcalf [AMF], Geoff Thompson [GTN]. In attendance: Martin Kinley [MKY].	Action
1	Apologies: Dan Hartley [DHY]. SHK stated that Martin Blamire [MBE] was on holiday this week, though he had not sent his apologies.	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 22 January 2020): The minutes were accepted as a true record (proposed by SHK, seconded by SAY).	
3	Matters Arising: a. (Re)Election of Chairperson and Welfare Officer(s) – In accordance with the club rules, the committee needs to appoint (or reappoint) these roles at this meeting. SCL was asked if he was willing to carry on as chairperson, which he was, and with no other volunteers this position was automatically re-elected. It was assumed that MBE would be willing to continue as Welfare Officer in his absence, and with no other volunteers this position was automatically re-elected, but will need to be confirmed later – AGN offered to send him a message to find out. As part of the new rules and constitution adopted at the recent AGM, we should appoint a vice-welfare officer, where possible, and so SCL asked if there were any volunteers for this role – MKY said that he would be willing to do this, as he has already done the safeguarding training with work. He was not certain whether he had a DBS check up-to-date and was going to look into it. AGN offered to contact Denise Noble (Cumbria's Safeguarding Officer), to ask whether this was a requirement for the vice role. AGN asked if the committee wanted him to put up a list of the key officers of the club, together with contact details for each, on the notice board. This would be the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Greenkeeper, Welfare Officer and Vice-Welfare Officer. This was agreed. b. Election of Team Selection Committee – In accordance with the club rules, the committee needs to appoint a four-person selection committee at this meeting. The first decision is to select a club committee member from the volunteers to lead the selection committee – AGN produced the list showing himself, PCD and DHY from the club committee plus Dave Mould [DMD] and Alan Sanderson [ASN] and reminding everyone that he lead the selection committee in its maiden year in 2019, with PCD, DHY and ASN the other members. SCL suggested that AGN lead the selection committee again this year, as his input and spreadsheets seemed to be the start of the process of selection each week, which he thought worked very well in 2019. This was seconded by SHK and agreed by all. A brief discussion was held regarding the choice between leaving the selection committee as it was last year (with PCD, DHY and ASN) or bringing in DMD. A vote was held, and unanimously agreed to stick with the four members that did the job last year, as they have the experience, did a good job and will have learned from the process in order to improve it. c. Floodlights – these are now on order, with work expected to be completed in mid-March. We will need 5 or 6 members down to help on the 2 days it will take, to assist with lowering the poles, and it was thought that this would not be a problem, given enough notice.	AGN MKY AGN AGN
4	Proposals / Other Matters for Discussion: None.	
5	Treasurer's Report: JeFR was welcomed as the new Treasurer. Membership subscriptions are coming in, with £695 received to date (still to be banked). AGN asked if JeFR had received the list of members from 2019 that he'd emailed her, which she had and was using this to tick people off as they paid. There is £12,535.80 in the main bank account, with around £1,800 in the bar account. MKY asked what level of money the club would normally have and it was stated that this was good for the time of year, though with the floodlights to pay for it would come down soon. AGN added that there was £356.60 in the catering account, of which £169.80 was due to us and £186.80 set aside to give to the local Motor Neurone charity. With the winter season now finished, AGN asked whether we should pay the former balance across to the main club account, and this was agreed. The Catering account signatories are currently AGN and SHK, and AGN asked if JeFR was happy for that to stay the same, now that she is Treasurer, which she was. SAY has picked up the forms required to change the bank mandate, and noted that they currently have himself and SHK, as expected, but also John Iddon [JIN] and Norman Kinley [NKY]. It was assumed that JIN and NKY were on	AGN / SHK

	<p>there from their time as Trustees, but this was no longer the case, especially for NKY, who passed away two years ago! It was agreed that we should change the signatories on the account to be two from three of JeFR, SHK and AMF going forward, with all others being removed.</p>	
6	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>League Bowling AGN has confirmed that all four Kendal & District Bowling League teams are expecting to play in the appropriate cup competitions for this coming season.</p> <p>Before the season starts, AGN will log-on to the various MB Bowling Websites for each league and update player lists, captain information etc.</p> <p>Cumbria County We have had no update on the vacant positions within the County, but AGN knows that last week there was still no Treasurer, with no immediate outcome known.</p> <p>Club Competitions Lists are up for the first three club competitions, being the invitation pairs (7 Mar), Stubbs Cup (18 Apr) and the Forbes Cup (2 May). The singles are filling well, and there are 20 pairs for the invitation, but AGN asked whether the committee were happy that at least two of those were members playing with other members, as the intention of the competition creation was to bring non-members into the club before the start of the new season.</p> <p>After a discussion on the merits of changing the rules for this competition at the last minute against the desire for more entries, it was decided that we should allow members to play with members, and AGN said that he intended to email all members this week with post-AGM information, so will include this with the hope that we can reach 32 pairs. The draw is to be made on Friday, but can be done so with spaces for the later entries to fill up to 32, and if they are not achieved then we can leave the spaces as byes.</p> <p>Open Competitions AGN asked SHK to give a brief report on entries for our open competitions. We have 21 entries for our Spring Doubles at the end of April, which is very good for this time of year. As the next meeting is expected to be early April, we can look at numbers then and decide if we need to push on Facebook.</p> <p>AGN stated that he has requested permission from Stramongate School for parking at all of our events over the next 12 months, which has been agreed subject to there not being works during their holidays.</p> <p>Other Matters We have the member lists to submit to Cumbria County, once renewals have gone through.</p>	<p>AGN</p> <p>AGN</p>
7	<p>New Membership Applications: Neil Davies was approved by email before the AGM for 2020/21, and there has been no more received since. AGN reminded the committee that new member requests now need to be listed on the notice board before we can approve them, so if anyone receives any from anyone they need to forward them to him as soon as possible.</p>	
9	<p>Any other business: SHK asked about raffle prizes for the open competitions. MKY suggested going to some local businesses for vouchers etc. AGN offered to include a request for prizes in his email to members.</p> <p>JnFR stated that it was agreed at the AGM that members had to renew by the end of April, or they would cease to be a member of the club. He asked if we could put a notice up stating this clearly, which AGN agreed to do and also said that he'd include it in his email.</p>	<p>AGN</p> <p>AGN</p>
10	<p>Date of the next meeting(s): AGN included on the agenda a list of proposed dates for the coming summer, as follows: - Wednesday, 8 April at 7:30pm Wednesday, 13 May at 7:30pm Wednesday, 17 June at 7:30pm Wednesday, 22 July at 7:30pm Wednesday, 26 August at 7:30pm</p> <p>SCL said that he was intending to play in the Morecambe League again this year, but as their fixtures were not yet released, we should stick with this.</p>	

The meeting closed at 7:50pm