

Kendal Victoria Bowling Club

Minutes of the Online (Zoom) Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 10 June 2020 from 7:30pm

1. Apologies

Received from Simon Airey.

Present: Alan Gilpin (secretary), Jackie Foster (treasurer), Paul Crossland, Dan Hartley, Alan Medcalf, John Foster, Geoff Thompson & Sue Hillbeck.

Alan Gilpin asked whether anyone knew where Steve Cornell (chairperson) was, as he was expected to take part in the meeting. Dan Hartley sent him a message and Alan Gilpin suggested that we gave him until 7:40 then started the meeting, and if he joined he could take over the chair. Alan Gilpin then asked whether the club has a vice-chair, and it was agreed that he, as secretary, should be the one to cover for the chairperson in his absence.

2. Minutes of the Previous (Zoom) Meeting held on 20 May 2020

These were proposed to be accepted as a true record by Dan Hartley, seconded by Sue Hillbeck and agreed by all.

3. Email Correspondence from the Green Opening Guidance for Phase 2 (1 June 2020)

This was accepted as a true record of the agreement to update guidance on use of the club by members from June, following the updated guidance from the Government and the BCGBA.

4. Matters Arising

a. Floodlights

With no update from Steve Cornell it was assumed there was no change – waiting for a date from the supplier for day 2 of 2 of the work to be scheduled. Alan Medcalf added that there was a person at the green last Thursday measuring up and they'd said the boxes were not yet ordered so he'd asked Steve Cornell to follow up.

b. Social Media Policy

Alan Gilpin asked if everyone had read the draft policy and all said that they had. Alan Gilpin asked if anyone had any recommendations for changes, but all felt that it was good enough as it stood and so it was proposed that it was adopted by the committee. Alan Gilpin asked whether the committee had the power to adopt such a policy, or whether it should be approved by members at an AGM and a discussion followed – it was agreed that the committee could adopt a policy separate to the club's rules, but that Alan Gilpin should email it out to members when he next communicates to them on the virus outbreak, and ask that if there are any suggested changes from members they could bring it to the next AGM.

c. Review of Green Opening Guidance

Still no reply from the BCGBA and Alan Gilpin stated that he'd only had a grumble from Dave Hourihan by email since our last meeting, which was a picture of the clubhouse door being propped open on a day where temperatures soared – all agreed that this should be dismissed, as Dave hadn't replied to Alan Gilpin's reply to his email asking for clarification on what he meant. Alan Medcalf stated that when he's been down he's had the door propped open for two reasons:

to air the club and to allow access without different people touching the door handles. The committee agreed that this was a perfectly acceptable and sensible approach.

d. Member Renewals

Alan Gilpin has been working with Simon Airey and Jackie Foster on updating the list of members that have paid for their membership renewal (or new member fee) since the AGM and confirmed 77 of the 90 registered members had renewed so far. Alan Gilpin said that a full list would be put together to enable us to submit the form to Cumbria County asap, but asked what we should do about those who have not renewed – do we contact each by phone to get a reason and give them one last chance to renew? Jackie Foster said her list was less, but she hadn't been copied in to all of Simon Airey's emails and doesn't have access to the most recent bank statements.

It was agreed that we should be consistent, so either contacting none or all of those who haven't renewed. Alan Gilpin stated that he was not prepared (and didn't have the time) to contact all of them, but would compile a list and send it to the committee this week for people to volunteer to contact people they were more familiar with.

5. Coronavirus and its Effect on the Club

- a. League bowling – Kendal and Seniors Leagues now officially cancelled for 2020. No word from the Rural League yet.
- b. Open competitions – Without an update from the BCGBA on when these can return, Alan Gilpin suggested that the Norman Kinley Pairs be the next to go, and we can review again at the next meeting, which was agreed.
- c. Club competitions – As above so we cannot hold any yet. AGN suggested that the Moscrop Cup could be the first one to be held on qualifying evenings, which would reduce the number of the people at the green at any one time, but we cannot set any dates yet.
Sue Hillbeck asked whether the committee think she should contact Cindy Kerrigan direct to talk about the chances of Paul's memorial competition taking place in July as planned, which was agreed.
- d. Floodlight league – Alan Gilpin emailed clubs after the last meeting but said we would need to make a decision probably by the next meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Alan Gilpin said that Simon Airey told him there was £23,103.33 in the bank yesterday, which was high but we haven't paid for the floodlights yet and still have an unknown period of time where we do not know if we will get profits from the bar or events.

7. Secretary's Report

An email has been received via Cumbria County from the BCGBA with some FAQ's on their guidance for greens re-opening, which didn't shed any light on our uncertainties.

8. New Membership Applications

John Oliver & Amber Glaister were both approved unanimously, and have already paid. Alan Gilpin added that he'd had an email from Neil Davies, who had previously been approved, saying that he wasn't going to join this year as a result of the outbreak, but did intend to join next year – Alan Gilpin was asked to reply saying that we'd shred his application but he could send it in again when he's ready to join again.

9. Any Other Business

None.

10. Time and Date of Next Meeting

Alan Gilpin suggested pencilling in another meeting in 3 weeks' time, i.e. 1 July, but noted that we may need to meet sooner if the guidance changes or the BCGBA's reply impacts on our green opening policy. This was agreed, and it was questioned whether this still needed to be via Zoom, or whether we could meet at the club (whilst socially distancing), especially if it was a dry night and we could sit outside. It was agreed to meet at the club at 7:30pm, on Wednesday, 1 July unless there is reason to meet sooner.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:12pm.