

Kendal Victoria Bowling Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 5 August 2020 from 7:30pm

1. In Attendance / Apologies

Present: Steve Cornell (chairperson), Alan Gilpin (secretary), Jackie Foster (treasurer), Paul Crossland, Alan Medcalf, Sue Hillbeck, Martin Blamire, John Foster & Dan Hartley.

Apologies were received from Geoff Thompson.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 1 July 2020

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

3. Matters Arising

a. Floodlights

The work has now been completed, with invoice to come.

b. Electrics

Steve Cornell has been round today with the electricians, to help compile a report on the requirements. He asked Jackie Foster whether she was sure there were two separate meters for the electrics, as they could only find one, but Jackie said that she had confused the paperwork and had now established that only one is being billed. The electricians had suggested that they did not feel a complete rewire was required and still have the sockets and lights to check.

A separate quote for additional sockets and wiring at the far end of the green will be provided with their report on the main building work suggestions.

c. Review of Green Opening Guidance

New updated guidance has come from BCGBA, bringing it in-line with what we intended to work with at our last meeting and so the guidance approved then was brought back into force and emailed to members. There has been no further updates from BCGBA since, and the committee felt that they were happy for now with their current position on the green opening guidance.

Paul Crossland added that he felt that the bar opening was also going well after our sub-committee meeting last month and Alan Medcalf added that we had taken £1,100 over the bar since reopening.

d. Review of the Moscrop Cup (club competition)

Alan Gilpin stated that 34 members originally entered the first club event since lockdown, of which 3 later withdrew but were replaced with other members. He felt that this showed a desire from within the membership to play competitive bowls, and that many members were happy with the safeguards put in place to keep risks to a minimum. With running qualifying nights then a finals evening, whilst every occasion was well supported by members, the numbers within the club grounds did not exceed 30 at any time (highest count 26).

4. Coronavirus and its Effect on the Club

- a. League bowling – Still no word from the Rural League.
- b. Open competitions – These are now allowed, but with restrictions on numbers that would make running them on one day more difficult to manage. Alan Gilpin stated that with the amount of time left of the 2020 season, he felt we were better sticking to completing the club competitions this year, and leave open competitions until 2021, which was agreed.

Sue Hillbeck asked whether any sponsorship monies had been received, or if anyone had been in contact with any of the sponsors of our open competition events. It was thought that no sponsorship money had come in for 2020, which was okay with the committee with having no league bowling or open competitions. Alan Gilpin added that the other bowling clubs sponsored by Hayes Gardenworld had both put forward their money to the following year.

- c. Club competitions – Following the success of the Moscrop Cup, Alan Gilpin suggested that the next competitions could be played in a similar way, but perhaps that members would prefer a final day 16 than an evening with just 8. He suggested that we trial this with the next two events, playing qualifying nights on Monday to Thursday with 1 or 2 games per player (maximum of 16 per night with floodlights). It was agreed to trial this format, and Alan Gilpin stated that with no open competitions being played, we could finish on Sunday afternoons, which should allow for more people to play, avoiding work and other sporting commitments. This would therefore be trialled with the Stubbs Cup on 10-13 August and finished on 16 August then The Paul Kerigan on 24-27 August and finished on the 30th. The Forbes Cup was being held back to allow Ian Gilpin more time, as he had agreed to sponsor that event but was still isolating last we heard.

It was agreed to run the Stubbs Cup then the Paul Kerigan as suggested above, and pencil in the Bob Kirkby two weeks after that under the same format assuming that there were no rule changes by then, or to switch the Bob Kirkby to a one-day event (on 13 September) if allowed to do so at that time. Carrying on the fortnightly schedule would give the Joan May Rose Bowl on 27 September, the Forbes Cup on 11 October then Presidents Day on 25 October to finish the season. The Seniors Cup could be done on a Friday whenever it was felt appropriate down the line.

Alan Medcalf mentioned that at some point he will need to work on the green, but will work with the dates and keep Alan Gilpin informed if anything needed to change (it is weather dependant).

- d. Floodlight league – Alan Gilpin has emailed clubs to confirm it will not take place until 2021 and has also spoken to Windermere about returning to the league to take Lindale's place in the top tier (waiting to hear back).
- e. Possibility of Friendlies – Alan Gilpin stated that he'd added this because the BCGBA rules now allow it, and that we had previously scheduled two against Ambleside and Burneside before the season started, and he'd also mentioned it to Windermere when asking about the Floodlight League place. We could hold some friendlies in the alternate weeks between club competitions, if there was someone willing to organise and opposition willing to play. Paul Crossland agreed to speak with Ambleside and Alan Gilpin said he'd get in touch with Graham Barnes at Burneside and if they (or Windermere) were happy to play then Paul and Alan will sort out arrangements between them.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jackie Foster stated that she after quite a bit of chasing, the Cumberland have now completed the change of signatories to the main current account.

There was £23,175 in the current account at last view (end of June) and £78.72 in petty cash. Symbion have been paid £262 and the catering cheque has been received of £252.80 – Alan Gilpin added that the donation to MND can be done in liaison with Cindy Kerigan at the club competition later this month.

Alan Medcalf added that the bar account had around £2,000 in it.

6. Secretary's Report

The Moscrop Cup was won by Martin Gilpin, who beat Keith Atkinson in the final from a field of 34.

7. New Membership Applications

None.

8. Any Other Business

Alan Medcalf said that the Hoover needed replacing, and would like to purchase a vac with shampoo option, which are just over £200. This was agreed.

9. Time and Date of Next Meeting

The agenda had Wednesday, 2 September (from 7:30pm) pencilled in, which was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:16pm.