

Kendal Victoria Bowling Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 4 November 2020 from 7pm

1. In Attendance / Apologies

Present: Steve Cornell (chairperson), Alan Gilpin (secretary), Jackie Foster (treasurer), Paul Crossland, Martin Blamire, John Foster.

Apologies were received from Alan Medcalf.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 11 October 2020

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

3. Matters Arising

- a. Electrics – Some of the internal remedial work has commenced, with the rest to be fit in as and when convenient to both parties.
The floodlight positions have also been altered.
- b. Gas leak (kitchen) – Simeon Noble has had a look and identified a small leak coming from the gas hob, which was then turned off.
- c. Secretary / Events Secretary position – Alan Gilpin said that he had not had chance to draw up anything to change the rules and incorporate a new Events Secretary position, and that only Dave Mould had approached him with a discussion as to what the Administrative Secretary role would entail.

4. Coronavirus and its Effect on the Club

- a. New lockdown for UK – The BCGBA have emailed this morning, to confirm that we will have to close our green as well as the bar from tomorrow, so this was agreed. Alan Gilpin stated that he'd spoken to our greenkeeper (Alan Medcalf) before the guidance had been issued, to discover whether a break in play to do work would be advantageous and he had said that it would be, and could possibly mean we do not have to close again before the start of the 2021 season (weather and green condition come March dependant). It was also agreed that we would re-open the green as soon as we are allowed to do so, so that the winter leagues etc. can be played.
- b. League bowling – The Kendal & District Bowling League have finally been in touch to say that their AGM will be postponed to February, and asked for trophies to be returned. Alan Gilpin has emailed to say which trophies we have, but that two of the three of them have gone to Kendal Trophies for engraving.

- c. Club competitions – The Presidents Cup has been postponed, as we cannot comply with the new Government guidelines for this event in the planned format. The draw had already been done, and Alan Gilpin suggested that this should be scrapped, as some players did not enter that may want to join later and some that are in the draw may not be able to play at the future date. This was agreed.

The format for the President's Cup was discussed and in order to work around other planned matches, this would now be aimed to take place over three Saturdays in January.

- d. Winter leagues – Phase 1 of the Singles League was due to conclude this Friday, but with restrictions coming in from tomorrow Alan Gilpin and Alan Medcalf were able to organise the remaining games yesterday and today. Phase 2 can now commence as soon as safe to do so, following the easing of lockdown restrictions. Alan Gilpin to email competitors.

The Doubles League was scheduled to start on Sunday, 15 November but this will have to be delayed at least three weeks due to the restrictions. Alan Gilpin to email competitors.

5. Treasurer's Report

The current account at the end of October is expected to be around £17k and there is also £70 in the petty cash.

Alan Gilpin said that he should have time to audit the financial statements once Jackie Foster has got everything together for him, ideally before January.

6. Secretary's Report

The Joan May Rose Bowl was won by Alan Gilpin, who beat Martin Gilpin in the final from a field of 44. The Seniors Cup was won by Stephen Ashburn, who beat Keith Atkinson in the final from a field of 28. The Forbes cup was won by Martin Gilpin, who beat Paul Crossland in the final from a field of 48.

We have received a letter of thanks from the MNDA, which Alan Gilpin shared by email with Cindy Kerigan, for our donation.

A spreadsheet of club handicapped competition entrants was produced (appendix 1), and explained to the committee how this had been used to assess the handicap of each player under the proposed new system. Alan Gilpin also produced a new policy for this system (appendix 2), which he encouraged the committee to adopt but suggested this should be done at the next meeting, after everyone had chance to read it properly.

The BCGBA are introducing a "Go Membership" National Database to replace the annual declaration to your individual counties regarding membership changes. Colin Haworth has asked for a name from each club to be responsible for the pilot of this in 2021. Jackie Foster volunteered to do this, and Alan Gilpin said that he would aim to assist.

There is a new Return to Play Fund from Sport England, but Alan Gilpin has had a quick look and doesn't

feel as though it will be any use to us, but welcomes any other thoughts if people can have a look at it.

The South Lakeland Rural League have acknowledged our withdrawal from the league, and asked whether they would still be able to use our facilities for the David Skidmore matches, as they had very few clubs with floodlights. Alan Gilpin has replied to say he doesn't think it would be a problem, but that it would depend on what plans our Events Secretary had for Friday nights at that time of year. John Foster said that he'd been talking to a number of members that were disappointed to learn that we had withdrawn from the Rural League, and Alan Gilpin had asked him to come up with a list of names, so he'd come with 10 that would be willing to play. Alan Gilpin produced a list of the players that played for our club in the Kendal & District League in 2019, showing that of the 45 players used that season, 13 had either not renewed their memberships for 2020 or given an indication they were not going to play again this/next year. That would leave us very close to the amount needed, so the new players would all be required to fill those spots, as well as playing for the Seniors B (where appropriate).

John Foster's list was reviewed in conjunction with the additional information provided on playing squads by Alan Gilpin and a discussion took place. It was agreed that our original decision to withdraw from the Rural League should stand, as all players would still get a game somewhere and Friday nights could still be used by those and other players for other events.

7. New Membership Applications

Fred Dixon and David O'Callaghan had applied but had not been listed on the board for 10 days at last meeting's date, so were approved by Alan Gilpin and Steve Cornell shortly after with no negative comments about them coming forward. John Gibson has put an application in and paid, with the intention of entering phase 2 of the winter singles league, and was unanimously approved.

8. Any Other Business

Paul Crossland asked how much had been raised for the Mike Wilson fund, and Alan Gilpin said that he and Alan Medcalf had opened the donation bucket together that morning and counted it all up – there will be £125 in the bank account for us to send over to the charity, which we can now do in the new year.

9. Time and Date of Next Meeting

On the agenda, Alan Gilpin suggested moving the next scheduled meetings to Wednesday, 9 December 2020 and then 20 January 2021 (each at 7:30pm) before the AGM on Saturday, 13 February 2021 at noon (subject to social distancing rules at that time).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:17pm.