

Kendal Victoria Bowling Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Thursday, 22 April 2021 from 7:30pm

1. In Attendance / Apologies

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

In Attendance: Martin Kinley (Trustee)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 17 March 2021

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

3. Matters Arising

- a. Electrics – Steve Cornell has spoken to the electrician, who thought we were hanging fire with the additional work. They can still do this, but the original quote will no longer be valid due to increased costs; it will now be an additional 10%, i.e. just under £2,000. Alan Gilpin noted that Alan Medcalf had previously told us that the work needed doing, which Alan Medcalf confirmed, so it was agreed to proceed with the job at the higher price.

Paul Crossland asked whether we could get a quote for some outside lights, as it goes incredibly dark when the floodlights are turned off. Alan Gilpin noted that there is an outside light both in front of the bar and kitchen, but it was felt that another outside light in front of the main door to the clubhouse would be useful, so Steve Cornell was asked to seek a quote for this when the other electrical work was done.

- b. Floodlight alterations – Alan Medcalf noted that these have not been done, and that they weren't far out. Steve Cornell mentioned his light meter readings following the complaint and it was agreed that the floodlights would be left as they are until we get another complaint. It is unlikely they will be used much until the back end of the season.
- c. Kitchen hob and replacement of water boiler – Water boiler came, has been installed and is working. Simeon Noble has not been back to fit the kitchen hob, and Alan Gilpin suggested asking him to come early when he is playing at home one week – Paul Crossland to mention to him.
- d. The future of the floodlight league (final decision) – Paul Crossland and Steve Cornell were both very quick to propose that the league be scrapped, and Jackie Foster backed this up remembering the damage the league caused to the green. It was agreed that the Floodlight Doubles League would be scrapped, and Alan Gilpin was asked to email clubs to let them know this was the case.

Over the coming months we will discuss options to replace this event with something from our own membership.

4. Post-AGM business

- a. Election of chairperson – Steve Cornell stated that he was willing to carry-on as chair, which was unopposed and unanimously accepted.
- b. Election of welfare officer(s) – Martin Blamire and Martin Kinley both stated that they were willing to carry-on their respective positions as welfare officer and vice-welfare officer, and were both reappointed unanimously.
- c. Election of team selection committee – with only four names on the list, Paul Crossland, Alan Medcalf, Dan Hartley and Alan Sanderson were appointed unopposed. It was agreed that Paul Crossland take the lead, as he had previous experience of working on the selection committee, and is also on the club committee.
- d. Election of club competition handicap review committee – this was done by Paul Crossland and Alan Medcalf, with help from Dan Hartley, last year in the trial run. Alan Gilpin stated that with Paul Crossland now organising the club events with the assistance of Dan Hartley, he felt that neither of these should be on the handicap review committee – they will be responsible for giving new players their initial handicap and then have the option to challenge any changes from the new handicap review committee.

Paul Crossland proposed that Alan Sanderson and Alan Medcalf could do this job. Alan Gilpin questioned this, as that would mean the same four people picking the teams and sorting out the competitions, but the rest of the committee didn't see this as too much of an issue in the absence of another proposal, and so it was agreed.

5. Coronavirus and its effect on the club

- a. The President's Cup 2020 – Alan Gilpin organised this event over the first weekend of April, which seemed to work well with the coronavirus restrictions, and was received well by most of the members that took part. The event was won by Martin Gilpin, who beat Alan Sanderson in the final from a field of 47.
- b. 2021 club competitions – Alan Gilpin stated that he had emailed Paul Crossland and Dan Hartley with proposed dates and formats for the 2021 calendar, being as Paul had agreed to take these on and had asked Dan to help him with them. Paul Crossland stated that he must get together with Dan Hartley to organise these soon, but from conversations they had already had, thought the Mosecrop qualifiers would be first on the list with a view to finishing in September. Alan Gilpin corrected Paul Crossland, stating that the final of the Mosecrop used to be held in September at the same time as the Joan May, but this was changed a few years ago when he had played Alan Medcalf in both finals, with each player needing to play up to 7 games in one day as a result. Alan Gilpin referenced the Member's Competition Guidelines, which he had a copy of and said he would forward to Paul Crossland, Dan Hartley, Alan Sanderson and Alan Medcalf.
- c. 2021 open competitions – the schedule of events was agreed at the previous meeting and Sue Hillbeck was now taking entries, but there were only 12 so far for the first singles event. It was agreed to ask Sue to push this forward on Facebook, and that we did not need to limit to 32 as we could make qualifying sessions in morning and afternoon to work around the covid rules.

Steve Cornell mentioned that he had received a letter from the council about opening the kitchen but as we did not intend to provide food at events this year that he can deal with it when necessary. The bar will be open for events, and we can make sure we stock crisps, nuts etc.

Sue Hillbeck had confirmation from Geoff Thompson that CP Catering Equipment were going to

sponsor for 2021, but that this would be their last year. She also knew that the Cumberland had agreed their sponsor for the first competition and Home Designs have been invoiced and should have paid by now.

Finally, Sue Hillbeck had noted that the over 60's competition clashed with Fleetwood Festival final day, so do the committee want to move it back a week? This was agreed.

Alan Gilpin stated that he had not contacted the school to ask for car parking for our planned events in 2021, and suggested that Sue Hillbeck email for the open competitions and Paul Crossland ask separately for club events.

6. Treasurer's Report

Jackie Foster produced a copy for everyone of the March bank statement, as well as details of potential savings account options. She stated that there was £23,528 in the account and £1,100 had been added since for subscriptions. 63 full members have paid to date + 4 juniors and 9 locker payments – Alan Gilpin noted that Alan Medcalf gets a free membership due to his work on the green and there are also 3 life members (Dave Nelson, Doris and Norman Sharp). Jackie Foster said she would email her list to Alan Gilpin to forward on with the minutes so that we know who hasn't paid, though they have until the end of May this year.

After a discussion on reserves, it was agreed that £10,000 could be set aside for a savings account, and Jackie Foster was authorised to set this up on behalf of the committee.

7. Secretary's Report

Cumbria have provided the BCGBA update to step 2 of the return to play guidance, which has been printed and pinned up.

Denise Noble has emailed to let me know that Martin Blamire needs to update his DBS.

The Kendal League starts next week and communication email and fixtures have been put up on the notice board. Seniors League have also sent communication information

Alan Gilpin had the foresight to ask new member, John Oliver, if he wanted to register with BCGBA, and has organised this and added him to the MB Bowls system for results.

An email has been received from Ashley Bennett, who works for Rigby Taylor providing greenkeeping supplies. The email was forwarded to Alan Medcalf.

Finally, Alan Gilpin stated that this would be his last report, as he has tendered his resignation to come into effect from 1st May 2021; he will be relinquishing his position as secretary and coming off the committee. He let the committee know that they have a few options: -

- a. An existing member of the committee could volunteer to take over as secretary until the AGM
- b. A member could be brought into the committee as secretary in place of Alan Gilpin
- c. An EGM could be called to appoint a new secretary

Phil King thanked Alan Gilpin for his service to the club, which was reiterated by the chairman, Steve Cornell. Martin Kinley added that he thought Alan Gilpin had done a great job and will be missed.

8. New Membership Applications

Alan Gilpin presented the list of new applicants; Rod Garnett, Barry Minshall, David Johnson, Craig Harrison, Paul Teasdale and Kevin Edwards were all approved unanimously, as they had been displayed for the 10 days required. Bob Newby and Michael Myers were approved in principle, subject to no negative information being received in the coming few days.

9. Any Other Business

Alan Gilpin said that Sue Hillbeck had asked about advertising board sponsorships, and who will be contacting people. She normally contacts Kevin Bateman, who is happy to carry on, but will need an invoice. It was noted that advertising boards were charged at £100 per annum.

Paul Crossland asked whether we were going to be purchasing some new outdoor seating, and it was agreed that prices be reviewed at the next meeting. Steve Cornell added that we have previously approved the purchase of an awning but when Alan Medcalf looked into it, it seemed they weren't weatherproof, so nothing was done. Steve Cornell has now obtained a price for weatherproof options, which will be £160-£180 and we will need 5 or 6, so we are looking at £800-£1,000. This was approved for Steve Cornell to order.

Steve Cornell stated that he had spoken to Sue Hillbeck and Dan Hartley about coming back onto the committee, as they had both come forward too late for the AGM voting form, and Alan Gilpin had rightly told them that they could only now come back on at a future AGM or EGM, or to replace someone that is leaving. With Alan Gilpin coming off the committee, this gives an opportunity to bring one of them back on in his place – Steve Cornell has spoken with both and it seems Sue Hillbeck is happy not coming back as long as that doesn't affect her running the open competitions, but Dan Hartley was keen to return to the committee. It was therefore decided unanimously (Alan Gilpin abstained) that Dan Hartley be co-opted back onto the committee at the next meeting, to replace Alan Gilpin.

10. Time and Date of Next Meeting

It was decided that with Alan Gilpin stepping down as secretary, a meeting was needed as soon as possible but Alan Gilpin noted that they may want to wait until a time where the next lot of guidance was received from BCGBA, to come into effect from 17 May. It was therefore decided that the next meeting be on Wednesday, 12 May at 7:30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.