

Edgworth Bowling Club Committee Meeting

14th September 2021

Present: Andrew Spencer (Chair), Andrew Warman (Secretary), Stewart Beswick, Joan Turner, Katharine Warman (Minutes Secretary)

1. **Opening remarks – Andrew Spencer:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which unfortunately sees depleted numbers again. He confirmed that we are able to make financial decisions as a quorum was present, but RD will be consulted at a later date re financial matters.

2. **Apologies:**

Margaret Turlington, Robert Downie, Maureen Hall, Stewart Bailey, Kerry Holt

Stewart Bailey has resigned

3. **Matters arising from last meeting on 28th July:**

Item (a) KH to pursue issue of CCTV installation with the Barlow - remains outstanding

Item (b) AW to create draft nomination document for AGM – continues. We need a fuller committee meeting to discuss.

Item (c) DBS checks for people working with vulnerable people and children. It was agreed that DBS checks for all committee members are not necessary. The Clubmark pack is to be used as a basis to make our own guidelines.

Item (d) Advertising boards - Joan Turner has taken over this role (assisted by Margaret Whittaker) and it was agreed that a line would be drawn under payments taken for 2019/20 and there would be no further action taken on any outstanding debtors.

A list of current advertisers will be drawn up and it will be established who wants to continue in readiness for the green reopening in 2022. The cost of the boards are £160 for large (8' by 2') and £90 for the small boards. It is understood that Think Print can supply the boards. Our preference is to use the larger boards only.

Item (e) The last club competition will be on 3rd October and the green will then be closed. Club competitions do not seem to be so popular this year as numbers have been low and there is some difficulty regarding who will organise these events. It was agreed that there needs to be a Fixtures and Competitions Secretary for next year and dates put on a handout. The

Competitions Secretary would not necessarily have to be a committee member but this item can be discussed further.

Item (f) RD has passed last year's accounts to Ian Harvey for audit. RD is currently away.

4. **Minutes from 9th August:**

Item 2 (iii) The racking suggested by SB is not appropriate so AS will check the Big Doug website to see if there is anything suitable.

RD – wording regarding Kerry and Barlow trustees. Word “nomination” comment against minutes of 28th July. Change “representative” to “nominee”.

The Minutes of the 9th August meeting were approved.

5. **Ken Heathcote's swim:**

Money is coming in. So far £400 by BACS and cash which needs to be sorted. Final figure unknown but could exceed £1000.

Need decision on how to spend the money – eg: outside chairs and lockers. It was suggested that the committee should compile a shortlist of ideas and then these could be presented to the membership for them to make a final decision.

6. **AGM:**

A date for the AGM is to be agreed for mid to late November as Ian Harvey needs to scrutinise the accounts.

30 days' notice needs to be given to membership for the AGM and a deadline provided for nominations to join the committee. Nomination forms still need to be created. AW and AS to check on potential dates and availability of the hall.

7. **Secretary's report:**

There are around 130 paid up members but not all are regular players. Membership spreadsheet still needs updating to current topicality. This could be due to COVID.

A reminder to be sent out for MUGA trial inviting other bowlers known to the club.

MUGA Winter Bowling - The format recommended by Margaret T will be as per the Over Hulton Winter League: 8 teams play 3 pairs games over 3 hours (a playing team of 6 on the day); 2 matches per week running over 7 weeks, starting mid October. The MUGA would be booked 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm

Wednesdays and Fridays. 8 teams playing = 48 players at £2 per person, i.e. £96 income per match.

MUGA hire cost is £75 (3 hours @ £25ph) – remainder goes to club and prizes. Invitations for teams to be directed at EBC members first but teams would not be limited to just our players. Groups / squads of different individuals. Jim Sheffield will set up website, £10 fee payable to website creator. Possibility of small team registration fee to cover admin costs.

8. Treasurer's report:

2020 Accounts are with Ian Harvey

9. Green maintenance report:

The green has been spiked and fertilised but SB requires a further 10 bags of Mascot 'Blockade 2000' which will assist with drainage. The "Black layer" of compacted soil and thatch is looking much better and should recover over winter. AW to liaise with SB and order from supplier in a few weeks.

In the week after the green closes – ie: 2nd week in October SB will apply top dressing and build up crown further.

Tony Brown has suggested some type of porous lining for gullies. It was suggested that we could engage someone to renew the gully linings rather than rely on volunteers.

10. Advertising report:

See Item 3 (d)

11 Website and Facebook

The current Facebook and website administrations are AS, AW and Linda S. It has been suggested by LS that to avoid the risk of the facebook page or website becoming inaccessible we request Nikki Barlow to take both under the umbrella of her Luminite Consultancy. This may be free. The "Spanglefish" website have offered us the opportunity to have our own domain name which would cost £24 per annum. This would be www.edgworthbowlingclub.org.uk or similar. All agreed with these proposals.

12. Ground maintenance/woodland area:

A Working Party is to be organised on 16th October, with a fall back date of 23rd October if weather is bad.

The committee thanks all people who have contributed to maintaining the grounds in recent weeks, which are now much improved.

At the request of Tony Brown, all grass cuttings are to be placed behind the hedge at the Barlow Court side of the green to help kill the nettles. All the mowing team have been informed.

AW has sourced some pallets for a compost area to be constructed in conjunction with the Barlow Woodland Volunteers. AW to contact Iain Mackay.

13. Building and equipment work/acquisitions:

We agreed to make a list of building and maintenance jobs that need to be done, which identifies the cost and who will provide services. Meeting with AS, SB, AW and Tony Brown following the MUGA sessions will be held to create a list.

AS to ring Rita Kirk to ask her to purchase the path cleaning fluid.

14. Committee member teams:

There is too much work within the club falling onto a few individuals and the workloads need to be spread out. All committee members need to create their own "team" to assist with jobs allocated to them.

15. Any other business:

BR has requested Turton league Cup match. 'Mick Williams Trophy' in May 2022. This was agreed in principle and would be followed up next year.

Joyce Danks has sent out an email to all the members regarding the New Year's Eve Party. The food will be provided by Sam Legge and music by One Foot in the Groove. Mike Mojsejew will be asked to provide magic tricks.

Ian Price is looking into the option of cashless match fees for next season and the question of having a Drinks Card or a club card to pay for drinks was also suggested.

It was agreed that we should have a Club Bonfire on 5th November to dispose of all the cut down shrubs etc. SB to speak to Philip Grundy for permission.

The old barbecue which was discovered in the shrubbery is to be placed into the Barlow skip when it returns and SB suggested that the current barbecue is inspected and passed fit for use at the forthcoming bonfire.

A sign is to be made for the fridge stating that it is only to be used by the club and not by individuals.

16. The date of the next meeting will be 14th October 2021.