

Edgworth Bowling Club Committee Meeting 30th October 2019

Meeting Minutes

Those Present:

Joyce Danks (JD), Andrew Spencer (AS), Peter Russell (PR), Robert Downie (RD), Harry Riley (HR), Stewart Beswick (SB), Kerry Holt (KH), Maureen Hall (MH), Joan Turner (JT) Andrew Warman (AW), Margaret Turtington (MT), Joyce Makinson (JM),

The meeting was chaired by JM. Notes/actions recorded by Kathy Warman. Meeting started at 10.10am.

1.Apologies:

None

2.Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the meeting of 4th October were accepted.

3.Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Safety on the Green. It was felt that it would be difficult to find a partner at short notice if any maintenance needed carrying out outside the rota. However there may be a problem of liability for the club if an accident were to occur. It was agreed to look into the feasibility of this for a small club. Philip Grundy is to be consulted.

4.Approval of clubhouse plans:

The plans were put forward for recommendation by the committee and were approved by unanimously. There will now be an EGM for approval by the members. It is hoped that construction will begin in September 2020. The EGM will be held on Friday 13th December at 7pm in the library of The Barlow.

5.Nomination of New Barlow Trustee:

Kerry Holt has agreed to be Barlow Trustee representing the bowling club. All committee members were in agreement.

6.Trees:

There are now preservation orders on all the trees on the Barlow Estate. The club will need to apply to the council for permission to fell the trees. The TPOs have been applied in the last few days. Mr Danks has stated that the Barlow Trustees were not informed of this and will look into the matter.

KH will speak to the trustees.

Action KS

7.Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

A letter will be sent to the trustees regarding KS's nomination.

A letter will be sent to Ken Brookes explaining the situation with the trees.

Action JD

8.Membership Secretary:

No new members.

Membership Fees- AW has investigated fee levels at 9 other clubs and EBC seems to be the cheapest with £37 being the highest and £35 the average. EBC's fees have been £15 since 2011. It was decided to increase the fees to £20 and then review annually. There will also be a financial review so that any increases can be justified to members. This is to include reviews of match fees, affiliation fees, insurance, utility bills, machinery maintenance and materials for green upkeep.

The review will be completed ready for the AGM.

Action RD

9. Treasurer's Report:

See attached accounts.

The Yorkshire Bank account is now up and running and is much more efficient and payments can now be made electronically. However, we still have an outstanding complaint with RBS.

Advertising Boards-There are still outstanding payments. The Arches and Dave Rowley are expected to pay shortly. Think Print and Carravagio are still outstanding. Attempts have been made to contact Dave Enright but he is not responding, he owes £320.

Ces Hope's board has been removed as he has not paid for 2 years.

It was decided to change the system for next year. Somebody needs to look into marketing and invoicing etc and put suggestions to the committee.

Service of the Fire Extinguisher- An invoice has been received from the supplier.

Tony Ford's Bequests-

All of Tony's bowls have been now been sold.

Sale of car- There has been no response to the sale from members. It has been decided to sell it with 12 months MOT which it requires. It is SORN at the moment.

10. Clubmark.

Nothing to Report

11. Safeguarding Officer

The club now has two sets of soft bowls and a target. It was decided to introduce some taster sessions at the dementia café and involve the cubs, brownies, School's Out and the school children who will be asked to volunteer. Sarah Booth will be approached to help.

Action- JD, JM, and MH

Blackburn with Darwen Bowling Partnership are holding their AGM on 21st November at Corporation Park. Everyone who volunteers with children are welcome.

A Christmas Meal has been arranged for 24th January. This will be a 2 course meal at £12 or 3 courses at £14.50.

DBS checks- These are due in February for existing holders. Paul Ashworth will carry out checks for new people. Only travel expenses will be reimbursed.

12. Fixtures

Nothing to report.

13.Green Maintenance

The green has been verticut and spiked twice; it has had four treatments and a tonne of top dressing has been applied. Leaf blowing continues and still needs to be carried out three times a week. An extension of a month is to be added to the rota

Action- HR.

14.Fixtures

Nothing to report

15.Clubhouse Development Officer

See no. 4.

16.Safety Officer

MT needs information regarding the clearing of paths. Moss killer can be used but the moss needs scraping from the paths first. This has already been started but a good weather forecast is needed before the moss killer can be applied. JD will send an e-mail for volunteers.

Action- JD

Philip Grundy will do a Health and Safety Talk at The Barlow which can include EBC members.

18. Safeguarding Officer.

Nothing to report.

AOB

The benches in the clubhouse have been cleared out and some children's folders and waterproofs have been found. The folders will be burnt and the waterproofs donated to AJ's .

A bonfire and clear up has been arranged for 9th November.

Crisps and nuts which are out of date will be sold at half price.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm The next meeting is arranged for 4th December at 10am in the clubhouse.