

Edgworth Bowling Club Committee Meeting

21st June 2022

The meeting commenced at 10.05 am.

Present: Andrew Spencer, Andrew Warman, Robert Downie, Stewart Beswick, Joan Turner and Kerry Holt. Kathy Warman took the minutes.

Apologies

Everyone was present.

1. Opening Remarks

Andy Spencer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the AGM were approved. They will be made available to members on the website for any feedback and formal approval at the next AGM. The accounts are yet to be audited and will be added when ready.

April and May's committee minutes were also approved and are available on the website. Copies have been placed in the clubhouse file.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- a) A grant from EHS was suggested at the AGM to assist with planting for the flower beds but this has not been followed up. However Alan Clemence's wife has donated some begonias which have been planted around the green. She was thanked by the committee.

It was suggested that low growing plants be acquired as taller plants are obscuring the advertising boards. It is getting to be an arduous task to keep on top of the beds due to lack of volunteers.

- b) It was proposed at the AGM that a sub-committee needs to be formed regarding Ken Heathcote's fund raising but this has not been done as the format / programme of the fund raising changed. AS, RD, KH and Margaret Whittaker have however been involved in various aspects of the project and the Club's position in this should be re-evaluated.

- c) The 50's club: As this is a lottery it comes under the Gambling Act and it was decided to leave this until next year and to possibly get people to sign up at the AGM.

Action: RD to investigate the situation.

- d) Noise during matches: Andy Spencer and Kerry Holt had a quiet word with the person concerned and the matter seems to be resolved.
- e) Booking Sheets: This has also been resolved.
- f) T-shirts: Sandie Whittaker has been asked for samples and she will bring some to the club.

Action: AW

- g) Gazebos: These are out of stock at the moment. We can have the Club's logo added to the sides which would identify them and it was decided that this was a good idea and we will go ahead if it is not too expensive. The old ones which Stewart Beswick had refurbished would then be disposed of.

Action: AS

- h) Seat Cushions. These have been purchased and are in use.
- i) Sets of Bowls. These have been sorted out and are to be sold. They are listed in the back of the book and stored under the bench seating. They will also be listed on the website and they could be put out on display at a future competition.

Action: AS and AW

- j) League Rules - the use of match jacks for practice. This has been looked into and is not allowed for the Municipal League. Both team Captains have been made aware.
- k) Andy Tighe's e-mail has been responded to and is resolved.

- l) Club Notices. These are now being put onto the website.

Action: AS and Linda Spencer

m) The Constitution

Andy Tighe and Peter Russell will be asked to form a sub-committee to review the update work done so far by the Committee. Robert Downie would like to be included and Stewart Bailey will also be approached. A date needs to be arranged for a meeting.

RD suggested that as we have had problems getting a quorum for past AGMs, that verifiable electronic and/or proxy voting should be enabled for those unable to attend both committee and general meetings of the membership. General meetings to be formally called in addition to the AGM thus removing the delays that require approvals at only the AGM.

This would require a constitution change.

Action: AW to arrange the sub committee

3. Secretary's Report

We now have 96 (including one honorary) members. Two members have joined recently and are new to bowling. Colin Makinson has not re-joined, but as he is Club President it was decided to make him an honorary member - proposed by Andrew Spencer, all were in favour.

Membership lists. Linda Spencer has created an up-to-date list of present members plus a list of those who have not re-joined. This is based on Robert's paid-up list.

4. Treasurer's Report

96 members have paid as at end May. Our advertising revenue has increased as we have some new advertisers. The MUGA figures require updating and not all the remunerations are included. Robert will update this once outstanding monies held by AW have been accounted for and everything transferred to the Club account.

Action: AW and RD

Paying team fees by BACS. There is some confusion at the moment over which team has played when the fees are banked and also with those who do not internet bank. We need some sort of identifier code or ask each Captain to summarise the payments via email after BACS transaction. A small number of fees are still being posted in the box but this is not a problem.

There is still an ongoing issue regarding reclaiming VAT with The Barlow.

Action: RD

5. **Greenkeeper's Report**

Nigel Dickenson has been unable to mow the green on a Wednesday as he has work commitments in the mornings, so Stewart has replaced him on the rota. Nigel will now mow the area between Bolton Road and the green and also behind the shrubs. This will be done monthly at dates / times to suit Nigel's availability. The shrubs themselves need cutting back and Paul Allen should be approached about this, if he is unable to help, we will ask Peter Oakes.

Sadly, someone has been fly-tipping garden waste in the grassy area behind the green. The Barlow think that we are responsible for this! However, there are a couple of concrete bench ends left in this area which may be encouraging people to think that this area is a general dumping ground. It had been proposed that proper compost bins be made from the pallets we have collected, however this has not happened. It was suggested that we buy a ready-made composter and that as this is Barlow land that they contribute half of the cost. It was further suggested that we could use some of Ken's previously raised monies for this.

Action: KH will speak to Paul Allen about the bench ends, fly-tipping and the composting at tomorrow night's Barlow Trustee's meeting.

6. **Safeguarding Report**

Joan has had contact with Patsy from the Darwen Inter-Schools competition but as we have not liaised with the school this year, we have no entrants for this competition.

7. **Advertising Boards**

We hopefully have two new advertiser's, Swansea Garages and Hope Flowers.

8. **Purchases and Ground Maintenance**

The seat cushions have been purchased and are in use. The gazebos will be ordered once in stock.

Andy Spencer has approached the Barlow to see if we can have some of their old chairs and tables. Sarah Lobley has said that she will get back to us once she has a clear idea how many are still needed.

The store area is in need of some TLC; the window boards need replacing and painting and the door needs painting with Hammerite. The Barlow can provide paint but not labour. It has also been noticed that the gutters to the stables are blocked with dirt and rubble from the re-roofing and these need removing before any damage is done to the stable roof.

Action: Kerry will discuss this at the next trustee's meeting.

9. Club Competition Calendar

Ian Harvey has put in a request for more competitions and has volunteered to run them. He has also recommended starting them later, as in previous years.

Ladies' Competition - The Doreen William's Cup. This is scheduled to be held on the 4th September (but may be changed to accommodate the club picnic). The competition will begin at 12.30pm with £2 entry. It is to be a round robin or knockout depending on numbers of entrants.

The Susan Holt Trophy. This is to be held on the 14th August and will be a round robin or knockout depending on numbers. The entry fee will be £2 with a 12.30 start. There will be lunch provided at extra cost and Sam Legge is being approached for a quote for pie and peas.

Prize money is to be discussed with Ian Harvey who has said that he will contribute.

The Picnic. The clubhouse at Rivington has been improved and is now re-opened. We don't have a date for this yet so will need to check availability.

Action: **Andrew Spencer** to find out when Rivington is available and then **AS and AW** can arrange other dates around this.

Tony Ford Competition. This is to take place on the 11th September and we will need catering.

Action: **AW** to pursue the arrangements and format of the competition.

10. Fund raising for Ken Heathcote swims/Stroke Association trial

A gift aid form has been set up by Linda Spencer and Ken is circulating this. At the moment we will use the bank account of the bowling club as the new Co-op account with The Barlow has not yet been issued.

Following a fund-raising meeting at the Barlow on 13th June, which was attended by Andrew Spencer and Margaret Whittaker, it is noted that Ken has brought in three people to assist with marketing for various other fund-raising events which they will be responsible for organising.

Following this meeting Andrew Spencer held discussions with the Stroke Association and it was established that we could host a trial at the club for stroke victims to see if there is an appetite for more of these in the future. It is proposed therefore that we hold a trial on a Saturday morning (when the green is generally not used by members) to hold 1-hour games at no cost but we can charge for tea, coffee and biscuits. We will need volunteers to help on the morning.

Action: AS will recommend a date to the Stroke Association for them to advertise this to suitable victims within the area and emphasise that the club cannot provide any disability aids.

If successful this initiative may open up access to grants via Disability Bowls.

Action: AW will organise joining Disability Bowls.

11. Ken's fundraising activities and ideas

Ken has many contacts and proposes a garden party at a house in Entwistle, and a black-tie event to be held at the Barlow or Turton Golf Club.

He is also taking part in three swims in August, the dates of which are on the website. These are: August 6th River Dee Swim (1 mile); August 18th Ullswater's Devil Chimney (4 to 5 Km); and August 21st Blackpool Pier to Pier (2 miles).

He is also doing radio and Bolton News interviews.

The meeting finished at 1.25pm.