

Edgworth Bowling Club Committee Meeting

12th September 2023

The meeting commenced at 10.35 am, Andy Spencer was in the chair.

Those present: Andrew Spencer (Chairman), Andy Warman (Secretary),
Stewart Beswick, Ian Harvey, Ronnie Wilson and Robert Downie

Apologies: Kerry Holt and Joan Turner

Opening Remarks

The minutes for 12th July 2023 were approved by Stewart Beswick and seconded by Andy Warman. The minutes for 8th August 2023 were approved by Robert Downie and Andy Warman. However, no cost for materials for the storage box base were included so these were agreed at £50.

The title of 'Treasurer's Report' will become 'Financial Report'.

1. Matters Arising

a) Rotary Club Donation

Andy Spencer has sent a letter to The Rotary Club to clarify that their donation of £500 has been used as a contribution to the present disabled wheelchair and that we will place a plaque on it. We will purchase another wheelchair in due course.

Andy S will arrange the purchase of the plaque from Think Print. **Action: AS**

b) Taster Days

The last session on the 26th August was well attended and quite a few members went to help. The autistic group are coming next Saturday.

c) Electrical Work

The electrical jobs have all been completed satisfactorily and paid.

2, **Secretary's Report**

a) **50 Club**

The 50 Club was won by Paul Booth and Ray Loveland. An extra £28 cash is needed to fund the prizes, this was agreed. RD to either give AW cash or transfer £28 to him. There is £11 cash left from collecting entries.

Action: RD

b) **Irrigation System**

Kerry went to the Trustee's Meeting and they have refused to give us permission for a large Container to be sited. They suggested that we have our own water supply and meter installed by United Utilities instead.

Peter Russell is meeting with Peter Jennings today to get details, feasibility, and costings for a system. We will wait until we get all the details before re approaching the trustees with our proposal. AW has taken some photographs of the installation at Olive Park. Their water tanks are enclosed with a wooden surround but the pipework, sprayer and pump (on wheels) are stored in a separate secure shed. They estimate 20 minutes to set up and dismantle and about an hour to automatically distribute water over the green.

c) **Club and League Competitions**

The Club has done well this season.

District League

Paul Booth's team have won Bolton District League Division 1 and were runners up in The Peter Walker Knockout Cup.

Ramsbottom League

The A Team have moved up after winning the Ramsbottom League Division 2. The B team have come 5th in the same league, a good result.

Andy W requested that we be a "neutral" green to host the semi-finals of two Ramsbottom League cup matches. Someone will need to open up until he can get to the club.

Municipal League

The Municipal league have also put in a similar request for Edgworth to be used as a "neutral" green for the Leigh Cup final and again someone will need to open up. It was agreed to host (note we cannot charge for use of the green as we are in the Leagues requesting use).

AW will arrange for people to open / close up for all the cup matches.

Coleman and Milne

The A Team finished 4th and the B Team finished bottom.

Thanks go to Kathleen Hadjinicoloau for her support and coaching during the Coleman Milne “B” team matches where it has been suggested that the **most improved new players of the season** have been Val Workman and Ronnie Wilson.

Turton League

We appear to have incurred a £10 fine for not entering enough players from the “B” team to last Sunday’s Turton League competition. However, there were 6 players from Edgworth in attendance, so we will refuse to pay the fine.

AW to advise Jim Sheffield by email.

Action: AW

Mills League

Sandie Whittaker has repeated her suggestion from last year that she wants the “A” Team to come out of the Municipal league and join the Mills League.

However, this is not her decision and the reasons for not doing this last year still stand – the Mills League fees are over £200 and they still play on various nights of the week. She does currently plays for Turton in this League.

d) Premises Licence

Blackburn with Darwen have sent a final reminder to renew the licence. We have sent BWD finance the details of our payment made in April and they confirmed receipt but we still have not received notification of the licence, although it is not clear if they still send these out.

AW will check to see if it has been sent to The Barlow and is in the office. If it isn’t, we’ll speak to the council again.

Action: AW

e) Doreen Williams Ladies’ Competition

This competition was held on Sunday 3rd September and Ian Harvey was the organiser. Ian advised that the winner was Kath Hadji with runner up Pauline Booth.

Unfortunately there were only 8 entrants, at £1 per head, but Ian kindly donated a further £32 to produce a total prize money of £40. The chairman thanked Ian on behalf of the club.

f) **Tony Ford Competition**

The Tony Ford Competition was held on 12th August at Turton Bowling Club. Turton topped up the overall takings to £300. We will donate half to Leukaemia Research and half to the Memory and Friendship Café.

It was unclear whether the additional contribution by Turton BC had been made so AW would check with Jim Sheffield.

Action: AW

3. **Green Keepers Report**

a) **Mole Traps**

The mole traps are in place on the green but so far he has proved elusive. Tony Brown checks them daily.

b) **Spiking**

Stewart has agreed to continue to spike the green after he has finished as green keeper in November, however, this is the only job he will continue with.

c) **Cleaning of the clubhouse.**

At the moment the clubhouse is cleaned every Saturday morning at a cost of £15 per session. It was agreed that the cleaner should be asked to continue throughout the winter as we will continue to use the Clubhouse for the winter bowling on the MUGA.

d) **Storage box and base.**

Stewart still has his son's cement mixer and will need to pick up the sand and cement, although he has no van at the moment.

AS has continued to investigate the purchase of a suitable storage box for the bench cushions and Bradshaw Buggy. The Asgard storage box seems to meet our needs as it is a security box which measure 6'8" X 3'4" X 4'4" high. It is metal with a sloping lid and is available in green, the cost is £692. As this is to be used primarily to store the wheelchair, we can use Ken's money to fund this, which he himself has suggested.

A limit of £700 was agreed by the committee to fund this.

Action: AS

4. **Financial Report**

a) **Current Situation**

Our bank balance is healthy at the moment and the joint venture funds have been credited. The Barlow agreed to Robert's proposals in transferring the monies. We will leave £1 in the account to keep it open and we will monitor the incomings.

Ken has a separate Just Giving Page for his swims and this will need transferring from Ken's personal bank account into the Club account.

There is an odd £100 deposited by Angela Howe but it is not clear what it relates to so AS will speak to her to ask what it's for. **Action: AS**

Expenses have been paid out to both Angela and Ken. Ken's Blackpool swim was cancelled due to pollution in the water.

b) **Change to the Financial Year**

The financial year is to end on September 30th before the MUGA season starts. At the moment the accounts for 2021, 2022 and 2023 need to be audited and Kathleen H has agreed to do this. Once this is done a date for the AGM can be agreed.

c) **Bank Issues**

IH now has a bank card and pin number but no internet banking. It is not known if he is a signatory yet, the forms may have to be resubmitted. RD to investigate and obtain further signatures if necessary. **Action: RD**

We have received compensation from Virgin Bank.

d) **The Midsummer Ball**

This has made about £1,200 following deductions.

e) **Refund for Handrails**

Vevor have refunded £61 for the lost dome shaped cover from one of the handrails. It has not been possible to source a replacement part. The rails are still wobbly due to the fixings into the steps being too small. It was suggested that we investigate some form of extra mounting plate that would allow larger bolts to be used. **Action: AW**

5. **Succession Planning**

Andy S and Stewart are standing down as committee members and Kathy Warman is standing down as minutes secretary. Those who wish to remain will seek re-election at the AGM.

Linda Spencer will continue to look after the website and FB page for another twelve months.

6. **Other Business**

Andy S mentioned that The Barlow are proposing to extend the car park into the wooded area to the side of the bowling green. Further details were not available but there is concern that this will impact on the overall surroundings and could meet with opposition from the community. KH would be asked to comment at the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 12.45pm. The date of the next meeting was set as Monday 9th October starting at 10.30am.