

Edgworth Bowling Club Committee Meeting

4th November 2024

The meeting commenced at 10:35am with Kerry Holt as Chairman and Andy Warman taking the Minutes.

Those present: Andy Warman (Minute taker), Kerry Holt, Ronnie Wilson, Robert Downie, Kevin Breen, Joan Turner, Nigel Dickenson and Andrew Spencer

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies, all present.

2. Chairman's remarks

Kerry welcomed everyone to the meeting at his house.

3. Approval of minutes of 4th October.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment – proposed by JT, seconded by VW, agreed by all present.

4. Matters arising from last meeting

a) Handrail repair

One rail with Jim Sheffield for repair, the other to follow if repair is successful.
– **Continues - AW**

b) Banking update

see Finance Section

c) **Clubhouse enhancements** – List of possible items for consideration to include handrails, however although the fitting of additional wider steps to / from the Green was a contender, there was no separate cost for this identified on the invoice from Ian Fenton. We would make an educated guess as to the cost. Other possible contenders are still being looked at however RD's time was being prioritised on finalising the full balance sheets for the previous 4 years. – **Action continues – RD.**

d) Club sign

No progress. – **Continues – AW / AS.**

e) **Members list** – No progress - **Continues – AW**

f) **Old sets of bowls** – to be cleaned up and brought in from outside. ND will put them on Ebay nearer the start of the season as the majority of bowls for sale now

were for indoor / Flat Green use rather than Crown Green .

- Continues - ND

g) **Constitution update & reprint** – signed copy to be scanned and sent to AS for inclusion on the Website. **- Action AW**

h) **Investigation into potential new printing supplier** – JT has identified a printer 'Signs and Graphics' in Brighton, who would produce the 8ft signs for £90 plus VAT. It was noted that they do not deliver items to Edgworth, so we would need to collect. Also, they do not wish to deal with the advertiser at all but want all communication to be with us, so we would need to order the signage rather than the advertiser. We would need to ensure that the artwork to be created is exactly as the advertiser wishes plus would need to include the cost of S. Lamb making a support frame and fitting the sign and siting of the completed assembly.

No final decision was made as to whether we stay with ThinkPrint or move as each option had its downsides. RD agreed to provide carpentry costs from S. Lamb so that we understood the full cost to the Club of producing and installing a new sign.

- Action RD.

i) **League / Team changes recommended from previous meeting** – AW had received an email from Barry R challenging the reasoning for the changes. AW to respond with a copy of the wording from the meeting minutes to make it clear that the suggestions had come from the teams themselves and that all who said they would be playing on a Monday night had been informed / involved in the process before it was discussed with the Committee. **- Action AW.**

g) **Inform Leagues of our decisions at the last meeting** – AW has emailed both the Turton League and District League secretaries and had responses. AW has also spoken with the Ramsbottom League secretary to advise of the change in home playing night for the A team, from a Wednesday to a Tuesday. It was not known where BR had got the impression that there would be 3 divisions in the league but Mark Walmsley confirmed this was not the case.

- Action Closed.

5. Secretary's Report

Decisions made on the What's App Committee Group since the last meeting – None.

New Members – None.

MUGA winter bowling – proceeding as planned. One match was postponed to the end of November due to weather. It was noted by VW that the current price of 50p for hot drinks at the MUGA was not enough and with the cost of biscuits and a new flask required, we were losing money. It was agreed to increase the price of drinks to £1 and crisps from 50p to 70p with immediate effect. The invoice for hire of the MUGA from October to December was expected in early December, at the rate of 3 x £27 = £81 per three-hour session, for 14 sessions.

Gazebo – it was noted that the work to fit concrete pads to bolt the gazebo to near the flower beds was complete, however an aluminium weld that held one of the mounting plates in place had failed and there appeared to be wind damage to one of the uprights which had bent it out of shape. RD favoured replacing the whole structure with something more substantial, however ND stated he would look at the broken weld first and attempt a repair with someone he knows from his Gliding Club contacts, to see if we could get a bit more life out of the frame that we only bought last year. – **Action ND – investigate / repair Gazebo foot.**

New Green hire during June 2025 – AW had been approached by Geoff Leach from Tottington Park BC who wished to hire the Green for a competition for Masonic Lodges across the Northwest in June 2025. A hire fee of £60 was agreed with Geoff. They would want to use the bar in the Clubhouse for hot and cold drinks but would use Cugini Pizzas at the Cricket Club for food. AW to liaise with Geoff once the dates for the Diverse Abilities sessions were known. – *POST MEETING NOTE: Dates for the DAD's will be Sat 24th May, Sat 21st June, Sat 19th July, Sat 16th August.*

6. Finance

Bank balance details given by RD, who confirmed that the year-end accounts, along with balance sheets for the previous 4 years, are in preparation. It was believed that Ian Price had still not managed to access Internet Banking.

RD stated that his ground worker was still available to look at / remove the concrete ramp next to the irrigation system (which is stopping the drain from flowing off the green) but for a limited time only. ND and KB are still to investigate and identify the exact work required and utilise the groundworker if they can't carry out the work themselves (provided he was still available), however there had been delays as KB had recently had eye surgery and ND was tied up with Gliding Club issues which would hopefully soon be resolved. It was noted that the previously agreed £500 set aside to pay the groundworker was still available.

AS requested a value for the new irrigation system for insurance purposes and also requested updated values for the equipment we hold.

– **Action – Discuss and agree equipment values as above - RD, ND, KB.**

RD requested estimates for Equipment maintenance and Greenkeeping materials for the forthcoming season, in order to understand the planned expenditure for 2025.

-Action provide expense forecasts - ND, KB

7. Greenkeeping

A smell, possibly of gas, had been reported to KB, noted by several people. This was when the cooker was being used by MT for the MUGA. KB has carried out a full investigation and cannot find any gas leak from the pipework. He has bought a CO monitor to sit on top of the fridge and one of the side windows has been opened a crack (behind the shutter) and the smell is no longer present. It is suspected that there is insufficient ventilation - this is more noticeable since the irrigation system is

now across the back wall of the clubhouse and is providing a level of insulation not seen before.

-Action - purchase and fit ventilation grills (approx. £20) – KB

KB is planning to apply a combined weed, feed and moss killer to the Green (in granular form) which can be watered in. He will also carry on with seaweed applications.

KB reported that the seeding carried out by Darryl Wright had been successful except in a couple of places; KB plans to manually re-seed at the appropriate time. The corners were proving difficult and consideration might be given to chamfering them off rather than keep trying to get the seed to take.

He also reported that the new scarifier / slicer is difficult to use as it is not self-propelled. He recommended that 3 or 4 people would be needed next time it is used.

Machine Store – ND stated that he would spend some time sorting out the store over the winter and dispose of unwanted / broken items.

8. Advertising

Update provided in section 4 above.

9. Safeguarding

KH is seeing Sandie W to understand why there have been delays to the processing of his DBS application.

10. AOB

AS to bring his surplus kitchen units to the Clubhouse. KB agreed to fit the units but would need some help.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be a single topic meeting to discuss all issues relating to the AGM. Meeting date set for Tuesday 4th December at 10:30am at Kerry's house.

Post meeting note – due to personnel unavailability the meeting will now be held on at 10L30am on Wednesday 11th December, at Kerry's house.