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**BIDEFORD BOWLING CLUB**

**Chingswell Street, Bideford EX39 2NG**

**President: Paul Debnam**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Friday 25 February 2022.**

1. Members Attending P Debnam, E Blight, M Braunton, B Capps-Jenner, C Headon, C Rockey,

J Rockey, G Rundle, A Weston, M Blight

1. Apologies R Ellis, N Fowler, M Headon, B Hughes
2. Obituaries Roger Bird – The committee stood for a period of respectful silence in memory

of Roger.

1. Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 14 January 2022 having been

circulated were reviewed and accepted. Proposed by Grace Rundle and seconded by John Rockey. Carried.

1. Matters arising Michael asked that all committee members read through the ‘Duties of Officers

and Committee’ that he had sent out last month with a view to agreeing this at the next meeting.

Ken Lange had been spoken to and he has agreed to have oversight of machinery even though he is no longer physically able to do the work himself.

1. Correspondence None
2. Treasurer Liz confirmed our current financial position:

* Current Account balance is £31,159.
* Barry Dymond Account balance is £1,070

Insurance has now been paid although there may be some extra premium due on a revaluation of rebuilding costs.

A new supply of shirts will have to be ordered soon and we are currently awaiting a sample. The proposed supplier is INVICTUS which also supplies the Indoor Bowling Centre shirts so quality is not expected to be an issue.

1. Match Organizer Barrie was away on holiday but had asked that the following be put to the

Committee:

* A reminder to all Committee members to review the draft fixture programme and to email him with any comments. The Fixture List would be going to print at the end of March.
* Helpers would be needed for the Open Days on 9/10 April. There is already a poster in the outside display cabinet and a notice is going in Link Magazine next month. All other avenues to be used to publicize this. Suggestions for efficient running of these days welcome and should be sent to Margaret or Barrie.
* Discussions are on-going with schools and preliminary dates in May agreed for an ‘introduction to bowling’ afternoons.

1. G&E Nothing to report.
2. Membership Harry Weatherall had indicated that he would like to return to playing this

season. As he is still a member (social) convention does not require any ballot and any application would be accepted.

1. Tournament 2022 Following a very disappointing response from the VP Committee which seems

out of step with the majority of their own membership, the Tournament will only be run at the Strand this year. A substantial number of entries have already been received and it is highly likely that we may have to close applications well before the scheduled date.

1. AOB Ann wanted to know how handicaps would be sorted out this year. After some discussion the Committee agreed that as we now had selection committees for the Men’s and Ladies sections, it should fall to the respective selection

committees to establish members handicaps going forward.

There was then a general discussion on catering and bar. It was agreed that

* The kitchen would operate on a rota basis this year. We would avoid cooked meals as much as possible. Janet Goodall would be asked if she could become involved in the general organization of the kitchen. POST MEETING NOTE: Janet is very happy to be involved in the catering this year.
* John and Carol are happy to remain in charge of ordering. A set closing time is to be agreed. There would only be bottle drinks on sale; it was generally agreed that this would alleviate some members fears over bar duty as they would no longer have the task of changing barrels, gas bottles and so on.

Charlie confirmed that the Tour was going ahead this year.

Barry confirmed that the last indoor session would be on Monday 28 March.

As there was no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 11.05am.

**The next GP Committee meeting will be on Friday 25 March at 10.00am.**

Signed............................................................... Date...............................