

HECKINGTON & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB PRESEASON MEETING

AGENDA and MINUTES for the PRESEASON MEETING held on Thursday April 11th at 7.30 p.m. in the METHODIST CHAPEL

Attendees 18

Meeting started: 7.30p.m.

Apologies for absence: Mary Brown, Lawrie Brown.

- a) Chairman's opening remarks. (T. D.) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- b) One minute's silence will be observed for any members who have recently passed away. Irene Dempster, Jean Baker. This was observed.
- c) Apologies for absence. As above.
- d) Payment of Subscriptions. £40 for full membership. £8 for social membership. (A.C.) These were collected from those present by Anne before and after the meeting.

- e) Club's current balance sheet. (A.C.). The club has £2731 in the current account, and £9764 in a bond with the Buckingham Building Society.
- g) The green, and work done by working party, on Saturday April 6th. Work required during the season. Etc. (D.M.)

Dave thanked Bob, asking Hilda to convey his thanks as he wasn't actually there, for all his hard work and everything he has done in the past. A lot of work has been done in the winter. The green looks reasonable now. And Dave thanked those who helped. Mentioned that Angus and Doug have volunteered to do the hedges.

We will be bowling both ways this season. The rinks have been measured and the blackboard will be used to indicate which rinks are available. Even for league games. Some days when green sprayed it will not be available at all. Notice of spraying will be given on the board and using face book and the website as well, if possible. Dave thanked Sid for his help by cutting the green on a Wednesday.
- h) The Club House, and work done by working party, on Saturday April 6th. (J.S.). Rota list is to be drawn up for weekly cleaning duties.

John read a little poem from the last page of the National EBF handbook. He thanked Malcolm's window cleaner for refelting the machine shed roof. He also thanked everyone for their work on Saturday past. Painting cleaning washing plates etc. Cleaning toilets floors, hovering and every other job people did on that day. He encouraged people to put their name down on the yearly calendar on the notice board to indicate which week they could clean the clubhouse. There is no specific day to do it a free choice during the week.

A piece of plaster board needs replacing near the door of the clubhouse door, due to the damp. Not sure what is behind in terms of the Sill Plate and wall supports.

- i) Club Competitions/ Mason's. (J.S.) Entry forms available for the Masons.

As stated the entry forms were available and will be in the clubhouse. There is an opportunity for someone to learn how to run the competitions this year. Ready to help and take over when necessary.

- j) The New Website and Face book etc. (T. MB.)

Patricia explained that Face book was for chat only. It is going O.K. and events can be shared. It is a public group.

The Website is now being run by Patricia. Photos will be taken and added. Any photo can be taken down if requested. Face book has grown in popularity and is encouraging interest from new people.

The green opens this Saturday. Patricia and Christina will be available to chaperone new members. Tea and cakes will be available. Also a raffle will be run so we need prizes, please. Flat shoes only for new people, and it would be nice if some members had normal team kit on so new people can be shown what is worn during a league game.

- h) New consent statement. Recap (J.S.) John went through this and explained how things worked and if people did not want their details being held by the club then that is fine. Everyone so far has agreed to share their details.

- m) Membership recruitment and the way forward. (J.S. /All) People talked about leaflets. Lewis Milkins was on the committee when leaflets were distributed to each how. Posters have for this season been distributed to the various shops for display. Malcolm and Anne have volunteered to spend some time outside the COOP recruiting like three years ago.

- n) The Leagues (P.I. /A.C.)

Anne mentioned that team sheets were available for the opening Woodhall Spa games.

Paul mentioned the necessary dress code required for the Coningsby League. Dave at this point mentioned two people from the caravan site were interested but limited in when they can play could something be done about the joining fee they would have to pay. There was much discussion, but we decided to leave things until they were sure they even wanted to join. The £40 fee applies to all playing

members. Social members cannot bowl. A £1 fee is paid for all roll up irrespective of whether or not they are organised role up or not. People who come down by themselves whether for half an hour or so still need to pay £1 and put it in the tin in the top drawer of the brown set of drawers next to the stickers. This will be show to people if they do not know where it is.

Paul continued pointing out the sheets for the opening games were at the back of the hall. There are some free Fridays and friendlies with Woodhall Spa are being organised for those free days. Monday afternoons will be for Black versus White games where possible. Again sheets were available to put your names down. Paul also mentioned the Cup opponents for the first and possibly second round if we are successful.

The Saturday morning pairs will continue from the 20th April. Tea and Coffee and cobs will be available. Paul will possibly average people's scores this time because everyone does not play the same numbers of games. Sundays we are trying to arrange some friendlies in the afternoon. We can have roll ups on Thursdays. Please look at the Notice Board for details. The green is open from 11.30a.m. till dusk.

Dave pointed out the need to be wary of allowing the green keeper to do his work, when necessary. He was a bit worried about being able to fit in what was required. This was understood and the green keeper always has the final say if bowling can proceed on a particular day or not. This was accepted by all. So with good will and good communication everyone will be satisfied. Again refer back to the initial green keepers comments about the green's availability.

p) Social Events (P.MB.)

Patricia gave a comprehensive list of the events that have been decided upon. It looks really exciting. This will be published on the website as soon as.

q) The Lottery. (A.D.) Currently we have £208 in the fund. About 40% of the number need to be sold. This is hand. It was decided to change the rules and have one roll over only irrespective of the number and then if the rollover is not won. The £50 goes to the club and we start again. It was also decided after a vote to name the winners and also as above state when the club has won, as well.

r) A.O.B. Sponsorship was discussed. Malcolm is liaising with the COOP to see if they will provide raffle prizes for the Mason's There is also a chance that we could be nominated to be a Community Champion which would be very beneficial financially, to the club. Various people volunteered, Ann, Anne, John, Dave and Roy to try and encourage sponsor for the club in money or kind for various events.

The meeting finished at about 9.15p.m. I didn't look at my watch.