



**Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held in the club house,
at 7 p.m. on Monday 14th September 2009.**

Present: Ed Poole, Eric Smith (Chairman), Gerry Evans, Margaret Poole, Pauline Cooper, Bob Leeson, Denis Ward, Ray Merry, Giles Brisbane, David Hall, Sheila Mitchell and David Grieve late

1.0 Apologies and Welcome

1.1 No apologies all present

1.2 Welcome to Florence as Vice President & Margaret as Vice Ladies Captain.

Prior to commencing meeting Chris Buswell our green keeper presented the annual report on the green maintenance, also attending was Richard Reid.

Moss early in the season was greater than anticipated however with the new scarifier, this was brought under control resulting in a good Star rating including good comment from star committee. However during dry spells the green needs watering regularly with enough water to ensure the green does not degrade beyond the tipping point, and the substrate remains moist.

There has been a greater amount of bowling this season, but proper rink movement each day and rotation will prevent heavily loaded areas being over compacted.

The water system is good and capable of supplying sufficient water onto the green when set up. Core samples taken recently identify the substrate is dry indicating insufficient watering.

During the season the mower was "modified" as a result one cut was made on the green one click too low.

Security needs to be improved to ensure access is controlled to prevent tampering with both the watering system and the mower

Going forward access to the equipment will be limited to the Green management team only. Committee to support green manager to ensure the irrigation and cutting is carried out in accordance with Green keepers instructions

Green needs to Bowl as fast as possible without damaging the green.

2.0 Minutes of Management Committee Meeting of 8th June 2009

2.1 Minutes agreed subject to the following changes:

2.1.1 Margaret was not in attendance apologies where given

2.1.2 Minute 3.2.6 payment to club members refers to payments for services i.e cutting the green etc.

2.1.3 Giles confirmed he would not be using the proposed stocktaking proposal and ledger.

2.2 Matters arising not covered in minutes

- 2.2.1 Life membership list to be presented at next meeting
- 2.2.2 County proposed constitution does not clash with ours other than the requirement to change reference names to Bowls England etc.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Secretaries Report

- 3.1.1 Bucks County documents received and returned
- 3.1.2 Resignation letters received from Norman Wayne as press officer and Sheila as Ladies Secretary for next season.
- 3.1.3 Jacket order now received and distributed, stock of about 15
- 3.1.4 Bowls England cards received for 2010 – register as for last season. Second two four team would not be practical.

3.2 Treasurer Report

3.2.1 Currently we have £6450.00 at the bank with a few payments due.

- 3.2.2 Performing rights license paid – chase license issue (post meeting note - license not reissued, sticker updated on window)
- 3.2.3 Club debit card for Giles, forms have be resigned and reissued to the bank – not possible with Barclays, possibly HSBC GB to ask the question
- 3.2.4 £515 collection for Charity Match for Deniside next year
- 3.2.5 Inland revenue letter contact has been made and return made in accordance with request

3.3 Membership Secretary

- 3.3.1 82 men and 42 ladies including 5 juniors. There are 6 new members who have been coached plus two for next season.
- 3.3.2 Late fee and rejoining fee to be retained at £30 to include members who laps membership of the club.

3.4 Ladies Secretary

- 3.4.1 Ladies section good order
- 3.4.2 Hilary Match secretary may be moving out of the area.
- 3.4.3 Supplies officer vacancy as Ann Moon will be resigning
 - 3.4.4 Centenary year very well – social committee were thanked for their hard work
- 3.4.5 Royal household visit was not good due to a power cut
 - 3.4.6 Bowls England event could have been better ladies to organise future matches and liaise closer with social committee
 - 3.4.7 David Thompson and Tim Coles where thanked for the team sheets and their assistance in the kitchen for ladies matches

- 3.4.8 The President thanked Sheila for her support and work over the last few years.

4.0 County Reports

- 4.1 County nominations to be sent in by end of November
- 4.2 County nominations include Florence and Duncan from Gerrards Cross.

5.0 Section Reports

5.1 Captain

- 5.1.1 Good year won more than we lost, well supported by members of the club making it a very enjoyed year for David
- 5.1.2 President thanked the captain for his services over the 2009 season
- 5.1.3 Thames league application will be made again for next year

5.2 Ladies Captain

5.2.1 Thank Sheila and the ladies sub-committee

- 5.2.2 Results of 12 matches, lost 7, won 4 and drawn 1
- 5.2.3 Weekday ladies matches not easy to cover, especially away fixtures may review a change to the schedule for next season.
- 5.2.4 President thanked the Ladies captain for her services over the 2009 season.

5.3 Match secretary

- 5.3.1 2010 diary commenced and is will be developed by Nov
- 5.3.2 Questions reference amount of matches to be reduced
- 5.3.3 Dennyside 3rd August
- 5.3.4 President thanked Bob for his diary management over the 2009 season.

5.4 Bar Manager

- 5.4.1 Weights & Measures inspector visit update – As suspected it was an inspection from Neilsen research who paid the £10 fee as required.
- 5.4.2 Contact with Weights and Measures confirmed optics need to be in ML and not Gils these have all now been replaced old ones to be disposed of.
- 5.4.3 Poor cover bar by volunteers – i.e. weekdays is proving difficult Suggestion that League teams try and cover for themselves. Bucks cup, top club, friendlies & Fridays covered – roll ups are not covered – Bob has tended to cover a lot of the time. Get membership to support with a policy that members must do duties

- 5.4.4 Bar takings down about £500 with profit down £200
- 5.4.5 Small bottles of wine pricing £3.00 too expensive new bottle size £2.30 prices have been adjusted to suit.
- 5.4.6 Stock take to be taken at or near 30th Sept – End of year stock report will be too late to enable year end accounts to be accurate.
- 5.4.7 Nominal number of drinks being taken as payment for services, some tickets have been left.
- 5.4.8 Club need to review future bar management, as next year Giles will not be available.

5.5 **Green Manager**

- 5.5.1 Support timber to pump at top of well to be replaced
- 5.5.2 President thanked Denis for his green manager roll over the 2009 season.

5.6 **Short Mat**

- 5.6.1 Commences on 9th Oct. Letters have been issued, fee the same £40 – outside members to be encouraged, as they may be persuaded to join as full members.

6.0 Sub Committee Reports

6.1 **Competitions**

- 6.1.1 Successful finals day Bob to be congratulated on a well run competition season.
- 6.1.2 For future seasons enforcement of matches being played on time. Rules to be reviewed set and some challengers play the system too much with a view to getting a walkover.

6.2 **Social**

- 6.2.1 Social nights – not as many
- 6.2.2 Hog Roast well attended
- 6.2.3 Fun night Friday same old faces
- 6.2.4 Race Night next Friday 72 are signed up
- 6.2.5 Friday night social events have been a success end of year party was well attended
- 6.2.6 Dinner dance update disco rebooked including cabaret.
- 6.2.7 Social committee were thanked by the president for their hard work this season.
- 6.2.8 The proposal was that we hold a cocktail evening every year with a nominal charge or not to be decided later.

6.3 **Over 55's League**

6.3.1 Nothing to report

6.4 **Maintenance**

6.4.1 Nick has scheduled the work for rewiring with budget prices:

Mains supply excluding (brick chamber by others)	£ 750.00
Rewire Misbourne	£3,000.00
External power & lighting including car park	£2,000.00
External power & lighting to green	£2,000.00
Rewire men's hut & kitchen	£6,000.00

6.5 Flagpole has been offered by a local building firm, Secretary to contact Hilary Wigglesworth reference the original flagpole donated and the proposal for a second flagpole.

7.0 AOB

7.1 Website update awaiting final details from Peter/Giles

7.2 Honours board missing County Benevolent Triples, agrees

7.3 Youth development officer – Duncan Gauld

7.4 John McGuinness & Richard Reid have proposed – a childrens taster day for local schools on a Saturday (where we are playing away) to encourage new junior members all agreed date to be agreed

7.5 Date for next years AGM will be Sunday 28th November 2010

7.6 JMcG as Champion of Champions eligible twice – no substitute is permitted.

7.7 Suggestion of a golf day at GX golf club next year

7.8 Proposal to run a Club tour in 2010 – Ray & David to canvas opinion with regards to viability.

7.9 Life membership suggestions will be covered at the next meeting

7.10 Chris Poole has asked if the club would support him as he goes forward as a county coach. The club unanimously confirmed its support.

Date & Time of next meetings: Monday 12th October

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Secretary

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President