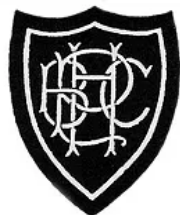


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Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting 28th September 2022

Richard Opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Attendees – Hugh Neale, Richard Amess, Pauline Griffin, John Nicholls, Dave Tutton, Vic Emson, Maurice Hollman. & Roy Wood

Minute taker – Julie Anderson.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 22nd August were agreed as an accurate record and signed off.

2. Matters arising

Dennis Lawnmower – HN

Hugh advised, that the current Dennis lawnmower has developed a fault and is out for repair, we have been able to use the repairers latest Dennis (2022-year model) on loan. Further he has offered to sell this to the club for the discounted price of £4,700 inclusive of vat. Which is a save of over £1500 on current lists prices. We have spent significant amounts on repair costs to our existing mower, which the club purchased second hand over 14 years ago. The committee agreed to purchase this and also retain our older mower.

2023 Subscriptions and Fees - HN

Hugh stated that we need to agree what the club fees for 2023 be? After discussion the committee agreed that there would not be any increase in any of the membership, match, competition or roll-up fees for 2023.

2023 Competitions – HN

Hugh stated that for the 2023 membership forms, would we continue with all internal competitions as per 2022. It was agreed that due to the very small entrants for the 'Salway' cup competition and the costs associated with this one competition it would be removed for 2023. The New bowlers comp will be added if appropriate, based on the potential new member take up.

D & D Finals incident – HN

Hugh stated that the club was copied in on a letter to Alan Money, which advised that a spectator had fallen backward on a chair and had got tangled with the fox fence wires and received electrical shock, as the Fox fence was "live". Hugh suggested that as the letter was not direct to the club, we should wait until we have received a direct request from the D&D Secretary before we respond.

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D & D Finals green fee – HN

Hugh wanted clarification on whether HPBC would receive any green fee for hosting the finals. It was confirmed by our D&D rep (DT) that we would not receive any payment.

Social Committee 2023 – HN

Hugh stated that we need to request members to join the social committee for 2022/2023. He will send out an email inviting members who are interested to enter their names on the social notice board. Ideally, there should be a maximum of 6 people and meeting minutes should be taken and circulated to club members.

EOS drive – RA

If the weather is bad on Saturday, then the drive will be cancelled, however the leaving party for Barbara, Vic and Mike Golding will go ahead. There are approx. 36 members wishing to play and no parking on the grass this time. MG should be bringing the spiker back by 10am this Friday.

Presentation Dinner – RA

To date, only 31 people are on the list to attend. HN to send e-mail advising friends and family are welcome and final figures needed by this Saturday.

If figures decline any further, then we may have to consider other options for next year.

Prizes still needed for the raffle which is included in the price.

Bowls Stickers – RA

A new supplier has been found for the printing of the club bowls stickers, which will have a square pattern and one other colour (black) The Cost is £62.59 for 500 including delivery. It was agreed to go ahead with ordering.

Kent County & Bexley 2023 Competitions. – HN

The county year books are needed for all lady players. The men's "digital yearbook" is on the KCBA website.

The application forms for both comps need to be finalised and removed after the AGM for submission to the respective bodies by 1st November.

2023 away Fixture start time – HN

During this season there has been confusion by a number of visiting clubs about the start time of our home games. As we agreed a 2:00 pm start with the clubs, but a lot are only arriving for a 2:30pm start. It was agreed that for 2023 we would revert back to 2.30pm start for all weekend games and remain with a 2pm start for all home Mid-Week games. JN to action.

Officers and Committees Reports.

Hon. Secretary. – HN

A hot water tap was left running in the men's toilet overnight, this is obviously a waste of water and an unnecessary cost to the club.

Hon. Treasurer – HN

The balance at the end of August was £13576.52, bills since included £69 to EDF & £375 to Colliers.

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Money received included £1073 for Prostate Day & £50 for Masonic hire. Leaving a balance of £15,348.52

Captain – DT

We won against Invicta and drew against Halls, which makes us 5th in the Kentishmen's league. The games league will reduce to 4 rinks only next year.

Our new players will need to be trained in new bowling positions next year.

Vice Caption PG

Several games cancelled this year and some rained off and many were reduced to triples.

Competition Secretary – RA

There were lots of problems with this year's competitions. I will be offering my resignation at the AGM after another year as Comp Secretary. Paul Challis has shown interest in taking this role for 2024 after working with me during next season.

I also can't attend this year's AGM and will give a report.

Fixtures Secretary – JN

Should we still continue with the Kentishmen's League, which may drop to 4 rinks. The committee agreed to continue.

We got no response reference the letter on Cobham games, so should we go next year. It was agreed to...but we may not be able to make their dates.

It was agreed to stay with rinks for the mid-week games.

It was agreed to cancel Folkestone's fixture but keep the Herne Bay fixture.

It was agreed to cancel the first fixture against Dartford Invicta as we play them several times already.

It was agreed to cancel the Orpington game as their first match with us they couldn't make.

Representative Updates

KCBA Rep –VE

AGM Meeting at 6pm Monday 3rd October at Halls where there will be a nomination for Officers. DT to be voted in, the next meeting will be a zoom meeting in October and at Ditton in November.

D & D Rep. - DT

No meetings have been arranged yet.

Maintenance & Development – RW

It was agreed to buy 6 bags of Green treatment at £52 each which will be applied over winter and should reduce the need to swish the green so often.

Help will be needed to replace the Ditch timbers and to help with the Top Dressing which will be delivered on 14th October and put inside clubhouse. Volunteers also needed to remove the ditch mats, to be requested at the AGM and email.

Social Committee status – MH

The proposed "London Walk" has been cancelled, there will be a Dog Race night on 15th October,

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limiting the numbers to a maximum of 40 people. £2 per entry 50p per bet and bring your own nibbles. On Sunday 11th December there will be a Christmas party, with mulled wine and mince pies. Raffle prizes needed wrapped in Xmas paper.

Welfare Rep – JA

Eddie Judd has now been moved to Kings College Hospital at Denmark Hill, Camberwell, where they hope to diagnose his condition and treat it accordingly. He was in pain last time we visited.

Any other business.

VE –Thanks received from our Prostate Day and money raised.

PG – Bat & Ball have an excess of pushers would like to contact them to see if we could have some for a donation. PG. The Cleaning of clubhouse needs discussing at the AGM.

DT- Any new members we now take on must agree to the 10-game rule, it would also be more productive if we interviewed them to assess their suitability.

Meeting closed at 11.50

Next meeting will be on Friday 28th October at 10am – Clubhouse.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by Committee Charmain.

Signed Date
Chairman.