**WIGTON BOWLING CLUB**

 **MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Directors Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th April, 2024 at 10a.m. in the Clubhouse.**

**Present were: R. Dalziel, M. Foord, B. Coates, S. Kenny, M. Watters, S. Nugent, S. Harrison, M. Tuddenham, P.Peile, M. Gallagher and K. Bowe.**

**Apologies A. Dalziel and C. Wharton.**

**Paddy Watters chaired the meeting and welcomed Michael Tuddenham as a new Director.**

**Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th March, 2024 were agreed as being a true record.**

**Matters arising: Paddy reported that the Honours Board update was in hand and the company had all the names and details. Paddy will keep Directors informed as and when they are ready to be installed.**

**Correspondence: M. Foord reported that he had received an email from the men’s County Treasurer Stephen Griffiths stating that affiliation to Bowls England had increased to £10 per bowling member to be paid in full in May, 2024.**

**He also reported that he had received £50 from Octopus energy suppliers for displaying an advertising poster within the club premises. He was in touch with Fibrus technology to ascertain if they would like to advertise within the Club for a token donation.**

**Treasurers Report: Bob would be emailing copies of the monthly accounts to all members just as soon as possible but proceeded to verbally go through these in-depth. He welcomed any questions regarding the finances which were in a stable condition. None were raised. He reported that the subscription money would eventually raise approximately £3000, and reported that Chris Irving was now fully registered on the payroll through the accountant and would be paid £2400 annually as greenkeeper and Michael Turner £600 annually for the upkeep of the surrounding area. Both to be paid monthly. The subscription money would cover this outlay but in future years subscriptions may be required to increase to cover any increments. Both had received contracts. Two updated contracts of employment to be given to the bar staff. Shannice the present cleaner had shown an interest in becoming a barmaid. Paddy would give some training to her. A brief discussion ensued regarding Callum Hodgson and his medical condition as to whether he could be employed as a relief bar person. It was reported that after increases on certain bar items from the brewery an increase of 10p per item across the board would be sufficient to cover the staff wages which had increased from 1st April.**

**Bob also reported that the gas contract was now sorted and a refund received.**

**The renewing of the main room floor had commenced but may not be finished in time for open day on Sunday.**

**Bob was thanked for his report.**

**Bar Managers Report: Paddy reported that he had been in touch with HB Clark the brewery company regarding sponsorship of certain tournaments for the coming season but was awaiting confirmation.**

**Ladies Secretary Report: Penny began by congratulating Anne Dalziel, Sarah Nugent and Sheila Harrison on being selected to play for the Cumbria County Ladies. She also wished to thank Bob and Chris Bowe for the excellent Social night held on Saturday when a showing of the Mock Wedding and Generation Game proved to be enjoyable. Penny reported that she had attended the county delegates meeting and her report is attached on file to these minutes. It was important that every Bowling Club had Protection officers in place which Wigton did have. Also a computer health check was recommended. County Ladies Luncheon to be held at Greenhill on 12th October. Penny was thanked for her report.**

**Mens Secretary Report: Mike reported that he had produced the fixture cards for the season. Two tournaments and fixtures were displayed in the locker rooms. Open Day was to be held on Sunday, 14th April, 2024 with a raffle and American supper.**

**Mike confirmed that Barrie Coates was vice chairperson and that the ratio of men directors was correct for the coming year.**

 **Dates for the coming month:**

 **17th April Podiatry – NHS using the room all day**

 **19th April Darts**

 **20th/21st Young Offenders training day.**

 **20th April School Reunion**

 **24th April Young Offenders**

 **26th April Darts**

 **MS Group using room as they have changed days to Fridays.**

 **27th April Stained glass class**

 **Health and Safety: an accident was report which occurred when a member fell off**

 **his own ladder whilst decorating in the Club. He was not using the Club ladders. He**

 **had sustained injuries which did not require hospital treatment. It was reported that**

 **the Member was now recovered.**

**AOB**

**Mike Tuddenham asked the price of hiring the room which Bob stated was £10 per hour. But negotiable.**

**Barrie to speak with the Electrician about finishing the current job.**

**It was discussed and agreed that Eric Bowe be awarded a Honorary Membership and a plague for services rendered to the Club since it opened.**

**Sarah had placed an advert in the Wigton News and Wigton Crack on social media about Open Day. Sarah also enquired about the flower tubs as she wished to plant up some but didn’t want to if they were to be removed. She also reported that new pads had been received for the defibrillator. Sarah apologised for not being at the social night due to illness.**

**Mike Foord reported that Chris Bowe had purchased a Freeview box which enabled viewing on the Large screen in the bar.**

**A discussed ensued regarding Ryan Baxter who had caused an incident at the Wigton Park bowling club. Enquiries would be made regarding him playing bowls at other clubs in the area and what could be done to ensure the safety of our members.**

**David Saul was to organise jumbles with a possibility of some on Saturday nights and keep records together with Sarah Nugent.**

**An invitation to go out to local businesses regarding social bowling evenings – Mike Foord to develop an invitation and set up dates for the season.**

**Date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 1st May at 10a.m.**

**Meeting closed at 10.51am**