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ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 9.30AM

Present: Dennis McGuinnes (DMcG), Elaine Philipson (EP), Mike White (MW), Steph Taylor (ST), Roger Dobbing (RD) and Margaret Weeden (MWe)

1. Apologies:

	None
2.	Previous Minutes:
	Agreed.
3.	Matters Arising:
	None
4.	Chairman's Report:
	Nothing to report.
5.	Secretary's Report:
	Contact has been made from the Cranleigh Young Farmers to see if it would be possible for some of their members to come to the Club to try Short Mat Bowling.

The arrngement and date for the AGM were discussed.

EP to liaise with Roger Newman re a date for the use of the Club.

EP to liaise with Sandra Reed

6. Treasurer's Report:

A Financial Report was handed to the members. It was noted that the accounts for the commodities are yet to be included.

7. Match Secretary's Report:

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Ewhurst are in third place in the Second Division, having started right at the bottom of the League. We may end up either in the same place or in fourth place at the end of the season, which will be advantageous for us next year.

WOKING BOROUGH LEAGUE

We are currently in the bottom four at the time of writing, and we have five more fixtures in this, so plenty of opportunities for improvement.

SURREY TRIPLES

This League started out well, but the teams have changed around quite a bit, which is never good for results, so we are now third from bottom. It would be nice to win the last two of these games.

THURSDAY CHARITY LEAGUE

We are still doing very well in this League, as we have been able to keep the winning teams together, with exceptional playing and determination from them.

MAGPIES

This League will always be struggling while we are playing against such better players. Lots of enthusiasm from the teams though with two more to play.

Items for Discussion:

a. Competitions:

The Singles is the next competition to be played within the next two weeks. There has been a good response to this competition. The Open and Mixed Pairs Competition will be finished by the end of March.

The Aussie Pairs have been successful and it was agreed that this would be a good competition to be included in the fixtures next season.

b. Social and Newsletter:

The Newsletter has been forwarded to Sheena Hall and will be published in the next week.

Estimates are still to be received for the Honours Board. **RD to liaise with Roger Newman re Boards.**

ST has now undertaken the role of sending e mails out to all members and was thanked for doing this task.

c. Facilities.

It was agreed that the new fence was a great improvement.

MW confirmed that costs for the car park were being sourced.

DMcG to contact M Crowther re extra keys for the door.

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MW will look at the possibilities for sponsorship.

It was agreed that MW, ST and EP would visit Milford Bowl Club to see their Card System in operation. Following this visit a meeting will be arranged with the Outdoor Club to discuss the future use of a Card System.

10. Date of next Meeting.

Thursday 28th March 2024, at 9.30, at the Ewhurst Bowls Club.

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

D Mc Guinnes Chairman