

MINUTES

ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st 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:

The repairs to the door were taking a long time and two keys did not seem adequate.

5. Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report

6. Treasurer's Report:

A Financial Report was handed to the members.

7. Match Secretary's Report:

Starting with the Shab League, we are now in top position, having played some very hard fought games over the last few months. Considering we started at the bottom of Division 2, this is an amazing result. All the players in this should be congratulated.

We are not doing so well in the Surrey Triples having lost most of our games, but there is still time to improve our position in this one.

In the Woking Borough League, we have hovered in the middle of the table, and after having a mammoth struggle to win our last game, we have gained two more points in this League.

Ewhurst is still doing very well in the Thursday afternoon Charity League, having won ten out of their fourteen games, and are holding third position at the moment. Again, as we have used mostly relatively new players in this, only using County players when absolutely necessary, we should congratulate those team members.

Our Magpies League is struggling a bit, having won two out of their games played so far, but still have time for improvement. As usual, they have to play against some of the oppositions best players.

One of the important reasons for our success this season, is that the majority of our players regard themselves as winning team players, and not individual players.

Items for Discussion:

a. Competitions:

The New Bowlers Competition had been a successful day and was enjoyed by the competitors. The Drawn Pairs Competition will take place on the 10th February. A notice has been displayed to encourage spectators to come to watch and support the players in the competitions. The Singles Competition is well supported and will be played over two days. The Aussie Pairs will start on 6th February, and be played fortnightly, and if successful could be a new competition for next season.

It has been noted that during the play of the competitions there had been comments and talking while people are playing. This must be discouraged as it can have a negative effect on people while they are bowling.

b. Social and Newsletter:

Sheena Hall and Roger Dobbing suggested a change in the format of the Newsletter in order that it is easier to read on line.

It was agreed that RD would discuss any changes with the Outdoor Club.

RD stated that as from June 2024, he would no longer be responsible for sending group e mails to all members of the Short Mat and Outdoor Bowls Club.

RD will discuss with the Outdoor Club, the organising of group e mails for Outdoor Club information being undertaken by one of their members.

ST volunteered to send group e mails for the Short Mat Club.

RD was thanked for all the work and time he had given to both Clubs over the years.

c. Facilities.

Quotations are awaited for the rewiring at the Club.

It was suggested that the urinals be replaced with toilets instead of a new flushing system.

d. AOB

The Flag will be replaced in the summer.

It had been noted that several Bowling Clubs have changed their bowling uniforms from grey and white and now wear different colours. It was agreed that the new colours looked a lot smarter

DMcG stated that the dress code was dictated by English Bowls and that Surrey had written to them for guidance on this matter and a decision was awaited.

It was agreed that a credit card facility would be good for the Club especially as change for the bar is becoming a problem.

MW to organise a meeting with R Newman and the treasurer of the Outdoor Club to discuss progressing this facility.

Sponsorship for the Short Mat Club was discussed and MW will look into this matter.

ST and MWe have been looking at various venues for the Annual lunch and it was agreed that the Roger Tichborne was the best venue and will book the lunch for June 2024.

It was noted that the linings of some of the curtains need replacing. It was agreed that Val Sloman would replace the linings for the cost of the materials.

RD is waiting for two price quotations for the Honours Board.

DMcG announced that he would be standing down as Chairman.

10. Date of next Meeting.

Thursday 29th February 2024, at 9.30, at the Ewhurst Bowls Club.

**Signed.....
D Mc Guinness Chairman**

Date.....