

MINUTES

ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING **HELD ON TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM**

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

1. Apologies:

None

2. Previous Minutes:

Agreed.

3. Matters Arising:

None

4. Chairman's Report:

Thanks was given to Margaret Weeden and David Kempson for the hard work in organising the competitions and the success of the recent Star Cup Competition.

5. Secretary's Report:

A request had been made to replace the chalk with soft bowls chalk as the hard chalk can scratch the surface of the bowls.

A request from Sayers Croft to use the Club car park if needed as an overflow park on the 9th and 10th December was agreed.

Ian Barter from Hurtwood House has requested our bank details so that a donation can be made to the Club. Details have been forwarded.

A revised membership list was handed out and if all agreed the list will be provided to all members.

A welcome letter will be sent to all new members.

MW to get information on prices of chalk and spray chalk.

6. Treasurer's Report:

A financial statement was handed to the committee members.

7. Match Secretary's Report:

We are well into our League season now, and have had some really good matches so far.

In the Surrey Triples, Ewhurst had a bit of a setback last night with a loss to Albury. We were level pegging until half time, when Albury got into their stride and showed what a good team they are. Elaine Philipson as lead was the star of the show with every end covered, front and back. We were in fourth place, so will probably be down one after that.

In the Woking Borough League, we are holding a good seventh place, after some very good wins.

We are keeping our good record in the Thursday Charity League, holding third place, also with some very good wins and high scores.

Our Magpies have also been holding their own with two good wins and two losses.

Hurtwood House School are coming to our Club again today, having enjoyed learning the game over the last few weeks, and we are keeping in touch with them regarding the possibility of starting again in the new year.

Items for Discussion:

An e mail from David Kempson recommending that an increase in bar prices should be implemented due to the rise in prices for most drinks was discussed.

It was agreed that the increase should be made with immediate effect.

MW to produce a new Price List.

EP to send confirmation of increases agreed to David Kempson.

a. Competitions:

The Star Cup Competition was very successful and an enjoyable day.

The list for the Teams of Five and Novice Bowlers will be put on the boards this week.

It is important that new members are retained and made aware of all the activities within the Club.

Members are showing a preference for a Tuesday night for the new competition. The format could be Aussie Pairs or Three Wood Pairs.

MWe and EP to discuss and organise.

b. Social and Newsletter:

The Quiz Night was well attended and enjoyed. Thanks go to the Social Committee for their hard work and good food provided.

The Social night for both the Indoor and Outdoor Clubs was discussed and looked forward to an enjoyable night for both Clubs.

c. Facilities.

The alarm had been going off and lights left on at the Club. Allan Webber had been called out by the neighbour beside the Club, who had been disturbed by the alarm/lights on more than one occasion. The engineer has inspected the alarm system and fixed the problem.

DMcG will be contacting the neighbour with respect to the disturbance.

MWe to organise a list of instructuions to be undertaken by all members leaving the Club.

EP to organise list of names for call outs to the club.

d. AOB

The boards showing all the League match information is maintained and updated by the persons responsible for the individual Leagues. Recently, Jacki Mackenzie found that all the paperwork relevant to the Magpie matches had been removed from the board. It has therefore been necessary to put a “do not remove “notice on the board. A lot of work goes into organising these matches and removal of information can cause a lot of extra work.

RD to put notice re match information in the Newsletter

A pre Christmas drinks and Christmas Fling was discussed as well as dates for the Club night Fish and Chips,

10. Date of next Meeting.

Thursday 28th December 2023, at 9.30, at the Ewhurst Bowls Club.

**Signed.....
D Mc Guinnes Chairman**

Date.....