

ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2020 AT THE CLUBHOUSE AT 2PM

Present: Pauline Shipway (Sec) Steph Taylor (Match Sec), Mike White (MW) Treasurer
Roger Dobbing and Margaret Weeden (MWe)

- 1 Apologies** Dennis McGuinness
- 2 Previous Minutes** – The minutes were agreed as correct, signed and a copy placed on the club website.
- 3 Matters Arising** - There has been no response from the EBC regarding the sharing of the Government grant for sports clubs. DMcG has therefore drafted a letter to them for discussion and comment by the committee. It was felt generally that Dennis's letter conveyed our feelings but should be written as coming from the committee. Dennis will be advised of our comments and changes to the draft.
- 4 Chairman's Report:** Via email DMcG gave thanks to the committee for at last introducing play at the club. All committee members have played their part in this but in particular Steph Taylor ignored protocol and achieved the Safe Bowling Certificate so that play could commence. RD has successfully introduced the booking system on the website for members to reserve places.

Surrey is endeavouring to get the all important Safe Bowls Certificate as there is an Intention, dependent upon circumstances, to introduce some kind of club competition as early as possible.
- 5 Secretary's Report:** Jackie Rubie, Secretary of EBC has asked us to confirm the dates for their opening drive 19th April and final fling on 21st September 2021. This was agreed subject to any Covid restrictions and a **confirmation Email will be sent.**
- 6 Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the accounts was passed to committee. The accounts have been passed to the auditor (Stan Quinnell). We still have to pay the ground rent from 2 years' ago due to the council not invoicing us. All out of date bar items will be disposed of except spirits.
- 7 Match Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report
- 8 Items for Discussion:**

Competitions: Nothing to report

Social:

Newsletter: The deadline is 20th December and items were still needed for this edition. An item will be put in to advise members that bowling has now commenced for singles only and confirming that all the government and ESMBA conditions have been met.

Facilities: MW confirmed that the heating is now operating and the key box has been moved to a lower position for better access.

It was pointed out that the car park is in a very poor condition and MW will remind the Council of this.

- 9 Any other business:** Stewarding – after the first few sessions it was felt that it was necessary for two stewards to be in attendance. Stewards could also play in the session if needed or previously booked. It was also felt that both players in singles could move the bowls etc. but when pairs play commenced only one team would be allocated to sanitise and move the equipment etc. Stewards will carry out the sanitising before the start of play. This would cut the time down. There is to be no lingering by players once the session has ended.

It has been agreed that Janice Hathaway and Irene Gould can use club bowls and take them home.

RD confirmed that after the Christmas break play would commence again on 28th December for singles, subject to any other restrictions being announced. It was agreed that one person in an established couple could book for both players for singles play but once pairs play commences then each player would have to book individually.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3 pm

- 10 Date of next Meeting :** Due to our Chairman not being present the date will be agreed in due course.

Pauline Shipway
Hon Sec
December 2020

Dennis McGuinness
Chairman ESMBC