

MINUTES

ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING 10 am ON 2nd DECEMBER 2021 HELD AT EWHURST CLUBHOUSE

Present: Dennis McGuinness (DMcG) (Chair) Pauline Shipway (PS)(Sec) Steph Taylor (ST) (Match Sec), Mike White (ME) (Treasurer) Roger Dobbing (RD) Margaret Weeden (MWe)

- 1 **Apologies** None all present
- 2 **Previous Minutes** – The minutes were agreed as correct, signed and a copy placed on the club website.
- 3 **Matters Arising** - DMcG reminded the meeting that Covid is still with us and all precautions must be observed and all members must be reminded of these at all sessions. The committee is reminding players and there are notices around the clubhouse.

DMcG pointed out that Item 3 of the previous minutes of 28th September referred to £8000 grant but this was only suggested to the committee.

RD has still to speak with Chris Hames regarding the penalty of £15.

MW is obtaining a further supply of score cards and will also adjust the timer on the lights down the path.

- 4 **Chairman's Report:** The Christmas Fling is being organised for 20th December with maximum of 24 players. We do need an organiser for the afternoon session and an Email will be sent to members for a volunteer for the afternoon session. Refreshments will be provided.
- 5 **Secretary's Report:** We have received 8 applications for membership all from the U3A Course. These were approved by the committee. Welcome letters and club leaflet and bowls Stickers have been sent out.

RD has helped with the membership list and this is now available to current members application to be made to the secretary. Di Richardson has resigned her membership and returned the key and her deposit will be refunded.

- 6 **Treasurer's Report:** The accounts were passed to the committee and agreed. MW has made an appointment with the auditor.
- 7 **Match Secretary's Report:** The Wey Valley leagues are all running now and Ewhurst teams are in all except the Monday Lightwater League.

We have played ten games in the Woking Borough League, with mixed results, and are currently in sixth place out of ten.

In the Surrey Triples we have played seven of our games, also with mixed results.

In the Thursday afternoon Charity League we have played six games and only lost one, so are in a very good position at the moment.

With no SHAB League this season we have entered the Knockout competition and have played one game in Group A and two games in Group D, a long way still to go.

8 Items for Discussion:

Competitions: The finals of the Novice Bowlers and Mixed pairs was played on 18th November and the final of the drawn pairs will be played on 14th December. This completes the outstanding competitions which could not be finished due to Covid.

Details of all other competitions are currently on the board. Teams of Five 11th December. Novice Bowlers' form is on the board and **MWe will contact those eligible.**

Social: The Kurling evening was very successful. Nothing has yet been arranged for the future.

Newsletter : A new title was suggested – “ Inside Out”, another suggestion was “Toucher” but after some discussion RD has decided to continue with the current title.

RD has received correspondence advising that copyright was broken with one of our photographs in the Newsletter. It was agreed that we should pay the fine of £120.

It was also suggested that with regard to the settlement of the Government Grant with the outdoor club we could seek arbitration. There is a moral and ethical right here.

Facilities: **MW will obtain a timer** so that the outdoor lights stay on for a longer time.

9 Any other business: DMcG said if there was no response to our request for session leaders for the Monday and Friday afternoon sessions we would have to decide whether these two sessions carry on. **RD will email members** to **again** ask for volunteers.

The Leatherhead club has installed a ventilation system in their clubhouse costing approx £7000 which can be covered by a grant and **DMcG will look into this possibility.**

Surrey County SMBA has advised that hand shaking etc should be avoided and a polite “thank you” would suffice. Covid is still with us and all precautions should still be observed.

Etiquette Rules should always be observed when playing and a copy of these is on the notice board.

Members have asked if the bench in the clubhouse could be removed but MW explained that it was donated to the outside club and is being kept inside for the time being.

ST again raised the subject of the short mat clubs' access to updating the website. RD will arrange to discuss this with the computer expert.

It is noted that MW and RD left the meeting at 11 am.

10 Date of next Meeting : 10 am 30th December at the Clubhouse.

11 Meeting closed at 1120 am

Pauline Shipway
Hon Sec
December 2021

Dennis McGuinness
Chairman ESMBC