

**ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE AT 930 am ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2020**

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

- 1 Apologies** None all present
- 2 Previous Minutes** – The minutes were agreed as correct, signed and a copy placed on the notice board and on the club website.
- 3 Matters Arising** - In some instances the clubhouse has not been secured correctly and it was agreed a more prominent notice should be displayed to remind members of the correct procedure **MW to arrange to do this**

The club lunch has been arranged for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at the Sir Roger Tichborne and the menu selection and details will be sent to members. **RD will prepare the selection form** and details will be placed on the noticeboard. We were advised that Jo Reynolds is not available on that day and DMcG will send her an apology that she cannot be involved.

The AGM date is now Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and the outdoor club has agreed that we can use the clubhouse on that evening. Notices of this will be displayed at the appropriate times.

- 4 Chairman's Report:** It was reported that a member was unhappy that he could not play in the Wednesday League after he arrived late and the teams had already been selected. The Rules of the League apply and members are aware of these.

A coaching session has been organised for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March with Mark Jones and a selection of members will be made by the 3 SHAB captains and if space allows will also include others who might benefit.

The Knockout Cup round between the Falcons and the Eagles was played on 27<sup>th</sup> February and was a very close match which nobody deserved to lose. The Eagles won and will now be playing at Wey Valley on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

- 5 Secretary's Report:** It has been brought to our notice that some members are not wearing appropriate smooth soled bowls shoes and an item in this respect will be included in the Newsletter.

The form for the Annual Presentation Dinner at Wey Valley on 16<sup>th</sup> April is on the board.

The Presentation Lunch menu has been agreed and RD will include this in the newsletter with a form for menu selection. Cheques and form to be sent to PS.

The outdoor ladies meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March will now be held in the afternoon.

Summer County games details are now on the board.

We have an application from Peter Bennett to join the club and he attended the club for a short introductory session with MWe and PS. This has been approved and the welcome letter and leaflet will be sent. It was agreed that as the season has only a few weeks to run there would be no subscription due but this would not create a precedent.

Due to its previous success there will be another Roll Up at Wey Valley on 18<sup>th</sup> April. The Form is on the board for members to indicate their interest.

As most members are now able to access the newsletter via our website it has been agreed That for those who do not have access a copy will be left for them at the clubhouse for their collection. One copy will be posted to a member who no longer resides in the area.

It has become apparent that we no longer have regular session leaders **on some roll up days** and we will now be looking for members to carry out these duties and be responsible for securing the club and turning off the urn, lights etc. **DMcG will be making enquiries** and this matter will be discussed at our next meeting.

**6 Treasurer's Report:** The accounts were passed to committee members. The electricity tariff has been fixed for the next 4 years. The score card holders ordered are slightly longer than previous ones and longer cards will be ordered next time. It was also agreed that the Club would pay an ex gratia sum of £60 to Mark Jones for his coaching instruction to cover his time and travel expenses.

**7 Match Secretary's Report:** In the SHAB matches the Eagles have played 9 games with 3 more to play and are in 4<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1. The Falcons have played 10 games with 2 more to play and are in 1<sup>st</sup> place in Division 3. The Kestrels have played 9 games with 3 more to play and are in 6<sup>th</sup> place in Division 3.

In the SHAB Knockout Cup the Eagles are now playing in the semi-finals at Wey Valley against Normandy.

Ewhurst is in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the Monday Lightwater Friendly League, with 3 more games to play. In the Surrey Triples Ewhurst is in 5<sup>th</sup> place also having 3 more to play. In the Thursday afternoon Charity League Ewhurst is in 7<sup>th</sup> place with 3 more to play. In the Woking Borough League Ewhurst is in 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 13 with 5 more to play.

Last but certainly not least, the Magpies have played 16 of their 19 games and have won an amazing 16 of them.

## **8 Items for Discussion:**

**Competitions:** All competitions running well and the draw for the Drawn Pairs will be made on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The singles draw has been done and this competition will be played on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Finals day is on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**Social:** The next event is Shuffleboard.

**Newsletter:** The next issue will be end of April.

**Facilities:** The car park is again full of pot holes and MW will try to repair as many as he can. The replacement door will now have to be delayed in order for the Parish Council to approve the expenditure.

MW suggested that the notice board and pictures should be re-arranged and it was agreed that this should be discussed at the next committee meeting.

**Any other business:** Jackie Wright will be withdrawing from the captaincy of Kestrels next season due to ill health but would be prepared to be a session leader.

It was agreed that an item for session leaders should be put in the newsletter and raised at the AGM asking for volunteers.

ST proposed that Ewhurst SHAB teams should be reduced to 2 teams only, thereby fielding our best players. This was discussed and it was **proposed to leave the matter until the next committee meeting.**

RD reminded us that we do need to get permission from the outdoor club to use the facility for short mat roll ups as in previous years. **MWe will contact Jackie Rubie** to confirm this.

The Final Fling will be on 10<sup>th</sup> April in the afternoon and evening.

Due to the Coronavirus it was agreed that notices will be displayed to ask members to avoid handshaking and also to wash hands thoroughly. **MW will produce the notices.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.55 am

**9 Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9 30 am.**

Pauline Shipway  
Hon Sec  
March 2020