

ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE AT 10am ON THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Dennis McGuinness (Chair) Pauline Shipway (Sec) Steph Taylor (Match Sec), Roger Dobbing and Margaret Weeden

- 1 Apologies** Mike White
- 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** - The Hot Shot Certificate for DMcG and Jo Reynolds will be placed in the Clubhouse. **MW to arrange to frame and display.**

There was no further news regarding the extension to the clubhouse.

We were advised that the short mat element to the Dorset holiday had been dropped.

- 4 Chairman's Report:** Nothing to report.
- 5 Secretary's Report:** The Roll Up at Wey Valley on 8th February has 12 of our members attending. This is an opportunity for bowlers to watch and learn various disciplines.

Details of a bowls break in Torquay have been sent to us and this is displayed on the notice board.

The outdoor club has requested use of the clubhouse on 11th February and 10th March which is agreed and noted in the club diary.

Due to various problems with new members using the clubhouse when matches and competitions were in progress it was agreed that a notice should be put in the club house to restrict use to formal roll ups and competitions if they have entered them.

It has been reported that a member came to the club and found the door had not been locked after previous use. It was felt that security of the club should be tightened up.

- 6 Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of the treasurer the accounts were left for the Committee.
- 7 Match Secretary's Report:** The Eagles teams are trying hard in Division 1 with mixed results against the very best clubs and are in 5th place with 3 more games to play. The Falcons are top of Division 3 having only lost 2 of the 8 games played with 4 more to play. The Kestrels are 5th in Division 3 with 5 more to play.

Our Surrey Triples teams have done well having won 6 of the 12 games they have played with some high scores and putting them in 4th place in their League.

Monday Night Lightwater League teams have played 11 of their games and won 3 so are in 8th position at the moment.

The Thursday Afternoon Charity League team has made a bit of a comeback winning their last game with a high score and have gone into 7th place.

Our marvellous Magpies have won 9 of their 13 games and as usual have come up against some strong opposition. Some Magpies are new to competing in matches so they have done well against some strong players. Congratulations to them.

8 Items for Discussion:

Competitions: The Star Cup and Teams of 5 competitions have been played and the Novice Bowlers Comp is due to be played on 9th February.

As Val Sloman has presented a Trophy for the Teams of 5 in memory of Nigel, who first suggested the competition, we now have a spare trophy for any other competition in the future.

Social: The Crazy Whist was not as well supported as some of the other social events.

Newsletter: The deadline for the Newsletter is 25th February. It was suggested that as most members now have access to the Newsletter via a computer the delivery by hand to a few members would cease and these copies would be left in the clubhouse for collection.

An item to this effect would be put in the Newsletter. This is with the exception of Doreen Bull whose copy is posted as she has moved from the area.

Facilities: MW is obtaining two quotes for a replacement door to the clubhouse. The matter of access to keys to the building was raised and it was felt that if we do have new keys then they should only be issued to members in exchange for the old one and a **record kept of who has access to the premises.** It was also agreed that no keys would be issued to new members until they had completed a full seasons' membership and subject to agreement with the committee.

It was noted that large potholes have reappeared in the car park and **MW will be asked to contact those concerned regarding repairs.**

Any other business: The Glebe Centre has asked if they could display a poster advertising their Quiz Night and this was agreed.

The question of new members using the club house without checking whether it is available to do so was discussed and it was agreed necessary to display a form detailing the times when the clubhouse is available. It was agreed that **novice bowlers are only able to attend rollups** for their first season with the exception of entering club competitions or matches. **The new members' confirmation letter will be altered accordingly.**

It was also noted that members were proposing and seconding people unknown to them and it was agreed that this would be changed and any new proposal should also be **confirmed/seconded by a committee member.** **PS will alter the proposal form** accordingly. It should also be noted that **the proposal form with cheque should be sent to the club secretary in the first instance** in order that the correct records can be updated. When the application has been approved the cheque will be passed to the treasurer.

The date for the Short Mat Presentation Lunch was agreed as 25th May and PS and ST will arrange to go to the Sir Roger Tichborne to discuss the menu and pricing etc. We have used this venue in the past and it has proved successful.

The date for the Short Mat AGM was agreed as Thursday 11th June 730/8 pm and RD will put an item in the Newsletter. PS will advise Jackie Rubie and request permission to use the clubhouse.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1140 am

9 Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 930 am at the Clubhouse.

Pauline Shipway
Hon Sec

Dennis McGuiness
Chairman

NOTE: The AGM meeting is now on Tuesday 9th June 2020