



BRIXHAM BOWLING CLUB

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(Founded 1913)

Minutes of Management Meeting 18.30 20th October 2017

Present: Alan Parker, Sally Hoare, David Hayden, Chris Dawes, Sheryl Baxter, Mo Penhaligon

1. Apologies:

Jenny Hopkins, David Taylor, David Moseby

Before the meeting commenced thanks were offered to Sheryl & Geoff Baxter for their efforts in successfully raising the funds for the defibrillator, which is now installed.

2. Riviera Mixed Triples League

Discussion took place on whether we should enter a second team in the RMT league, now that it had been split into two smaller leagues, with end of season play offs. Whilst it was recognised that this was a good idea, there were practical issues around such a move, the most important of these being the conflict between these teams and the Men's B Team. During the 2017 season, it has been difficult at times to field a B Team, and with the number of playing members likely to remain the same for 2018 there is no reason to suggest it will change. The downside of only having one RMT team is that the players will have fewer matches under the new system. This may be an issue for the ladies. It was suggested that the possibility of having an internal league for the ladies be raised at their meeting on 25 October.

The meeting reluctantly decided not to enter a second team in the RMT league.

3. Charity Table

The meeting discussed the future of the Charity Table, following its success in funding the defibrillator. It was agreed that it should continue in order to finance specific club expenses such as new jacks, but that it be relocated, along with the bookcase, to an area to the left of the bar. This not only frees up space alongside the "Captain's Table" and the notice boards, but also positions our "articles for sale" close to the bar, where the visibility is greater for our potential "punters", and where we would expect a better return.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Captains' Day (and other events)

A significant amount of money had been raised throughout the season, and thanks were offered to Sally Hoare for her efforts – in particular for the highly successful and enjoyable Rainbow Day. In summary, the funds raised were;

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| Tombola | £ 23.00 |
| Opening Day Spider | £ 50.00 |
| Rainbow Event | £527.50 |
| Tour Fines | £ 50.25 |
| Collection Tin (on bar) | £ 13.59 |
| Closing Day Spider | £ 50.00 |
| Coffee Mornings (x2) | £200.00 |
| Total | £914.34 |

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4.2 Men's MDL Cup

It was agreed that, as in previous years, we would not be entering the MDL Cup this year.

4.3 Pavilion Repairs

It was noted that Geoff Baxter was working on repairing/replacing cladding on the pavilion. The pavilion will require painting before the start of the 2018 season, so it was suggested that we arrange a "painting day" similar to that where the railings were refreshed.

4.4 Touring Teams

The number of touring teams scheduled for 2018 is still down on previous years. The meeting discussed ways of improving this, and the following ideas were raised;

- i. encouraging repeat visits by writing to our tourists after their visit to thank them for coming, an enjoyable game, and any other item of note from the visit.
- ii. contacting Isle of Wight Tours, a company which organises bowls tours, to let them know who we are, where we are and what we can offer, thereby reducing our dependence on THL. Marldon have benefited from such a relationship. (Note – there may be other similar companies we can contact).

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