

Milton Park Bowls Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23.08.21

Please note these minutes are my best interpretation of the discussion which took place.

1. *Attending:* Albie Somerset, (Stand in Chairman), Pauline Skirrow (Treasurer), Kath Patrick (Steward Co-ordinator), Pete Norton, (Eastney), Sue Jackson (MPLBC), Rob Rowe, (MPBC), Martin Eggleton, (Priory), Dave Watkins (Eastney), Fred Hammal (Priory)

Apologies: Andy Hibberd (Green Manager) Gary Adams (MPBC)

2. *Minutes of the Previous Meeting*
Previously distributed and agreed correct
Prop: Martin Eggleton
Sec: Peter Norton

3. *Matters Arising (not covered as agenda items)*
Actions completed apart from:
Item 7 Purchase of bird scarers **Action: Dave B**

Chair for 2022 confirmed as Albie Somerset (Priory).

Chair for 2023 confirmed as Rob Rowe (Milton)

Martin said Andy had chased the council and the new woodwork on the veranda was soon to be painted.

It was also discussed a quote was awaited from PCC to replace the greens perimeter upstands. PCC have agreed to go 50- 50 on the cost. Further discussion ensued and it was decided to wait for the quote but to consider carrying out the work ourselves. Martin said it could cost £500 for the material and we could do the work ourselves during the close season.

It was noted partial similar work cost the Association £2047.00 in 2017 and was now likely to be a lot more. The Committee thanked Andy Hibberd for his effort it getting these items progressed,

4. *Correspondence*

Rob read out two letters he had sent out about Parking. One to the Council and one to Tesco. Both asking for help for players parking on Club match days now that the new Residents Permit scheme was coming in. Replies were awaited from both.

Rob read a letter he had received from Bridgemary Bowls Club backing up our case for more parking spaces and this letter was very much appreciated.

Kath said she had more letters coming from other Clubs and we would use these when approaching the Council further.

There was no other correspondence.

5. *Treasurer's Report*

Pauline distributed a balance sheet and a Steward expenses sheet.

To date:

Income £6,781.31

Expenditure £3,275.29

Balance stands at £48,232.29 includes 96p interest.

Annie Biggs and Pauline had negotiated with the Telephone company a reduced rate for the rental - down from £22.55 per month to £16.80 per month.

The very good news was that Pauline had decided to stay on as Hon Treasurer. This was roundly applauded and a big thank you to Pauline from the whole committee.

There were no further questions for the Treasurer.

6. *Green Keepers Report.*

Andy was unable to attend the meeting but Martin explained Andy had chased the Council to repair the perimeter upstands to both greens and asked them to consider cutting back the trees which were over-hanging the greens. Andy also asked the Council to change some areas of turf on both greens. It was reported that the roof coverings had been replaced. Andy was thanked and it was agreed he was doing an excellent job.

7. Steward Co-ordinators Report.

Kath spoke about the need for change with regarding Stewarding. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that there was a need to change the timings of sessions for 2022 season.

Kath proposed that morning Stewards arrive at 10 am and for the greens to open no earlier than 1030 am. The morning Steward would then be asked to work until 2 pm. The afternoon steward would take over and work until 6 pm. This will give continuity in the last hour when teams were turning up to play in the evening. Currently the afternoon Steward goes at 5 pm and this leaves a period when players are turning up for drinks etc (revenue) and no-one is there to serve them.

Kath expressed her concern about the lack of Stewards to take us through to the end of this season.

If there were to be games in the evening the Home team would have to continue to lock up. If there were no games and no bookings it might be necessary that the greens would close at 6 pm.

Kath asked for a list to go up onto each clubs notice board for 'volunteers' to fill the vacant spots up until the end of the season.

Martin made the point with the number of members and the number of weeks in the season each player would in 2022 only have to cover 4 shifts.

A discussion took place about charging those who do not intend to Steward at all, an additional annual subscription, but no decision was made about that at this meeting.

8. Secretarial Responsibilities.

At this point Rob passed a sheet to every committee member present which showed the jobs which needed doing during a 12-month cycle. Rob suggested the tasks needed to be looked at in detail and for members to take them away and to see if they, as individuals could be responsible for any items and report back at the next meeting. It was felt the Secretarial duties could be shared to a certain extent. Rob said he would be happy to take minutes but did not want the Hon. Secretary job.

Concern was shown about Insurance renewal. This was an annual payment to both Howdens Insurance and Sutton Winston both in the spring. Need to check on where they will be sent.

It was discussed about key holders and was there a complete list. Concern was made about 'call outs' by the Police and Martin Eggleton agreed he should be the point of contact and not one of the Female members. This was agreed.

Forthcoming dates.

Sunday 29th August Milton Park President's Day

Wednesday 1st September Milton Park Permatic Cup competition

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September Milton Park 2 wood finals.

Thursday 16th September Milton Ladies evening Fish and Chip Supper

Saturday 18th Roger Woods birthday bash with Eastney.

Sunday 19th September greens close.

Monday 8th November Quiz night at Good Companions in aid of charity. Please see your notice boards for more details.

9. **current** Committee membership.

Vice Chair. Priory
Steward Co-ordinator. Kath Patrick
Secretary. Vacant
Minutes. Rob Rowe
Treasurer. Pauline Skirrow.
Greens Managers. Andy Hibberd / Dave Brown
Club Reps. As listed previously

10. *Any Other Business*

In light of us having no Secretary we are very likely outside of the constitution rules and also the rules of CASC.

It may be necessary to call an extra ordinary meeting. Club Reps should continue to make it clear to their members we will have to start paying for this service if we don't get any volunteers, which will mean a big increase in annual fees.

It was reported that Eastney Bowling Club were to disband at the end of the season and would have their final event on the 3rd of October 2021. It is with great sadness that we have to lose this well established club but it is good to know many of the current Eastney Bowlers will be continuing at Milton Park. The Committee thanks Roger Wood for his continued support.

The Committee thanked Colin Dixon for all of his work on decorating the benches to a very good standard. They had been dipped and stripped in May 2019 but needed re-vitalising. Also, for his presentation of a good pair of shears for use by two of the Milton Ladies who were working on the perimeter hedges, saying he would buy himself a new one.

Pauline mentioned that the Fire extinguisher tests were out of date. Last tested in August 2019. Rob took the phone number and called Churches Fire who responded with a quote which was passed to Pauline. Rob contacted Min to ask if anyone else other than Churches Fire were already contracted and that was being investigated.

Do we have to get the electrical appliances PAT tested. Check the list.

Rob told the Committee he had chased Adrian Rozier about the Lease and he said it would be with us by the 10th of September.

Rob told the committee that Tim Sage still did not want to put in an invoice for work done so far. Tim was happy to look at the draft lease when we receive it.

Kath said she would like to present a Bench to commemorate Dennis Patrick and would like it on the south side of Priory's green. Martin said he would talk to Kath about it and Priory would help in some way.

Albie said he would like it in the minutes Priory won the A league and The Combination C league in this 'friendly' season.

Please note Kath Patrick is away between the 6th and 13th September and again between the 26th September and 5th October.

It is hoped to set a date for the AGM at the 11th October meeting.

No other business the meeting closed at 2 pm.

Please note some of the above may be out of sequence but I believe I have covered all of the items.

11. *Date of Next Meeting*

Date: Monday, 11th October

Venue: Pavilion

Time: 12.30pm

Rob Rowe - 23.08.21