TOTNES BOWLING CLUB

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 14th November 2024 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT. Tudor Joseph, Mike Hannaford, Lynda Joseph, Paddy Harris, Lydia Stocks, Ken Law

John Derbyshire. John Shepherd.

1 APOLOGIES. Paul Eames, Graham Sowerby

.**2 MINUTES** of the committee meeting held on 17th October 2024 were accepted as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4 TREASURERS REPORT.

The club currently does not have a treasurer, and so the secretary gave a report. The bank balance is £17881.80.

A notification was received from Lloyds Bank advising the club, that the current Treasurer's Account would be changed to a Community Account on 14th January 2025. The club would have to pay bank charges on this account. To mitigate the fees, the secretary suggested that the club could put £10K into a 32 day notice savings account, that would pay 2.3% interest. After discussion it was decided to stay with Lloyds Bank and to open a deposit account as suggested.

PLAYING SECTION MATTERS.

As far as the 2025 season is concerned matters for MDL4 are complete. The MDL3 matches are complete. The SDLBL matches are also almost complete with the TCBC match still awaiting confirmation.

So far we have 10 friendly matches arranged. Now that the MDL and SDLBL matches are almost complete I can arrange the remaining friendly matches without being concerned about clashes of date.

We already have three tourist matches in the diary for 2025 from TLH leisure together with enquiries made from other clubs.

There is some small concern about the volume of fixtures in the early part of the season due to out centenary matches. In particular the weeks of 5th, 12th, and 19th May 2025. There is a very crowded diary which will need all of our members to pitch in to make our centenary and other matches a success.

At the Club AGM Fred Martin said he was stepping down as Club Captain, but that he would continue to deal with the matches at the Derwent Hotel. Since the AGM Ken Law has agreed to be Club Captain, Paddy Harris will help him with team selection, and so will Graham Sowerby when he is available.

With Ken Law becoming club captain, there is a vacancy for a representative from the men's section on the committee, and the secretary was asked to advise the membership and ask for nominations.

Andy Bishop has contacted the Riviera League, and said that Totnes B C would put two teams into the league. John Leonard had also said that the club would have two teams in the Over 55s League. Several members felt that two teams were too much and it could put pressure on other team selections, and Lynda Joseph said that the league must come first, which all agreed.

BAR/CATERING MATTERS.

Awaiting a quotation for the changes to the bar and moving the glass washer.

Lynda said that a bar stocktake should be done every month, which was agreed.

GREEN MAINTEBANCE.

John Derbyshire said that the green had been cut this week and last week, and was sprayed yesterday. Max Sandford suggested that the green should be cut both ways on the same day. Core samples, of the green, would be taken next week.

Nothing further has come from SHDC regarding the leak in the water pipeline, and the secretary would ask our District Councillor for help in pressurising the council to deal with it.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Derbyshire said that 11 members of Ernie Knight's family had come to the club, and spread Ernie's ashes in various parts of the club by the green. They made a £20 donation to the club, which John gave to the secretary.

Lynda Joseph said that there was a game at the Derwent Hotel on the same day as the Club Christmas Draw on Saturday 7th December. The match is from 10am to 12 noon so players can be back at the club by 1pm.

There was a discussion about the Club Competition draw, when lots of members came for a roll up and then the draw but left not knowing who they were playing until the information was put on the notice board. John Derbyshire said that names were called out as the draw was done. The draw for 2025 is scheduled for Saturday 10th May at 2pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.

Signed by the Chairman Date