Meeting on Thursday 14th August At 10-30am

The meeting began with a discussion with Andy Bishop with regard to the B team. Andy said how difficult it was to get members to play for the team after a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Andy would ask Simon Harris to give him some assistance. Andy left the meeting after that.

We then continue with the agenda:-

Attendees :- L Joseph, P Harris, G Sowerby, M Hannaford, T Joseph, J Derbyshire, K Law, J Shepherd, G Hooper.

1. **Apologies :-** P Eames, L Stocks.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** :- Item 8.8 removed.
3. **Matters arising** :- Dogs. The following is to be added to the H&S policy. They must be on a lead at all times; not allowed in the kitchen; not allowed on the green and in the changing rooms.
4. **Treasurer report :-** £6535.77 + £10000 in the bank. Mike said that he will not be the treasure next season. So we should be looking out for someone to take over the job. Possibly ask someone in person rather than just sending out a general email. There was a discussion with regard to going cashless. This was left to be decided at a later date.
5. **Playing section matters, smoking or vaping on the green**:- It was decided that there will be only 3 places where people will allowed to smoke or vape. They are in the corners at the far end of the green and also near the outside tap at the Clubhouse end.

   The season is now reaching its end with our teams still competing in all

   The men's 'A' team has three MDL3 matches to play with a possibility of achieving promotion. The men's 'B' team has only one MDL4 match to play.

   The ladies SDL team has three matches to play.
   Both Over 55's teams have three matches to play.
   The Riveira Mixed league has been completed.
   There are five friendly matches remaining at home.
   There are two friendly matches away plus the Summer Trophy.
   There are two remaining tourist matches arranged through TLH leisure.

Our Club Charity day is due to be played on 31st August and the club finals weekend takes place over the weekend of the 6th and 7th September.
For 2026:
I already have enquiries from other clubs regarding friendly matches in 2026.

Our 2026 Opening day will be Saturday 4th April 2026.

Captain v President will be on Sunday 26th July 2026
The Club Charity Day 2026 will be on Sunday 30th August 2026
I've established that the 2026 Finals Weekend will be either 5th or 6th September or 12th or 13th September depending on when the MDL Cup finals take place.
The Bob Perkins Cup (if played) will be on Sunday 20th September 2026

Other Matters

With regard to grant applications, I've registered with a fund raising database and added our profile to see if our need matches the opportunities offered by various funds. To date nothing further has happened.

I've now shifted the main focus of any applications to raising funds for our watering system and playing equipment.

I've also registered with Bowls England who now have a database of funds available for bowls clubs and one of the particular funds relates to green sprinkler systems. I am currently pursuing that avenue but have nothing to report at this point.

6. **Bar and catering matters.** The committee said that we should try and ask a member to take over managing the bar.
7. **Green Maintenance.** The watering system is still not working. 2 water bowers we're purchased and members were asked to help with the watering of the green. A discussion was held regarding a payment to the lads on the green team, John Derbyshire left the room while the committee discussed the payment. An amount was agreed.
8. **Any other business** . It was decided to send out an email to all the participants on finals day. It would remind all finalist that that dress code is club shirts and whites.

There would be a collection for all who had helped in the kitchen.

The date for the MDL AGM is Saturday 8th November at 10am. The venue is Newton Abbott.

No date was set for the next meeting.
The meeting closed at 12-45pm