Minutes of Stafford Bowling Club Management Committee 6.11.24.

Meeting held to discuss the quotes for installing a new boiler.

Present: Frank James (Chair), Ken Sproston (Treasure), Nick Bickley (Secretary). John Cussons, Dave Barrett, Trevor Laws, Peter Atkin, Vilma Allman, Elly Wain, Rosie Vance-Cotsford, Wendy Boult

Three quotations had been obtained:

Plumb Gas: £4,609.62

SEM: £3830.40

Oulton: £2560.40

TL asked if all the quotes were valid as the Plumb Gas quotation was over the thirty day limit set out on the document?

It was agreed that this was passed the date.

PA noted that the Plumb Gas and Oulton quotes were high for labour and would also require an electrician and builder to carry out work which could result in higher costs.

JC noted that the SEM quotation would not require a builder and that the boiler would be up on the wall. He also informed the meeting that SEM had provided the club with help to relight the boiler and had not charged for this service.

DB had asked a plumber about the Vogue boiler and they had said that it wasn’t a bad boiler.

EW’s husband who has a background in engineering said that the SEM quotation had a good spec on it. She was also concerned that the club’s pipework was over 35 years old and noted that SEM were replacing the pipework.

RVC was concerned that if we opted for the cheapest quotation (Oulton) that there may be add-ons to the cost.

KS felt that it was not just the monetary cost we needed to consider but also what felt right for the club.

JC proposed that the club opted for the SEM quote and this was seconded by NB

TL proposed that the club opted for the Plumb Gas quotation.

A vote was taken and it was decided by a 6 to 1 majority to use SEM.

**Action: JC to contact SEM and arrange installation of the new boiler.**

PA stated that in the future if the club needed work carried out a sub committee should be formed that would consider the needs of the club and how we should proceed.

It was agreed that this would happen.

AOB.

NB informed the meeting that due to the personal data of members being kept in the cupboard labelled bowls equipment he had fitted a coded padlock and that only committee members and team captains would have this number which he shared with the committee.

EW brought to the attention of the committee some work she had carried out identifying which members played for the club in leagues.

She noted that in order to fulfil the fixtures the club needed 171 players. At present 78 players fill 170 places as some players played more than once a week. If this did not happen then the club could not fulfil its fixtures. Of the new members only 8 wished to play in leagues and 5 had already committed to the 2025 season.

Next Meeting: Monday 2nd December at 6pm at which the date for the 2025 AGM would be set.