**Stafford Bowling Club Management Committee Meeting Monday 2nd December 2024.**

Present: Ken Sproston (KS) Treasurer) (Trustee), Nick Bickley (NB) (Secretary) (Trustee), Vilma Allman (VA), Rosie Vance-Cotsford (RVC)), Elly Wain (EW) (Guest), Peter Atkin (PA)(Trustee), Dave Barrett (DB), John Cussons (JC)

1. Apologies: Dave Kelsall (DK) (President), Frank James (FJ) (Chair), Trevor Laws (TL) (Trustee), Chris Robinson (CR),

In the absence of the Chair and President NB took the Chair for the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes from 28th October 2024

Proposed: VA

Seconded: JC

Passed by the Committee

1. Matters Arising:
2. JC was in attendance at the meeting of 28th October
3. NB asked if the membership lists were to be presented in alphabetical order in the future? It was agreed that this would be the case (page 2 pt 1.1)
4. Membership of league teams will be decided by the Club Captain and team Captains (page 4)

 **Action: NB to change minutes to reflect this**

1. Secretary’s Report
2. Maintained the calendar/website/Facebook page
3. Informed members of matters concerning the club
4. Authorised payments
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. KS spoke to the Committee about the October finance report which had previously shared with the committee members.

There were no issues to highlight to the Committee on the statement

NB enquired if the bill for the boiler was in this statement?

KS explained that the fitting was outside the reporting period

Expenditure

NB asked about the waste collection situation

JC brought to the Committee’s attention that the bin now had a lock and that he would have one key and one would be kept in the Greenkeeper’s container

DB asked which line the products for green maintenance appeared on?

KS explained that this was all under grounds maintenance

DB reminded the committee that we have changed the company who look after the irrigation system. He asked NB to contact the old company informing them of this

 **Action: KS to send address of firm to NB and NB will write to the company.**

1. Income

KS noted that membership income was based on present numbers

RVC asked what the maximum number of members was?

EW informed the meeting that, at present the membership was:

115 full

 10 life

 6 associate

 7 social

She explained that there were 12 on the waiting list

JC felt that the social side of the club brings in a lot of money to the club

RVC explained that the insurance would dictate the maximum number of members

JC noted that social events were limited to 60

EW explained to the meeting that meeting and greeting had played an important part in the recruitment of new members with many stating that the club was friendly and welcoming

KS felt that prospective members will have a clearer picture of how places will be available after the AGM in February 2025

RVC asked if there was a time limit for payment of fees after the AGM?

KS explained he has 31st March in mind as the cut off date

**Action: NB to ask members to pay promptly when the notifies them of the AGM date**

RVC asked about the process that will be used to allocate vacant places?

 EW explained that places will be allocated with reference to what the new

 Members can offer the club. She would like to discuss the allocation with

 Another committee member when it was clear how many places are

 available

 **Action: Membership Secretary and Treasurer to discuss allocation of places**

1. NB asked whether fees would rise in 2025

KS felt that as fees have not gone up in recent years then they should rise in 2025

RVC noted that members should be given a years notice of a rise

PA consulted the Club Rules and noted that: ‘the amount shall be decided by the committee and members informed at least 28 days before the AGM

VA pointed out that league fees are decided at the first meeting of the year

KS proposed that the fees for 2025 should be:

Full: £77

Associate: £38.50

Social: £38.50

Junior: £5

This was agreed by the members present

JC enquired if bar profits have increased in the past year?

KS explained that he was unable to benchmark against last year

EW asked if social members can have a club key and was informed that they are not issued one.

 KS has met with Raj Bandha , an experienced accountant, who is willing to stand

 for the position of treasurer.

Bank Accounts.

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| Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account | £2,893.62 |
| Lloyds Bank Savings Account | £15,346.75 |
| Accounts Total | £18,240.37 |

6) Social Committee

1. VA stated that there are £129 available in funds

The quiz night raised £62 on the entrance, £35 from the raffle and had a profit of £58

1. Winter games are ongoing with the last games on 6th December before a break
2. £100 has been set aside for the Music Night
3. More music nights have been booked for 2025

KS thanked the Social Committee for all the work they have done.

7) Bar Report

 No report was given but JC thanked the bar staff for all the work they have done.

8) Greens and Grounds/Captain’s Report

1. Captain’s Report

DB has the names of all the players who wish to play league bowling for the club and which days they are available. He will organise a meeting with the team captains early in the new year.

KS enquired if we know the names of the captains yet?

DB explained that the names he has are:

Ladies: Vilma Allman

Wednesday A: Vilma Allman

 B: Nigel Fox

 C: John Dunning

 Thursday: A: Vilma Allman

 B: Dave Kelsall

 Friday A: Dave Barrett

 B: Sue Darby

 Saturday A: Dave Halley

 B: Peter Dix

1. Grounds
2. The company who supply the chemicals to help maintain the green say that the green is in good condition. The readings for iron and magnesium are high and they have recommended treatments.

9) Safe Guarding

 NB informed the meeting that Wendy Boult has resigned from her position as

 safeguarding officer and also her position on the committee and so the club requires

 a new officer.

 VA pointed out that this was a legal requirement for the club.

 NB asked all members of the committee to consider this matter for the meeting in

 January.

**Action: NB to inform members that we need a new safeguarding officer.**

 10) Date of AGM 2025

 The AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 2.30pm

11) AOB

1. DB suggested the at the end of 2025 there should be a function with food and a drink for all the volunteers who give so much to the club throughout the year

It was agreed that this would take place

1. PA informed the meeting that Dave Kelsall will be standing down as President at the AGM. He said that Frank James is willing to take up the position and so we will need a new Chair.

NB asked committee members to think of names for the next meeting. It could also be that someone will be nominated for the AGM

1. VA enquired what was happening with coaching next year?

NB explained that as far as he was aware Diane Williams and Wendy Boult would be carrying on with this.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Next meeting: 20.01.25 at 6pm