



Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 5th September
at the Pavilion, Waterhouses

Present: Chairman Mr J Joyce (JJ), Treasurer Mr R Salt (RS), Secretary Mr G Kneller (GKn), Vice-chairman Mr R Coates (RC), Mrs P Coates (PC), Mr D Powell (DP), Mr R Jackson (RJ) and Mrs P Jackson (PJ), Mrs L Hubbard (LH), Mr J Hubbard (JH), Mrs J Sale (JS), Mr S Sale (SS), Mr Dennis Higton (DH), Mr Eric Bagshaw (EB) and Mr K Mosley (KM).

Apologies were received from Mr B McCarthy (BM)

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the meeting on 1st August and they were signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Fun Day Feedback.

The event had been a success and had raised a total of £434.90.

GKn agreed to write to Mr Edwin Wain of Manifold Stores thanking him for allowing the purchase of wine on a sale or return basis. Edwin had also been involved in the allocation of a grant to the club from Staffs Moorlands, and GKn would also write separately to thank him for this.

Waterfall WI had made a success of running the refreshments and had also managed the cake stall on behalf of the club. At future events they would be happy to do both. It was agreed that the club should make a donation of £50 towards the WI's chosen charity.

3. Green-keeping Equipment and Supplies

A situation had arisen where a delivery had been made of fertiliser to the pavilion without anyone being present to receive it. RC had specifically asked that a call be made before delivery in order that he could be there. By chance, RC had arrived soon after delivery. This was clearly a concern from the point of view of possible theft and also danger to anyone who opened the bags. RC would be following this up with the company.

GKn agreed to contact the Parish Council regarding a recent decision about invoices and quotes. RC had first been asked to present three invoices before making purchases, and then told that it would no longer be necessary. The letter would seek clarification for the future.

4. Finals Day

Finals day had been a success with fine weather and only finals played on the day. It was decided that in future years the day should be moved into the first weekend of September to avoid the very busy bank holiday weekend.

5. League

2016 Results.

The club finished 3rd in the league, just missing out on promotion to division 2. It was agreed that it had been a successful season. Congratulations were due to JJ, JH and LH for their success in the individual and overall averages. There would be a presentation evening at Bradley House sometime in late October, and GKn and JJ would find out more at the next league meeting. Members would need to decide whether or not to request tickets, particularly if JJ would be receiving an award for leading the singles averages.

Entries for Keates Trophy.

There would be a singles competition for over-55 league players, taking place at Bradley House, Uttoxeter, on Tuesday 27th September. GKn would need the names before 20th September of any members who might like to take part. Competitors would need to have played at least 3 league games. LH, JH, RC, PC, RS and GKn expressed an interest. GKn would follow up nearer the time to confirm entries.

Veterans League, Tuesday afternoons.

Discussion took place regarding entering a team of the Tuesday afternoon Veterans League in 2017. This would require at least 10-12 members committing to being available. It was decided that there were not, at present, enough members interested and available to play, so no team would be entered for 2017.

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6. Cheese and Wine Evening, 18th March, 2017

Discussion took place about which entertainer to invite to the Cheese and Wine Evening. Five names were put forward for consideration. GKn agreed to contact each person on the list to determine availability and costs prior to the next meeting. Chris (recommended by LH), Kate (singer, JJ), Bob Neill (PC), Pat Hill (PC) and one other person (name to be confirmed) were suggested.

7. Any Other Business

(a) Finance

RS reported that the bank balance stood at £1995.04 and that there were still additional funds to be paid in from recent raffles.

(b) Indoor Bowls

GKn pointed out that in October some members switch to indoor bowls at Calton village hall but that numbers had dwindled last winter. He asked whether the club should consider buying a longer mat and arranging to play at a different venue. Several members had stopped going because of the short mat but would resume playing if a better venue and mat could be found. RC agreed to investigate the use of the mat and hall at Whiston, and GKn would look into the use of Cauldon Church Hall and Ipstones. A search would be made on the internet for a suitable used mat.

6. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting should be Monday 3rd October at 6.30pm in the pavilion.