



Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 14th October 2019
at the Pavilion, Waterhouses

Present: Chairman Mr R Coates (RC), Vice-chairman Mr R Sandall (RSn), Treasurer Mr R Salt (RSt), Secretary Mr G Kneller (GKn), Mrs P Coates (PC), Mrs M Sandall (MS), Mr B McCarthy (BM), Mr D Powell (DP), Mr R Jackson (RJ), Mrs S Hayes (SH), Mr A Oakden (TO) and Mr E Bagshaw (EB). Apologies were received from Mr J Hubbard (JH), Mrs Lynn Hubbard (LH), Dr S Martin (SM) and Mrs P Jackson (PJ).

1. **Minutes of the last meeting.**
The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September were approved and signed by the chairman.
2. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
 - (a) **Cheese and Wine Evening 2020:** A speaker was still required for the 2020 event. GKn agreed to consider the entertainers at the forthcoming League Presentation Evening. Any suggestions from members would be welcome.
 - (b) **Treatment of the green.** RC reported that the seed had begun to grow and thanked everyone who turned up to help on the day.
3. **Testing of jacks and purchase of long tape**
Two companies were considered for the testing and stamping of match jacks: Crown Green Bowler in Stafford and Premier Bowls in Stockport. It was decided that the jacks should be taken to Premier Bowls after the end of the season. Further discussion took place about the type of long tape to purchase. It was decided that a fully enclosed tape should be acquired, such as that produced by Drakes Pride. GKn agreed to purchase the tape and arrange for the testing of the club jacks before the beginning of the new season.
4. **Purchase of additional benches for seating.**
The majority of the existing benches had been made and purchased at a reduce cost from Hine's in Waterhouses, which was now closed but likely to reopen in a new guise in the near future. RC agreed to visit the workshop to investigate whether or not the new company would be willing to produce more benches at a similar cost to the club.
5. **End of 2019 Season and Uttoxeter League Presentation Evening.**
BM thanked all who had played in the Saturday League for their participation and contribution to the success of the team, which had led to promotion to division 1 in 2020.
GKn issued tickets to those members who would be attending the Uttoxeter League Presentation Evening on 25th October. It was still possible to acquire tickets through GKn if anyone else wanted them.
6. **Suggestions for changes to League rules.**
GKn asked whether anyone had any suggestions for changes to league rules. Any proposed changes would need to be sent to the league secretary before the end of November. Any suggestions should be sent to GKn as soon as possible and he would forward them. Any changes proposed by other clubs or officials would be considered at the January meeting in order that the view of Waterhouses members could be presented at the League AGM.
7. **Any Other Business.**
 - (a) **Club Cup Competitions:** The 2019 cup competitions would take place over the first weekend in April (4th/5th April).
 - (b) **Honoraria:** BM thanked RC and GKn for their work as greenkeeper and secretary respectively. RSt made out cheques for RC (£200 honorarium for work as Greenkeeper) and GKn (£100 honorarium for work as Secretary).
 - (c) **Benches:** It was agreed that the benches should be stacked and covered through the winter months. BM and RSt agreed to stack the benches. RC would arrange for a cover.
A bench had been presented to the club My Martin Harvey as a memorial to his grandfather, Alan Carr. RC agreed to approach Martin to discuss varnish/preservative for treating the bench.
 - (d) **Web Site:** GKn had been managing and running the web site from his own web server but the server was ageing and it was becoming difficult to upgrade some software elements. GKn proposed that the web site be moved to a new server, provided by an Internet Service Provider (ISP) at a cost of approximately £40 per year initially. It was agreed that this was a reasonable cost and that the change should go ahead.
8. **Date of next meeting**
The next meeting would take place at 6.30pm on Monday 13th January in the Pavilion.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:
