



Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 17th January 2022**  
at the Pavilion, Waterhouses  
immediately after the AGM

Present: Chairman Mr R Sandall (RSn), Vice-chairman Dr S Martin, Treasurer Mr R Salt (RSt), Secretary Mr G Kneller (GK), Mr B McCarthy (BM), Mr R Coates (RC), Mrs P Coates (PC), Mrs S Hayes (SH), Mr D Powell (DP), Mr K Mosley (KM), Mr R Jackson (RJ), Mrs P Jackson (PJ), Mr E Bagshaw (EB), Mrs M Sandall (MSa) and Mr S Sale (SS). Apologies were received from Mr K Allen (KA) and Mr M Stanmore (MSt).

**1. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were approved and signed by the chairman.

**2. Matters arising:**

- (a) **2021 Club Meal at the Royal Oak.** The end of season Club Meal had been a great success. Thanks were given to SH, who had organised the event and liaised with staff at the venue. It was unanimously agreed that this should become an annual event at the end of the season, with the venue to be decided nearer the time.
- (b) **Benches.** RC and BM had stacked and covered the benches for winter storage.
- (c) **Aeration of the green.** RC and RSt had collected the Hollow Tine Corer from Kingsley, aerated the green and returned the corer within one day, in return for a £20 donation to Kingsley Bowling Club. The machine was narrow enough to fit through the gate without having to dismantle the fence. There had been minor damage to the corners of the green when turning the machine, but the grass had since grown back.
- (d) **Roller.** PC confirmed that the roller that had once been owned by a member of her family was no longer in the pavilion garage but was available for loan to members upon request.

**3. Proposed changes to Uttoxeter League Rules**

GK circulated details of proposals for the 2022 season in the Uttoxeter League. GK would be voting on these proposals, on behalf of the club, at the League AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

- (a) **Change to rule 35.** This proposal was to reduce the number of players required for Saturday matches to six from 8 and was unanimously opposed.
- (b) **Proposed new league.** This proposal was to introduce a new league with three male and three female players on each team and was unanimously opposed. If the league were to go ahead, Waterhouses would not take part.

**4. Membership**

Discussion took place about how to encourage new recruits to the club.

Arrangements had been made in 2020 to invite members of the Young Farmers Club (YFC) to come to a Monday evening club session in order for them to learn to play bowls and hopefully consider joining. GK agreed to contact Chloe Meyrick or Ruth Harvey of YFC, to renew arrangements for 2022.

The possibility was discussed of inviting pupils from Waterhouses Primary Academy to come along with parents for an evening session. Safeguarding was considered and it was felt that parents should be present if children wished to attend. Details would be discussed at a future meeting.

**5. Cheese and Wine Evening 2022**

Discussion took place about whether to hold the Cheese and Wine Evening in March or postpone it until later in the year. GK pointed out that the event was intended to raise awareness in the village and potentially recruit new members. It was decided to go ahead on 12<sup>th</sup> March provided a suitable entertainer could be found.

Koop Arponen had performed at the previous Cheese and Wine Evening in 2020 but was now living in Scandinavia. GK would make contact and see whether he would be back in the UK in March. Alternatively SH suggested a neighbour of hers, Olivia Hannah Grime, who might be a good substitute. SH would ask about availability and attempts would be made to see her perform, prior to making any definite arrangements.

**6. Any Other Business**

- (a) **Captains of League Teams.** GK had stepped in to captain the Over-55s team during 2021 but did not wish to continue in 2022. Likewise BM had expressed a wish to step down from captaining the Saturday team in 2021 but had very kindly continued for another year. Discussion took place and it was agreed that teams would be captained as follows:

Over-55s team: SM with assistance from BM as required

Saturday team: RSn with assistance from SH as required.

**(b) Maintenance of the Green.** RC had experienced an injury to his hip in 2021 and was sometimes unable to mow the green. Discussion took place about alternative arrangements for green maintenance in the future, including other volunteers. A number of members would be willing to help out, but further discussion would take place at the next meeting about how to proceed.

**7. Date of next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place at **6.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

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(Chair)

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