



Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 16th January 2023
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), Mr M Stanmore (MSt), Mrs C Stanmore (CS), Mr B Wynne (BW), Mrs M Wynne (MW), Mr K Chadwick (KC) and Mr J Hall (JH). Apologies were received from Mr K Allen (KA).

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2022 were approved and signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising:

- (a) **Benches.** These had been stacked on the decking at the far end of the Pavilion but had not received their second coat of paint. This would need to be done prior to the start of the season, in April.
- (b) **End of season meal.** This had been a success. There had been a good turnout and service had been good. SH was thanked for arranging the event. It was generally agreed that despite the success of the event at the Royal Oak in Mayfield, a different venue might be used in 2023. The new venue would be decided towards the end of the 2023 season.
- (c) **Clearing of moss from the gutter.** A group of members had completed the clearing of the moss.

3. Role of Greensman.

RC had expressed a wish to retire from mowing the green. He agreed to continue acting as an advisor regarding the setting up of the mower, helping other members or third parties who would undertake the actual mowing. Mowing demanded walking briskly for two hours each time the green was mowed, as well as transporting the clippings to the waste bin. Several members agreed to help out on an occasional basis, but it was agreed that someone external to the club should be employed to cover the majority of the work. RS agreed to approach Martin Wilshaw to see if he would be willing to take on the role.

4. Web Site

GK had been maintaining the club web site at an average cost of £150 per year. He asked whether members felt the web site was useful. Many members admitted that they did not use the web site. Discussion took place about the value of the site compared to the cost. It was agreed that GK should email a link to the site so that members could take a close look prior to a decision at the next meeting.

5. Proposed changes to Uttoxeter League Rules.

GK circulated a document showing the changes proposed by two different clubs regarding the number of players required for Saturday league matches.

Change 1, suggested by Ashbourne Bowls Club, proposed reducing the number of players required to a minimum of six, taking part in three doubles matches and six singles matches. Discussion took place and it was agreed that Waterhouses Bowling Club should vote against the amendment.

Change 2, suggested by Kingsley Bowls Club, proposed removing the limit of three occasions when teams could play with fewer than eight players. Discussion took place and it was agreed that Waterhouses Bowling Club should vote against the amendment.

GK would be attending the Uttoxeter League AGM on 6th February and would vote accordingly. Since each club is allowed two votes, RSn agreed to accompany him to the meeting.

6. Cheese and Wine Evening, 11th March 2023

GK had reserved the Waterfall Parochial Hall for the evening of Saturday 11th March and had managed to find an entertainer, John Barks, to provide music for the evening.

7. Holidays: Information for planning fixtures.

Discussion took place about who would undertake captaincy of league teams for 2023. Both RSn and SM expressed a wish to step down. After discussion, each agreed to continue in the role of captain for one more year:

Saturdays - Roy Sandall

Tuesdays (Vets) - Steve Martin.

Members were asked to inform team captains as soon as they had planned their holidays. This might allow fixture changes before the beginning of the season for days when teams would be short of players.

SM asked members to either communicate directly with captains each week to give their availability, or to attend on Monday evening practices, when captains could determine who was available.

8. Any Other Business

There were no items of other business.

9. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place at **6.00pm on Monday 13th February.**

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:
