

**BERKHAMSTED BOWLS CLUB**  
**Meeting Number 24 - 6**  
**Wednesday 15 June 2024**  
**17:30 at The Clubhouse, Berkhamsted Bowls Club**

**Committee Members:** Kevin Clarke, Colin Shortall, Janet Hart, Bob Anderson, Christine Sims, Chris Gray

**Invited members:** none

**Apologies for absence:** Becky Davis

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting No. 24/5</b>            Minutes of the meeting on 26 March 2024 with an addendum and May 2024 with adjustments had already been circulated and were signed by Kevin Clarke in the meeting. They were then filed in the dark green file on the shelf in the clubhouse above the Bridge boxes.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from last meeting</b>            Most were already covered in agenda , but Christine mentioned that the Club Fours competition was currently scheduled for 11 August, but that might clash with the Griffin Cup if Berko got through to the final. She proposed that the Club Fours was moved to 4 August, even although that date might clash with the 2wood W&amp;D singles that Kevin, Colin and Chris are all involved in. The conclusion was to move to 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Janet then offered for anyone else to do the minutes if they wanted to, as hers had been criticised twice recently. No body offered, so Janet agreed to continue</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Treasurers report</b>            Colin then reported on the recent irrigation issues. It was going to cost approximately £1,500 to deal with 2 of the 3 outstanding issues. The work was approved for it to go ahead.</p> <p>He reported that there were various bits of extra revenue coming into the club, including more use of the bar, which was up about £1000 so far, and from the various raffles. Apart from the irrigation issues, there were no other unknown expenditure items likely to arise before the end of the accounting year</p> <p>Financial Review Panel. Colin wanted to set up a review panel of 7-10 people to discuss (a) where we are financially and (b) where we are going – 5 year plan. Agreed by committee as a good idea.</p> <p>To help save and maybe make money on energy, Colin was still considering the installation of batteries to store cheap electricity , but not install Solar Panels until later .</p> <p>Alison’s old company event on 12 July. There would be no charge for that event but in exchange her company would provide a report and advice on insulating the building, to be done after the end of the bowling season.</p>	Colin

	<p>About 12-15 people would attend our clubhouse, have their own meeting in the morning, have lunch – that they organise and then have a BowlsBash session with us starting at 1.30pm.</p> <p>Brian Livesay's report had also mentioned that the club needs a Drains survey. The committee turned that down as it may not be cost effective at the present time.</p>	
4	<p><b>AGM date</b> That was discussed and 30 November 2024 at 10am was agreed.</p>	
5	<p><b>Bowling</b> Chris Gray – Club captain updated the committee on the results so far, which included Marcia and Sarah's success in the Johns Cup, the new members meeting at the beginning of the season had gone well, the WhatsApp Community group had positive responses in that game results could be notified as they happened</p> <p>Men: They lost away in Harperbury, lost to Bushey on 16 May, but they did have a good performance in the County Team championship. In the County Competitions, the only person left was Chris Gray in singles.</p> <p>For both men and women, the club needs to encourage more people into the competitions</p> <p>County Senior 4's are doing well. W&amp;D Mens games – just about to start.</p> <p>Ladies – Kay and Sarah had reached the next round. DCS (Dacorum Community Shield) – our next 4 matches were at home so our potential success was slightly more favourable</p>	
6	<p><b>Greens</b> Colin was currently stepping up to do the Greens manager role. For the next season we must have a proper Greens Manager. The role is in part that of a greens communications person – liaising with Kevin Brazier, dealing with supplied and the irrigation system. He will assist next year, but not do the job</p>	
7	<p><b>Maintenance</b> The internal decoration had not been completed – with a team of 4 o5 5 people doing the work.</p> <p>The hand driers had stopped working and needed to be sent back</p> <p>We need to replace the radiator under the notice board</p> <p>The audio system had an intermittent fault on the external audio output sockets. About £300 of equipment had been replaced by the supplier</p>	

	<p>A request from Brian Ralphs had been received. Can we considering upgrading the wifi as he needs better service for the till. In conclusion, we already have good wifi which does not need an upgrade</p> <p>Bar tabs – need considering. Currently we do not allow bar tabs and payment must be made as drinks are taken.</p>	
8	<p><b>Club hire charges</b></p> <p>The current rates that we agree in February 2024 were £50 for the first hour, £25 per hour after that with a 25% discount for members.</p> <p>Bob Anderson had been doing research and advised that our rates were far too low. The average rate seemed to be £40 - £80 per hour, with higher rates in late evening. We agree to increase the rate from £25 to £30 per hour for now. Janet would adjust the booking form.</p> <p>Discussion was had around about what hiring out of the club we wanted to allow. It was concluded that we did not want the facilities to be used by private parties to third parties, but wanted to restrict to friends and family of Bowls Members</p>	
9	<p><b>Tea and bar duties</b></p> <p>Becky reported that there were lots of gaps and that she and Jackie Cormack would be looking for more volunteers</p>	
10	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>Christine reported from Paul that he had been in contact with the web hosting company over updating the website security and passwords. This was required in order that minutes and more club documentation could safely be uploaded for everyone to view</p>	
11	<p><b>Pay and Play</b></p> <p>This had been advertised with Bowls England as available every Friday and Saturday from mid July to the end of August on 2 rinks</p>	
12	<p><b>Competitions</b></p> <p>It was reported that Paul Sims now had enough people to run the internal competitions – similar numbers to 2023, but with a significant increase in mixed pairs. The Corona league now had 13 ladies – including 3 or 4 new people</p>	
13	<p><b>Gala</b></p> <p>A review was needed as to how to plan for next year. This time, Becky had done most of the advance organisation herself. It was a very successful year but Becky does not want to continue along the same lines next year. Paul Sims may also wish to step back from his role</p>	
14	<p><b>Quanta</b></p> <p>Kevin had been in discussion with them in that they may offer £300 sponsorship money towards the Gala next year</p>	
15	<p><b>Berkhamsted 40<sup>th</sup></b> Discussions were started and needed to be continued in later meetings over considerations for 40<sup>th</sup> celebration events. Kevin suggested inviting Choir on the Green, Paul Chambers to organise a light show, big picnic event etc</p>	

	<p>We could consider a SuperGala - aimed at really competitive players - £20 per player to enter, 24 teams - in last 2 weeks of season, with prize money of maybe £1000</p> <p>It was also decided that we really could not host more than 3 big events in the year due to the pressure that would impose on volunteer help</p>	
14	<b>AOB</b> Discussion on Friends of Bowling event and recycling postponed to later meeting	All
15	<p><b>David's email response of 17 June</b> and the earlier email chain</p> <p>Extensive discussion took place over its contents and related matters. In conclusion, Kevin handed in his resignation letter, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Colin then verbally resigned, followed by Janet, Bob and Chris. Christine also said that she was not prepared to carry on.</p> <p>Addendum: Becky also resigned the following morning.</p> <p>As a result, an EGM would have to be called as the Constitution requires that the Club maintains a committee of at least 5 to form a quorum</p>	
18	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>No date fixed due to the committee resignations</p>	

Signed on behalf of the committee

Signed ~~17/07/2024~~

Date

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Chris

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