

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**11.00am**

Present:

President – P.Wise

Secretary – L.Wise

Treasurer – B.Turner

Men's Chair – D.Richardson

Vice Chair - W.Allen

Ladies Chair – I.Cummings

Vice Chair - H.Christie

1. The President welcomed members of the 2019 Management Committee and looked forward to a good season.
2. LW advised that as the Men's Section had been unable to present a member to hold the position of President, with the agreement of all Section Committee members it had been agreed that the post would be offered to the Ladies Section. As such, adjustments had been made by the Ladies Section committee to allow H.Christie to take on the role of Vice-Chair, releasing P.Wise to take on the role of Club President 2019.
3. LW: Correspondence received from Northumberland County Council advising that the council had agreed to charge a fee of £500 for the provision of council maintained bowling greens. LW advised the meeting that a similar correspondence had been received in March 2018 which had initiated correspondence between the Club and the Council regarding the accepted mechanism for claiming charges from the Club in accordance with the terms of our Lease. As a result of correspondence the Club had been advised to await further contact before the issue could be resolved. It was agreed that LW would contact the Council to advise them that the agreed mechanism for claiming maintenance charges was through an annual rental demand which the Club would be happy to honour.
4. LW: Green Maintenance. The meeting was advised that no response had been received from the council regarding a request for details of their winter maintenance programme. It had been noted that the green had

been scarified and solid tined in October 2018, but no top dressing or re-seeding had occurred. Ray Wealleans, Area Manager, NCC Neighbourhood Services advised in December 2018 and a reply awaited.

5. LW: Concern had been expressed by some members regarding the use of the Clubhouse during the closed season. The meeting was advised that J.Dodd had agreed to carry out some essential maintenance work on equipment during the closed season. He requested permission for himself and a small number of fellow members to have informal meetings in the Clubhouse with a view to preparing the facility for the coming season. Permission was granted, on the understanding that security was not compromised. The Committee agreed that access to the Clubhouse would be permitted in these circumstances.
6. Proposed Diary Dates 2019:

SPRING MEETING	7 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 10.00
GREEN OPENS	13 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 09.00
LADIES V GENTS	12 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 14.00
3 BOWL PAIRS	19 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 14.00
CLUB 4'S	9 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 14.00
OPEN PAIRS	30 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 09.30
KEN APPLEBY TROPHY	7 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 14.00
ALAN WEATHERSTON TROPHY	28 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 14.00
OPEN PAIRS	11 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 09.30
CLUB CHAMPION	25 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 14.00
FINALS DAY	1 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER T.B.C.
AGM	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 10.00
7. BT: Julie Turner (wife of Treasurer) has volunteered to administer the Club website. She will liaise with the site creator (K.Wylie) to arrange the handover of authorisations.
8. DR: The Men's Section had discussed possible changes to the alignment and rotation of rinks. It had been suggested that when playing East – West previous alignments should be retained with existing red and black rink centre markings, but when playing North – South new rink centres should be marked, with only one colour. It had been further suggested that directions of play should be changed on a weekly basis. The Committee agreed that a trial of the new rinks markings and rotations should commence at the start of the new season, with regular monitoring and reviews to be discussed in committees.
9. BT confirmed that arrangements for the Ladies Section transport would remain as in previous years.

10. LW advised that a priority for the coming season was to continue seeking new members.
11. No further business. Meeting closed at 11.45am. Next meeting will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am