

HUDDERSFIELD SENIORS MIXED WINTER BOWLING LEAGUE (HSMWBL)

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (2)

Record of a Telephone Conference Call meeting
held at 10.00 am on Monday 24 August 2020

INVOLVED: Mike Ralph (Springwood) (MR)
Jeff Jacklin (Kirkheaton Con) (JJ)
Michelle Booth (Lowerhouses) (MB)
Glynis Philbin (Lindley BC) (GP)

APOLOGIES: Bob Haigh (Huddersfield Recreation Club) (BH)

1. NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 JULY 2020

- 1.1 As The notes as circulated were accepted as a true record the meeting.
- 1.2 The only identified Action that was not on the agenda was for MR to arrange the next meeting to be held at Milnsbridge. This had been organised but due to the introduction of local lockdown rulings it was no longer possible to meet in person.

2. FINANCE

- 2.1 BH had informed members that he had been unable to open a new account in the name of the HSMWBL as banks were not accepting new accounts holders at this time. In the interim BH was using his own personal bank account to enable collection of funds and payments as required.
- 2.2 A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting and this showed:
 - a General Fund balance of £160
 - a Founders Fund balance of £480Both of these fund totals included some amounts pledged but still to be received.
- 2.3 Only one item of expenditure had been transacted at this time and that was the Bowlsnet system license for 2020-21 at a cost of £10.

3. FOUNDERS FUND

- 3.1 Members discussed how this fund should be used to comply with its original intention of funding a trophy to be awarded annually to the League Champions. It was agreed that up to 50% of the fund could be used to purchase a suitable trophy and for its engraving. The fund is currently just short of £500 so a budget of £250 was allocated for this purpose. JJ to follow up by searching for a suitable trophy in the traditional cup style and bring options back to the next meeting. **ACTION: JJ**
- 3.2 The opportunity to also award individual mementos was also discussed with options around small awards or whisky glasses to be investigated and brought back to the next meeting. **ACTION: JJ**

4. TEST DAY

- 4.1 MR spoke about the need to change plans for parking at Springwood as the enforced local lockdown would prevent teams from car-sharing and present a problem for parking. A plan had been drawn up by Springwood which would result in all three fixtures on their green having varying start times. Members accepted the plan but hoped that circumstances might change before then to allow a better solution to emerge.
- 4.2 Springwood will provide a car park attendant on match days to help visitors to comply with the parking plan.
- 4.3 The two host clubs will stand down on the Test Day and the first day of the season to concentrate on organising the matches on their home green.
- 4.4 The draw for matches at the Test Day were copied from the fixtures for the final day of the league season with the 'free' team substituting for the host team in each division.

5. BOWLSNET

- 5.1 JJ reported that Bowlsnet had now been set up in preparation for the 2020-21 season. All fixtures had been generated and 10 of the 14 teams had already submitted a list of bowlers to be registered with them.
- 5.2 Usernames and Passwords would be set up for each team's results reporter in advance of the season starting. **ACTION: JJ**

6. WEBSITE

- 6.1 The new website has been set up. Was now live and articles had been posted already.
- 6.2 MR asked about costs. JJ replied that there is no cost to the Winter League until February 2021 as the former HDVBA website has been taken over for the remainder of the current commercial commitment. All costs have been met by JJ
- 6.3 MR asked about costs after February 2021. JJ indicated that these could be expected to be around £200 p.a. to provide the domain name, hosting services and software licenses. JJ further indicated that he would expect such charges not to be levied directly to the Winter League in 2021.

7. BCGBA COMPLIANCE

- 7.1 Both Springwood and Milnsbridge had reported that they were working towards meeting the BCGBA compliance standards which would reassure Winter League bowlers about how seriously their health needs were being taken. Risk Assessments are being undertaken and results must be submitted to YCCGBA for approval. Members asked for an update for the General Meeting of Teams on 15 September. **ACTION: MR & Jim Baxter**
- 7.2 Other plans included the use of paper cups and prepacked biscuits at Springwood to reduce the risk of infection for visitors.

8. LEAGUE RULES

- 8.1 A proposed new rule had been submitted by Alan Hobson of Thorpe Green and this was discussed and supported by members. This will be added to Draft 3 of the rules which will be provided to teams prior to the

General Meeting of all teams on 15 September when hopefully a full set of rules will be agreed. **ACTION: JJ**

- 8.2 Philip Walker of Lindley B.C. had submitted a paper copy of Draft 2 with several suggested corrections, typos, grammar changes and spelling amendments. These will be added as appropriate to Draft 3. **ACTION: JJ**

9. GENERAL MEETING

- 9.1 It was agreed that a full meeting of all clubs should be called for the week prior to the Test Day to complete preparations for the opening of the season's fixtures. The intent is to hold a face-to-face meeting at Milnsbridge B.C. at 10:00am on Tuesday 15 September. **ACTION: JJ**
- 9.2 The agenda will include decisions on the full set of League Rules, BCGBA Compliance, Test Day arrangements and a Q&A session to meet any queries that clubs, teams and individuals may have. MR to approach Milnsbridge to book the room. **ACTION: MR**

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 MB raised the issue of which team take the jacks in each of the four singles games in each match. It was agreed that the first named team in each fixture would have jacks 1 and 3 with their opponents having the 2 and 4 jacks.

11. NEXT MEETINGS

10:00am Tuesday 15 September:
General Meeting of all teams at Milnsbridge B.C.

10:00am Tuesday 22 September
Management Committee – arrangements to be finalised

The meeting closed at 11:05am