

## **REPORTS FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

### **PAVILION MANAGER**

The alarm system now seems to operate correctly. We now need to make members aware of the difference between Yes and Reset.

After a leak from one of the kitchen sinks and attempts to stop it failed, the left hand sink has been replaced. Because the shelf in the cupboard below had rotted away a new shelf will be supplied by one of our members, Malcolm Croucher. This may have been supplied and fitted by the time of the meeting.

I still need to complete the storage area, which now needs painting and cleaning.

There is a large amount of rubbish building on site, which I need a hand to dispose of. Volunteers apart from Bill would be helpful.

I am about to shelve out the last outside storage cupboard, this is to hold as much stuff as possible from the shed. The only things left in the shed will, I hope, be the pushers.

**Keith Waller**

### **THE GREEN**

The green has been treated with iron for the moss which has appeared due to the wet weather. Last week a granular treatment was also used to try to get rid of the worms. Quite a few were visible on the surface later in the week.

**Pete Fry**

### **SOCIAL SECRETARY**

Events Calendar for 2020 circulated.

**Marian Bailey**

### **INDOOR FRIENDLY MATCH SECRETARY**

We are now into the final third of our indoor friendly matches, hopefully those members who have taken part to date have enjoyed the games. We have played two of our four matches against Fair Oak in the Harris Trophy with 100% success to date – well done to those who have played. A win on one rink in our next match on 1<sup>st</sup> February and we will retain the trophy.

Since Christmas we have struggled to get sufficient players for many of the matches. It is disappointing when, with a club of our size, we can't get 8 players for a match. A big thank you to those members who regularly sign up but it would be nice to see some new names on the sign-up sheets.

I am finalising the matches for next season and we will again have a full programme of friendly matches, hopefully these will be well supported.

**Tony Cailles**

### **OUTDOOR FRIENDLY MATCH SECRETARY**

The outdoor friendly fixtures for 2020 have been finalised, and are now on the web.

I have arranged for bowls retailer Chris Young, of Bowls Direct, to be in attendance on the morning of our Green Opening Day, which is the 18th of April. A notice will be put up in the pavilion a few weeks before, reminding members that they can purchase any kit they may require for the coming season.

**Keith Boys**

## **LADIES' MATCH SECRETARY**

There was a meeting for all female members on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January to discuss a number of things. Only 10 people attended with 4 apologies.

### **MVBC Ladies Captain**

At the meeting Sally Hurst volunteered to take on the role of Ladies' Captain. This is much appreciated as despite canvassing, nobody else was willing to do it. The MVBC Ladies' Captain's Day is provisionally scheduled for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

### **S&DWBA**

To date 21 ladies have signed up to play in the league. This is enough for us to play 1 Rinks and 1 Triples team each week but not enough to have a third team. We also have a small number of ladies willing to play occasionally should we require them.

Therefore we have now entered two teams on the league affiliation form. We agreed that MVBC would not be willing to switch from one league to another if S&DWBA have a mismatch in the number of teams in each league.

### **Ladies Practice Sessions**

Once the Green is opened for the outdoor season it is our intention to have a ladies practice session each Tuesday from 1.00pm. This will be open to all ladies, whether they play in the league, or not. The idea is to encourage more ladies to come along and improve their game, and find out a bit more about playing competitive bowls.

**Lesley Andrews**

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Currently the membership stands at 205.

The categories are:

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|------------------------------|-----|--|
| Honorary life / life members | 9   | Reduced by the recent passing of Betty Ivory |
| Full members                 | 163 |  |
| Indoor                       | 15  |  |
| Youth                        | 0   |  |
| Social                       | 18  |  |

Not included is an application for full membership for the 2020-21 season which will be processed early in the new year.

**Chris Robinson**

## **COACHING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Whilst our coaching activities during the indoor season have been introducing new bowlers to adapting to our indoor 60ft mats, we have been busy preparing our coaching stocks for the new outdoor season.

This has involved clearly marking the woods storage boxes and packaging and sorting our stock of bowling shoes. Whilst we can cover most foot sizes we are short of the larger sizes especially from size 10 up to size 12. All coaching equipment is housed in the outside cabinets. As these cupboards are not secured by a combination lock, provision for a key combination safe to store the access key would be appreciated and we suggest this be positioned inside the pavilion rather than in close proximity to the storage cupboards. Regular changes to the combination on the key safe (if provided) would be undertaken to ensure that the coaching staff have control over the persons who can have access to the cupboards.

We are grateful that a grant of £500 has been offered by Winchester City Council for the purchase of equipment to assist introducing members of the public to the game of lawn bowls. In this respect as coaches we have considered the best use of such funding and wish to propose that the following items be purchased prior to our Public Open Day in April:

**1 set of Drakes Pride Professional size 000 Coaching woods. (RRP £235)**

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**6 x Drakes Pride Telescopic Jack Setters (RRP £19.95 each) – see below for description.**

Whilst the above items would normally retail for a total price of £589.50 John has negotiated with Bowls Direct the whole package for £500, a saving of £89.50.

This price is subject to the woods being engraved “Coaching” (this is a condition by the manufacturers). We currently have 2 sets of woods with similar engravings. Such markings provide a deterrent to theft.

The Drakes Pride Telescopic Jack Setters are of a different design to those used at “Hedge End” but we consider them more practical in AS much as they can be reduced in size for skips to carry from one end to the other rather than having jack setters at each end of the rink. Also they would be easier to store, in the current green equipment boxes.



The alternative (See above photo) is the “Easy Jack” jack setter which is currently used by Hedge End. These retail via Amazon at £13.99 each. Total cost for 12 would be £167.88. This would provide for 2 per rink.

- Moves Jack quickly and easily, No more Huff and Puff and it speeds up the whole process of the game!
- High visibility due to Orange "Dayglo" head
- Lightweight but strong and durable
- Designed by bowlers for bowlers!
- Ideal for Skips and Markers - makes their job so much easier and faster!



#### **Drakes Pride Jack Set – Telescopic Jack Setter**

The Drakes Pride Jack Set is extremely lightweight, compact and portable – so much so it will fold away and slip into a pocket. There’s now no need to crouch or bend during play. It can be fully extended in seconds for immediate use.

Designed and manufactured in the UK it’s extremely robust all metal construction is finished with a highly comfortable soft grip handle.

Should the Management committee prefer the Easy Jack setter then Bowls Direct would charge £400 for the 2 sets of coaching woods which still gives a saving of £70 over the RRP.

Bowls Direct have indicated that there is currently a 10 week delay in delivery woods from Drakes Pride so we would need to place our order ASAP to ensure that they can be delivered by them on Green Opening Day (saving postage).

Last year there was an opportunity of some funding from the Fords Trust and should funds still be available from this source we would like to suggest the purchase of 2 sets of Junior woods to enable Grandparents to introduce their grandchildren to bowls. We currently have 2 sets of Junior woods which have not been over used and, therefore, the provision of further sets is not considered a priority at present.

Last outdoor season saw the introduction of green equipment boxes containing measuring equipment which were assembled by Chris Robinson. These have been popular and are often the envy of visiting clubs. More sets are available to be purchased should funds be available.

This year's Public Open Day will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 when we hope to enrol a new intake for our Beginners Courses which are planned to run on Monday and Wednesday Evenings throughout May.

**John Gray**

**Jennie Gray**

**Chris Robinson**

**MVBC Club Coaching Team**