

MANOR PARK BOWLING CLUB

Officers Meeting 18th September 2017 1t Rose Green Club at 7.15pm

1. B Buckland opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. 10 members were present. Apologies received from J Favell, N and S Linsky
3. The Chairman presented a rose bush and a card signed by members to Stan Perkins who was leaving the club to live in Cheshire. He thanked Stan for all his good work for the club and said that he would be greatly missed.
4. Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.
5. Matters arising. Be Well have continued to use the bottom green despite poor weather. The presentation by Capstone Financial Services will take place the 3rd week in October at 2-4pm at Glossop Cricket Club. Invitations will go out shortly. A letter from Buxton Bowls regarding safeguarding of children has clarified that the new rules will come into force in 18 months time. The delegate will need to be present if children or vulnerable adults are on the green. As the certificate will last for 3 years it is better to postpone attendance at the training course till nearer the time.

6. Treasurer's report

On September 3rd the balance was £5883 with a further £520 from HPBC still to be added. D Howell has paid honoraria this year but next year would prefer to take only expenses. Because of the imminent departure of the Secretary, D Howell has asked J Favell to be the next signatory for cheques. He suggested that for audit purposes the financial year should end on the 1st October, allowing a few weeks before the AGM. An auditor is needed.

7. Secretary's Report

The registration of new players has changed. Pat Crowther of the BCGBA has advised that from 2017 registration will be done by the county and not the national body. New male and female players will receive a DY number in future. Details are in the BCGBA year book.

8. Green Report

There have been continuing problems with the mower. It was agreed to buy a refurbished Ransomes mower from Accrington at a cost of £1500. The silver mower needs a service and will be kept as a reserve. Paul from Turfmaster has visited and agreed a plan for the autumn including aeration, top dressing and seeding. The cost will be £2300. M Coombes suggested repair of mole damage. There is a problem with sage grass on the bottom green, plastic boarding to be deferred.

9. Captains Reports

The Wednesday team has come 4th in the division, missing 3rd place by 1 point. It will need a new captain. The Thursday team has come 7th with 10 wins. The Ladies team have won promotion to the Second division for the first time in 15 years, coming second in their division. The Saturday team has managed for players with ladies this year but may need extra players next year. The Monday pairs have come 6th in the league out of 12 teams. The Mixed

Pairs have come 3rd from the bottom which represents an improvement. There have been sufficient players this year.

10. Christmas Party

The caterer would like food orders in advance. Choices include chilli, curry, potato pie, lasagne and cheese and onion pie, plus dessert and tea or coffee. B Taylor needs numbers by the end of November. Meals for greenkeepers will be free. Steve Kenny has been booked to entertain. All trophies are needed back in the cabinet by mid-November for engraving, including 4 highest averages and 2 most improved players. Raffle prizes are needed.

11. Outing 2018

The hotel and coach have been booked and deposit paid. The competition will be for 32 players and the coach will be a 35 seater.

12. AGM

The AGM will take place on the 6th November at 7.15pm at a venue to be confirmed.

13. Vacant posts

Nominations are needed for Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Trustee and auditor by the 23rd October. B Buckland is willing to stand as Secretary and M Hargreaves as Trustee.

14. A.O.B.

B Taylor requested email addresses of members. M Hargreaves reported that Val Bowden of Friends of Manor Park had discussed with her concerns about anti-social behaviour and vandalism. They have bought 4 CCTV cameras and asked if we could make use of the camera in the clubhouse. The police would be willing to advise on use of the equipment.

15. Next meeting will be the AGM.

16. Meeting closed at 8.50pm.