



*Buckfastleigh Bowling Club
Duckspond Road
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Executive Meeting

Meeting held on 5 April 2023 at 2pm.

Present: Present: Mike Anderson – Chairman; Sue Heyes – Secretary; Ann Pedrick – Treasurer; Ham Sampford – Green Manager; Ladies Captain & Representative – Pauline Manfield; Men’s Representative – Terry Humphries.

Chairman’s Introduction

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies:

Jeanne Pinney.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 1 March 2023 were signed by the Chairman as correct.

Matters Arising:

1. Green Opening, 22 April 2023

Arrangements in place for this. The Mayor has confirmed his attendance to open the green. A spider will then take place with a bottle of Prosecco to the winner. Pauline and Sonia will then organise a bowls drive any any new bowlers will be given a quick lesson before joining in the rest of the afternoon. Tea/coffee/soft drinks/biscuits will be on offer along with the bar. We just now need favourable weather.

2. Big Bowls Weekend

Sue has registered the club for this weekend so will receive a box of posters balloons etc. so it can be advertised locally. We will offer to have the green open form 10am until 4pm when anyone can turn up to “have a go” and hopefully club members will be on hand to offer guidance throughout the day. Refreshments will be available. Sue to contact the county to see if there are any children’s size woods that we could borrow and then we could encourage the 2 local primary schools to attend either that day or another by arrangement.

3. Advertising

Sue reported that a article should appear this month in the Buckfastleigh Community Newssheet which is delivered to every house in Buckfastleigh. Mike said he had put an article in the Mid Devon Advertiser. Members have put posters around the town either in the news box in the main street or in their windows, and one was taken to the WI meeting as requested.

Secretary's Report:

Sue reported that virtually all last years members had renewed their membership and there was one new member to date courtesy of John Fox. A couple of members have not renewed due to ill health, but overall membership is better than expected and therefore good news.

Sue will send out email to all members asking for help to set up the green and grounds on Saturday April 15 10.30am. Also to remind members of the increase in tea/coffee/ biscuits to £1 per person so home games will be £2 (for members and their opposition partner).

Treasurer's Report:

None.

Green Managers Report:

Ham told the meeting what has been achieved so far this year. With a dry February treatment was in advance of usual but a wet March was not so helpful. The mower is currently away for service and has had to have some new parts at a cost of approximately £800!

Next year further parts will need replacing this is likely to cost in the region of £1000! Then it should be good for at least 5 years just needing a yearly service.

Ham also said that he will be retiring from the physical work on the green after this season but will continue to give guidance as to work needed so more volunteers will be needed to maintain the green during the year as it will be too cost prohibitive to get an outside company to do it for us.

The mechanic in the South Hams is also retiring at the end of this year but Ham is hoping that he will continue to service a few machines as a type of hobby and that ours may be one of them, so watch this space.

A report is attached to these minutes

Any Other Business:

1. Twinning Association

The twinning association will be coming to the green to play bowls on the 27 August and this should attract a lot of interest. They will do their own catering and pay £10 per rink used to play. The bar will be available.

Date of next meeting: TBA.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3:45pm.

Signed as correct:

Chairman