



*Buckfastleigh Bowling Club
Duckspond Road
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Executive Meeting

Meeting held on 25 September 2020 at 7pm.

Present: Bob Dowdell – Chairman; Tom Bowden – Secretary & Treasurer; Ham Sampford - Green Manager; Paul Hoff - Club Captain; Terry Humphries - Committee Member.

Apologies:

Jeanne Pinney, Jenny Goss.

Chairman's Welcome:

Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 19 August 2020 were signed by the Chairman as correct.

Matters Arising:

1. Honour Boards

Abbrook Park have given Tom the contact details of the person who does the honour boards there. Tom will find out if he can do ours.

Action: TB

2. Blower/Sucker

Ham is evaluating various options and will purchase one as required.

Action: HS

3. External Fence at the entrance

The work is planned for the end of October and Tom is meeting someone who will quote for cutting the hedge on the A38 side of the green next week.

Action: TB

4. Dead trees at the back of the Changing Rooms

These need to be cut down and the area made secure.

Action: HS

5. Ladies Leagues

The Ladies need to decide if they are rejoining the P&D league next year or joining another league around Bovey Tracey.

Action: JP

6. Clock

Tom is still trying to source a suitable clock for the Clubhouse.

Action: TB

7. Centenary

Tom reported that the centenary shirts will be ordered next week. The new bowls stickers have been ordered. Regarding the other memorabilia (pens, badges etc.), Tom will contact Kelvin to see if he will order the necessary items.

Action: TB

Secretary's Report:

Tom presented the Secretary's Report which had previously been circulated.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom presented the Treasurer's Report which had previously been circulated.

Green Manager's Report:

Ham presented the Green Report which was circulated at the meeting. There followed a lengthy discussion on the preparation of the green for the winter and next years centenary. Ham circulated a paper, copy attached, on deep drilling of the green, to a depth of 18". The machine would also complete the work of back filling with sand and top dressing the green at a cost of approximately £3,000. Ham pointed out that our usual cost of winter preparation was in the order of £1,200, so the additional cost would be £1,800. Further, because of Covid-19, it would mean that the green staff wouldn't need to be in close contact with each other. It was agreed to go ahead with the deep drill & fill option.

Action: HS

Ham pointed out that the winter preparation work must take place in early October to ensure that the seed can establish before the cold weather sets in. Consequently, the green will close on Sunday 4th October 2020, following the Bovey Tracey friendly match.

Any Other Business:

1. Smoking

Tom brought up the issue of smoking around the green. After discussion, it was agreed that smoking and vaping will be prohibited at our club, both inside and outside. Appropriate signage will need to be displayed.

Action: TB

2. Skips

Bob felt that there is a need for our skips to be trained on the rules of the game. This followed his observation of a few of our friendly matches this season. A general discussion followed on this and also club morale and thoughts on next season. Terry will become our coach and has completed one day of the first course, but cannot complete day 2 until the Covid restrictions are removed. No decisions were taken.

Date of next meeting: TBC

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Signed as correct:

Chairman



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Secretary's Report for Executive Meeting 25 September 2020

Fixtures

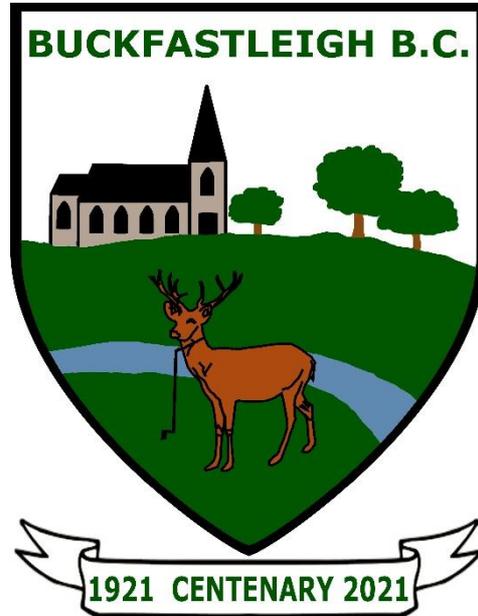
I have managed to arrange 17 friendly matches this summer. There may also be a possibility of playing a return against Bovey Tracey on 3 October.

Wednesday 29 July	Kings	Home	Lost 43-47
Saturday 1 August	Abbrook Park	Away	Won 45-39
Saturday 8 August	Abbrook Park	Home	Lost 40-57
Monday 10 August	Paignton	Home	Won 65-59
Monday 17 August	Kings	Away	Lost 58-75
Thursday 20 August	Paignton	Away	Lost 46-90
Tuesday 25 August	Paignton Torbay	Away	Lost 63-74
Monday 31 August	Paignton Torbay	Home	Lost 48-63
Wednesday 2 September	Marldon	Home	Lost 58-73
Saturday 5 September	Bovey Tracey	Home	Won 72-66
Monday 7 September	Abbrook Park	Home	Lost 48-72
Thursday 10 September	Ilsington	Away	Lost 29-30
Saturday 12 September	Bovey Tracey	Away	Lost 31-59
Monday 14 September	Abbrook Park	Away	Lost 59-71
Thursday 17 September	Ilsington	Home	Won 81-47
Saturday 26 September	Bovey Tracey	Away	
Sunday 4 October	Bovey Tracey	Home	

Centenary

I have received written confirmation of the centenary celebration match on Thursday 10 June 2021 from Bowls England.

The centenary shirts are in the process of being ordered. The club badge will look like this:



The church has been modified to include the original roman arch windows and the bit at the back of the church. The tress have also been modified, as has the representation of the river Dart. The view is from the Buckfast side of the church.

We will also have a subtle advertising flash on the sleeve:



Members Christian names will be printed opposite the club badge. There is no extra cost for printing these items on the shirt as they are printed directly onto the shirt using a technique called sublimation printing.

Ladies P&D League

I have received registration forms etc for next season. The Ladies need to decide if they are entering that league next year.

AGM

The AGM will be held on 15 October 2020 at 7pm in the clubhouse. Under current Covid-19 guidelines, we can hold a maximum of 36 members (6 tables of 6) although I doubt if that many will wish to come. All of the reports etc will be sent to members by email (post if no email address is held) and members not attending can make their views known to me so they can be communicated to the AGM.

Tom Bowden
Secretary



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Treasurer's Report for Executive Meeting 25 September 2020

Income

Grants

I am still waiting to hear from the National Lottery (Awards for All) for funding for our defibrillator.

We have received a grant from Buckfastleigh Town Council for the redecoration works, in the sum of £2,620. That work is now underway.

Special Fund

Of the £10,000 received we have spent:

Display cabinet, including wiring	£87.98
Can crusher	£30.39

The balance at the bank, as at 25 September was £30,582.92.

Tom Bowden
Treasurer

Buckfastleigh Bowls Club

Revenue Account		£	£	£	£
2018/2019		2019/2020			
Actual	Income	To Date		Estimate	
3,617	Annual Subscriptions	2,837		2,837	
5,710	Grants	3,670		3,670	
200	Sponsorship	500		500	
97	Donations	194		194	
2,139	Teas & Draws	255		255	
1,032	Annual Dinner	1,042		1,042	
3,141	Bar Sales	784		784	
377	Competitions	13		13	
259	Green Fees	28		28	
232	Clothing	145		145	
256	Social Events	109		109	
16	Other Income	0		0	
17,076			9,577		9,577
	Expenditure				
3,620	Green & Machinery	2,617		2,617	
761	Premises & Grounds	674		674	
168	Rent	168		168	
396	Electricity	308		308	
371	Water Rates	512		512	
165	Fire Extinguisher Check	189		189	
693	Insurance	752		752	
216	Advertising	0		0	
228	Printing, Postage & Stationery	106		106	
80	Bar Licence	70		70	
5	Website	0		0	
27	Sundries	177		177	
912	Annual Dinner	920		920	
1,042	Affiliation Fees & Trophies	122		122	
618	Food & Draws	49		49	
171	Clothing	0		0	
0	Bank Charges	0		0	
1,421	Bar Expenses	188		188	
10,894			6,852		6,852
6,182	Surplus/(Deficit)		2,725		2,725

Capital Account

	Fixed Assets			
0	Premises	0	0	0
<u>0</u>			0	0
	Current Assets			
18,500	Bank	30,108	30,108	
83	Cash in Hand	539	539	
369	Bar Stock	392	392	
472	Clothing	572	572	
73	Debtors	14	14	
<u>19,497</u>			<u>31,625</u>	<u>31,625</u>
	Less: Current Liabilities			
580	Creditors	101	101	
<u>18,917</u>			<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>
	Net Current Assets		<u>31,524</u>	<u>31,524</u>
<u>18,917</u>	Total Assets	<u>31,524</u>	<u>31,524</u>	<u>31,524</u>
	Financed by:			
	Members Fund			
12,735	Balance B/F	18,917	18,917	
-	Special Fund	9,882	9,882	
6,182	Surplus/(Deficit)	2,725	2,725	
<u>18,917</u>	Balance C/F	<u>31,524</u>	<u>31,524</u>	<u>31,524</u>

BBC Executive Committee Meeting Friday 25th September 2020

Report on the Green for August/September 2020

WORK DONE:

- Grass cut regularly at 5mm by Ken and Ham (and Andy).
- In September spiked twice as preparatory work for the autumn.
- Mower adjusted to suit prevalent conditions, and wearing of cutting edges. [Ken/Ham]
- Hand weeding of green, [this takes considerable time], and filling in holes caused by birds (with topdressing and seed).
- Green given liquid fertiliser [N and K, at 500 ml/30L]
- Edging trimmed with long handled shears.
- Dollar spot treatment by consultant [cost presented as a single invoice].
- Use of irrigation at 11.30 pm. during the dry spell. Also 1.00am, 3 a.m., and 5 a.m.
- Inspection of the green taken place on a regular basis.
- Ken set out the green rink markers, following covid-19 spacing advice.
- Consultant sprayed green for Dollar Spot, and Moss/weed eradicator!
- Consultation with Tim Wakeham, as to preparing green for end of season.
- Wash hands notice (as chemicals have been used), put out as precaution and reminder.
- Tom sprayed the paths to kill weeds.

WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

- Continue cutting of grass, but at increased height [6/7mm], to retain strength of sward.
- Continue last liquid feed [higher strength] prior to Autumn work.
- Possible further selective moss/weed application by Consultant.
- Light scarify during last week of September. Deep scarify twice in first two weeks of October, of increasing depth.
- Arrange/initiate general tidy up of the whole area prior to winter!
- Possibility of either: coring [by us] and seeding [by consultant], with top dressing;
Or: drill and fill, as arranged by Consultant, also with reseeding.

It has been a most challenging year, not only due to the vagaries of the weather, but also to the problems caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and all the regulations and safety measures that had to be followed. The Green Team members understood the safety of operating with a very limited skeleton team [Ken/Ham/Will Wale/Andy/Barbara/Tom].

Starting with excessive wet, then into an early drought and high temperatures, then again intermittent wet and dry periods, all contributing to the difficulty of working the green [light scarifying, applications of iron and other chemicals, spiking, chiselling, all judiciously 'avoided' or only infrequently attempted. No 'normal' programme of work could be undertaken]. The green has 'survived' but not in as a good a condition as intended. However, with the Centenary next year, now might be the time to take more drastic action [Drill 'n' Fill] to improve the playing surface!

Next year, 2021, the Green must be even better.

Ham
Green Manager



The Deep Drill 60/18 and Drill n Fill Aerators can bring dramatic improvements to bowling green turf. With unrivalled performance, the machines offer great advantages.



State-of-the-art aeration and drainage



- ▶ Drill, extract, aerate and backfill all in one action!
- ▶ Break through clay bands, thatch, black layer and other zones that cause waterlogging..
- ▶ Accelerate water movement away from the green's surface down vertical drainage channels into the gravel carpet or clinker layer beneath.
- ▶ Hold open the vertical ducts by using the Drill n Fill Aerator's unique ability to backfill them with a free-draining sand or sand/amendment blend...so the improvement lasts for years.
- ▶ Increase plant health and vigour by improving nutrient infiltration, percolation and gas exchange up to 18" deep.
- ▶ Improve water penetration, reducing the green's susceptibility to dry patch.



Deep Drill hole pattern

These unique aerators can make a major contribution towards the green's ability to withstand the appalling winter weather it is subjected to. Reducing the incidence of waterlogging and flooding on the green will lead to earlier, stronger and more vigorous growth in the Spring. This then produces greens of a higher standard, even earlier. Similarly, torrential mid-season downpours will disappear faster, resulting in fewer events and competitions being lost due to enforced closure.



Green profile 6 months after Drill n Fill

Unlike some techniques, the Ecosol Aerofil System does not create uneven surfaces, rippling or areas of subsidence detrimental to play. In fact the result is a perfect surface capable of accommodating play within hours of the work's completion.



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