

Secretary's Report for AGM 2020

As so much has happened during last season I will start with the purchases we had to make:-

We dealt with two health and safety matters – new handrails between top and bottom greens were put in place.

A top for the water tank had to be fixed - had any vandals managed to get in there could have been serious accident as the tank holds quite a substantial amount of water.

New Pushers were required so eight new pushers were obtained.

We go onto the mower, this being our largest expenditure but felt it a priority as our greens are our biggest asset therefore a new mower was purchased. We have to thank our ground staff for the hours and expertise given before purchasing this large item. The Insurance cover was checked as the value of equipment had increased substantially and this brought with it Insurance issues regarding cover and security. To comply with the Insurance Company we had to make immediate improvements to security. As you are aware a 5 lever mortise dealock was installed on the back door with a combination key lock fitted to the outside front door. After completing this work the Insurers acknowledged compliance regarding security.

The question was asked about the centenary money. After contacting all members for suggestions and further discussions with the Management Committee it was decided to redecorate the main hall, two new hand dryers and the replacement of five misted windows.

Pastoral Care was set up with – R.Bradbury and L.Heath kindly agreeing to take this on

Safeguarding. G.Woollan and Jenny Coates have been named as Safeguarding Officers for the Club. As a premier Wiltshire Club it was felt we had to lead the field on this matter.

Our Club was rated highly after Fire Assessment took place. However as a result, the Fire Door had to be readjusted to meet fire regulations. Weekly Fire alarm testing has now commenced.

We now go onto the change of date of Financial Year Ending and it was decided to change this to 31st December with the AGM to follow in March that is if the recommendation is voted for.

With the advancement of technology and new regulations, our Club is having to keep up. Many changes are being made one of which is GDPR – (General Data Protection Regulations) In compliance with Bowls England/Bowls Wiltshire, with guidance given by Gerald Webb the following will apply – Only name, telephone and Email address of all members will be kept on record and only held by named personnel ie. Wendy Gaisford, Bev Lilley and Ellen Stiles. However if a member wishes to have for example Next of Kin or address added they can but this has to be a voluntary matter. With this in mind Membership Forms have had to be redesigned. Bev has resigned the Application Form for Membership and Membership Card in accordance with GDPR. An awful lot of work went into this for which we would like to thank Bev for her time, I know she is a very busy lady!!! The Privacy Policy will be posted on Notice Board.

The Club Constitution and Club Rules have been updated both of which will be displayed in the Hall Notice Board at start of season if agreed. I seem to be thanking an awful lot of people but thanks must go to Gerald Webb for his contribution in updating these important documents.

New car permits together with Fixture Cards are now in process of being printed.

Car Parking has been a major issue - The Conservative Club are going ahead with their scheme and we will monitor the situation closely during the season. Reference use of both clubs as an overflow, we are working to find a solution which is compatible to all

Congratulations go to

Bev, as County Singles Champion she represented Wiltshire at the National Championships at Leamington. Bev was also selected for Johns Trophy Team which also represented Wiltshire at Leamington only to lose the final.

Environmental Health Inspectors awarded our club a Level 4. The top award level 5 could not be awarded as food is sometimes prepared off the premises. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes, the lovely food for which we are renowned for doesn't just happen. Well done to our catering team.

Coaching - Ken Curtis has successfully completed Level 1 as a Coach and Ellen Stiles has passed her Level 2 – Well done to you both and to all our coaches they are doing a brilliant job bringing new members into the fold. This is such an important job for the continuation of our Club in the future.

Many cards and letters have been received from visitors congratulating our club on our greens/atmosphere/catering and ambience. We must thank the grounds team for their all year round work to make our greens the envy of many clubs.

Thanks go to the Bowls Committee and Social Committee for all their hard work they have put in over last season together with the Bar Staff and Terry Miles and Rosemary Bradbury for the work done with regard to Short Mat which has proved very successful during the winter months.

A big thank you to Steve and Alison for their generous donation of £500 which will help cover the cost of new bowls equipment.

The former Management Committee must be thanked in providing us with the finances that enabled us to purchase equipment etc. that was clearly needed.

Finally my thanks go to our Management Team for their time, hard work, effort and dedication they have shown to our Club together with David Greenwood and Gerald Webb both have been invaluable to the Management Committee with their knowledge and expertise, but most of all to you the members for your support and encouragement during the year, thank you.