



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER



FINANCES

As of 18th May 2017 membership stood at:-

LADIES	70 full members	16 associate / social
MEN	59 full members	6 associate / social

There have been several resignations – 7 ladies and 10 men - and some full members reverting to social / associate membership

Other income since the last meeting:-

- Opening Day gave a profit on the day of £6.80. However, the hire of the hall cost another £70 giving a loss of £63.80
- £1,570 was received from men members for the purchase of their new team shirts/jackets. Taking into account the £500 sponsorship from Landmark Support Services (received previously), less the cost of the supply of the shirts £1,910 gives a surplus of £180
- Gala jumbles on 1st May 2017 broke even – 48 members played

Other expenses since last meeting:

- Insurance £1,026, EON £59, Npower £191 and greens £980

WEBSITE

Nothing to report

DEVELOPMENT AND RECRUITMENT

The club is hopeful of recruiting 7 / 8 new members from those who were attending the Saturday morning free sessions. Richard thanked everyone who has helped in the coaching, assisting on the green and in the clubhouse

REPORTS FROM SECRETARIES

Nothing to report

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL

Sue requested information regarding the format of the Bell Cup which Ponteland will be hosting on 14th June 2017. This will be tea/coffee on arrival, lunch and tea for 48 players plus reserves and representatives (approx. total 55) - £10 per head. The men will set up the tables.

GREENS

Bob had recently had a discussion with the Symbio rep. regarding liquid aeration which will help to break down the thatch moss and should also help drainage. Approval was given for Bob to purchase 5 litres of this product at a cost of £130.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the garden area between the gate and the front entrance. It needs tidying/improving in preparation for the upcoming Northumbria and Britain in Bloom competitions. A suggestion is to add some bark as ground cover. Bedding plants in the two borders nearest the tennis club are scheduled to be planted by end of May / beginning of June.

BBQ arrangements will be discussed at the next meeting.

Richard will contact the Town Council re the match on 9th June 2017. A list will be put up in the clubhouse for all those who wish to play.

Bob informed the committee that there was Co-op funding available for community projects, Allison to make enquiries

It was suggested that members could be kept informed of the details of the Ladies 50th Anniversary celebrations by email. After much discussion it was agreed to continue to advise members through the website and information posted in the clubhouse i.e. not use emails at this time. Gloria had received confirmation from RINGTONS that they would provide the tea and coffee for the afternoon's celebrations and also provide two hampers as raffle prizes.

A letter had been received from a member enquiring why past, non paying, members had not been invited to either this season's opening day or last season's closing day. As far as current GPC members could recall this had never been done other than for the Jubilee celebrations. It was also noted that, if past members were "non paying", the club would not have current contact details. However, it was recognized that some social and associate members would not be visiting the clubhouse to pick up a fixture booklet. Therefore, it was agreed that social and associate members would be sent a fixture booklet in future (and retrospectively for this year).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29th June @ 2.00 pm