



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

August 2019 NEWSLETTER



Members are reminded that Minutes of GPC Meetings are held in an appropriately identified file in the Club Office.

Applications for Membership – None this month.

Finance – It was reported that the main outgoings were £520 on the green, £391 to Ponteland Print and £147 on Memorial Hall bookings. The latter included Opening Day and Presidents Day. A donation of £25 each was made to each of the four the Ladies who went to the National Championships. Utilities bills amounted to £142.29 and we are now on a new 2 year contract at reduced rates. Present bank balance is £22,790. Following discussion it was agreed that the Fees for 2020 remain at the present level.

Website – All of the season's fixtures are now shown and there are links to the majority of league tables.

Social and Club Events – The Social Committee have compiled the winter social programme and this will be circulated to members in the end of season letters.

Green and Site – It was reported that the green was suffering from a fungal disease known as Anthracnose. There is no direct chemical treatment available but a number of remedial measures have been put in place. The purchase of appropriate chemicals was approved. The GPC also approved the purchase of a 'slitter' for the mower at a cost of around £1000. It was also agreed that the 'assistant' green ranger rota had generally worked well and could be carried through to next season.

Recruitment and Development – Terms of reference have been agreed and a sub-committee formed. The objective is to improve recruitment, retention of members and to develop the skills and understanding of the game among all members. The sub-committee is to report by February 2020.

Succession - It was agreed that nomination sheets for the various club committees should now be displayed.

Outstanding League Games – Both Ladies and Men's Secretaries reported that there were a number of games outstanding due to weather cancellation. Dates had been agreed for the majority of games and the Club looked set to complete all of its league commitments.

End of Season Correspondence - It was agreed that this should be available to members on Closing Day.

Memorial Trust Representation – The GPC have agreed that the Club's representative to the Trust should be the GPC Chairman. Peter is to attend the Trust AGM in September.

Next GPC Meeting – Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.