

Merseyside Crown Green Bowling Association

Management Committee Representative Report

This report refers to the topics discussed at the BCGBA Management Committee meeting held on Saturday 2nd May 2009.

As usual it was held at Winnington Park which has for some years been the headquarters of the association.

Interestingly enough we started with a presentation from the National Headquarters sub-committee. The sub-committee is in its fourth year and was set up to decide if we needed a national headquarters and if so where should it be. They were finally in a position to make a proposal to the committee following many months of substantive talks with various organisations including Stockport Council and Stockport County FC. The proposal was that we should adopt Alexandra Park in Stockport as our national headquarters.

I draw your attention to the various costs outlined:

The clearing of the site and the construction of a new green.	£49,000
Construction of new ditches.	£13,000
Irrigation system	£33,000
Public address system	£4,000
Dedicated car park	£32,000
Improved fencing	£16,000

This comes £147,000 in total and was deemed to be excessive. So all but the first two items were discarded thus leaving an initial cost of £62,000. Also we would be liable to other costs such as toilets and have to a 30 year lease at £2,000 per year. There would be no provision for meeting rooms or office space, catering was not mentioned nor the fact that we would have no control over the quality of the playing surfaces or the availability of the greens.

The BCGBA would hold up to 10 events at the venue, the cost for toilet hire could be something like £80 per stall or £250 per trailer and we are fully aware that the cost of a seating area is well over £10 per seat. It was not revealed if there was sufficient room around any of the greens for a seating stand.

The costs for toileting and seating could pass £10,000 per year plus the lease would mean we would have to try and find over £500,000 over the next 30 years just to cancel out the costs of this scheme. A decision was taken not to adopt the scheme and the sub-committee would be asked to examine all options again when the climate is better.

We were told that Tonge Bowling and Social Club had won the BCGBA Club Championship.

The Database sub-committee had not yet met with the webmaster.

The next meeting of the Bowls Alliance is due on Friday 8th May.

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Further work is ongoing over the use of bowls videos and the streaming of bowls events to be broadcast of the internet.

In the 2010 season the May and July meeting would be replaced by a single meeting in June.

The CPO informed the meeting that we were a long way from where we should be with policies on Child Protection and the protection of vulnerable adults. It was likely that a number of bye-laws and rules may need altering.

A number of coaching seminars had taken place and the coaching administrator informed us that being part of the English Bowls Coaching Scheme has proven to be useful. There are a number of changes to make and policies developed to make sure the BCGBA fulfils the standards required as a National Governing body.

Currently we have over 1,700 new registrations and there is a large backlog of insurance forms to process.

It was agreed that the increase in gate money in the Senior Merit would go towards the prize money.

Referees at BCGBA 1 day comps and county matches would be paid £30 plus their travel expenses.

Sport England is now asking for a club reference number on grant applications.

The attendees to a BCGBA coaching seminar will now pay £15 & receive the manual & lunch free.

An old PA system is now for sale and interested parties now have till the end of May to register an interest.

A review of the awarding of Man of the Match awards at county matches will take place as they are now proving to be more trouble than they are worth.

The website is proving to be so popular that we are now exceeding the bandwidth limits.