**SWF Zoom Meeting 27.5.20**

There was a great turnout for our first Zoom meeting – thanks to Paul for arranging everything and making it run smoothly. Apart sadly from Abbey who were unable to activate their sound – let’s hope it’s sorted for next time. And thanks to Paul and Stephen for the following account.

A total of 19 delegates attended this meeting, representing 14 clubs, the SWF committee and the CA reps. Each delegate spoke in turn about their club and its current activities and state of membership. Apologies were received from Budleigh Salterton and Cheltenham.

The memberships were very variable as may be seen from the table below.

One reason for this is that some clubs have their fees to be paid during January and others, like Taunton Deane, by April 1st.

Most of the clubs represented are now playing or will be starting soon. We also know that Lym Valley, which uses local authority land, is unable to restart as is Glamorgan as it is in Wales.

Those clubs that have started play are operating in much the same way. It was emphasised that CA guidelines should be clearly visible and that sharing of mallets should be avoided e.g. by those without ‘adopting’ a club mallet for the time being.

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|  | Members 2019 | Members 2020 | Re-opening | Booking system | Comments | \*LA / SE Grant |
| St Agnes | 59 | 46 | yes | Google | Holding in-club comps |  |
| Exeter | 55 | 0 | no | no | Council-owned land so in negotiation |  |
| Cornwall | 56 | 50 | yes | On-line | Not many playing |  |
| East Dorset | 120 | 90 | yes | Manual – one for AC one for GC |  |  |
| Nailsea | 100 | 81 | 20th June | Manual | Club house out of bounds |  |
| Swindon | 65 | 65 | After 6th July? | Want to set up on-line | Waived 2021 fees | SE - applied |
| Plymouth | 47 | 37 | yes | On-line | Beware of putting personal info on open on-line systems |  |
| W. Norton | 30 | 29 | yes | Whats App |  |  |
| Bath | 95 | 54 | 1st June | CA system | Only toilet can be used | SE – yes, but less than applied for |
| T. Dean | 57 | 41 | yes | On-line |  |  |
| C&P |  |  | yes | CA system |  | SE - applied |
| Bristol | 102 | 102 | Yes | On-line | Club house out of bounds. | LA – yes  SE – unsuccessful |
| Cheltenham | In absentia | 50% | Yes | On-line |  | LA – yes |
| Budleigh | In absentia |  | Yes | Telephone |  |  |

\* LA = Local Authority Grant to those claiming business rates relief

SE = Sport England stream for Covid 19 which is now closed to new applications.

We were entertained by the story of Plymouth’s robot lawn mower which will be purchased thanks to a loan from the CA but which frustratingly they are unable to purchase at the moment. We look forward to seeing it in action.

Clubs are clearly taking club play cautiously – some running competitions for those who want to - and are interested to know what’s happening with the Leagues – this is covered elsewhere in Cygnet.

SWF Treasurer, Peter Kirby, was asked how SWF finances are being affected and informed us that we will probably make a loss but that there are sufficient reserves to cover this. The exact amount will not be clear til the end of the season when we will know whether or not any League play has been possible.

Klim reminded people to keep an eye on the CA website for updates and advice – thanks to the Coronavirus Task Force

Dave Kibble informed us that a revamp of the CA website is underway and work continues on the CA member database.

We received positive feedback and suggestions for the future

* I found the discussion on ‘what’s happening at our club’ very helpful
* Encourage others to take part
* Many thanks
* Thanks for setting this up – informative, useful and encouraging – we all seem to have different problems!
* I enjoyed it and found it interesting to hear about the other clubs
* Such a platform is a great, low-cost, easy to commit to, way for clubs to discuss issues
* Excellent meeting
* Better than many fact-to-face meetings I’ve attended!
* We are seeing a much wider representation clubs when this doesn’t involve travel - it’s no longer the same old faces every time
* It would have been helpful to have a stated time limit
* Ideas for the future
  + Hold them regularly
  + Media
  + Stimulating AC
  + Funding and sponsorship
  + Handicapping
  + Refereeing