

Hawcoat Park Bowling Club AGM – held on Friday 19th October, 2018

The Chairman opened the meeting which was attended by approx 30 members, and asked all to stand in memory of those who had died during the past season, and with particular reference to Andy McNicol who had passed away in the past few days following an accident at home.

Before reading the minutes from the 2017 AGM, the secretary confirmed that apologies for absence had been received from Barry Christian and Mike Muldoon. The minutes were accepted as a true record, and there were no matters arising.

The Treasurer advised the meeting of a healthy balance sheet, following expenditure on seating as well as purchasing a new toilet door, the ladies had made a considerable donation from their seasons activities and Ray Williams advised that a cash surplus was still to be donated from the Senior Citizens.

The Secretary presented a summary of the clubs achievements during the season, which included congratulations to both, teams, captains and individuals for their successes in the leagues, KO comps, merit awards and club / open competition victories. His thanks also went to Dave Lee and Colin Knipe for their help in running the open competitions, along with card markers, measurers, and the ladies for providing the refreshments. He went on to say that the success of clubs is not only measured by the results achieved on the green, but also the work put into maintaining and improving the facilities and with this in mind congratulated the Tuesday morning team, who are in much need of more volunteers, along with Ken Judge and Ron May for their work on the facilities and to his cohorts Tony Kneale, Roy Moxham and Peter McDonald for once again providing the club with two of the best greens in the area. Thanks were also conveyed to the squad who turned out for the end of season work on the greens. He reminded everyone that BAE Systems no longer support the club and that most of the work done around the grounds is performed on a voluntary basis. He confirmed that the club would be hosts to 128 competitors in rounds of the Big Smash next May and that we would be staging the All England finals in July 2020. and with this in mind suggested that when officers were elected, that it be for a term of two years to ensure that we had continuity through to the 2020 finals. He went on to thank Dave Hird for liaising with both leagues as our delegate; Liz Christian for her work on the clubs web site and Wilf for running the 59ers draw and his treasurer duties. He finally thanked the committee for their support throughout the year.

The election of officers for the next two years then took place, and with no changes, the following were re-elected:

Chairman.....Tony Kneale

Secretary.....Bob Stewart

Treasurer.....Wilf Heywood

Delegate(s).....Dave Hird

Committee.....T Moxham, R Moxham, C Knipe, P Cain, J Hartley, M Procter and rep from the ladies section.

Auditor.....R Barrow

Following lengthy discussion, it was agreed all honorariums would be slightly increased.

The Delegate advised the meeting that there was unlikely to be any mandates for the leagues AGM's as the revised rules implemented last year would stand for 3 years. The FDBL AGM was to be held at the Coop on Thursday 25th October, D Hird, J Hartley, T Moxham and J Bawden would attend. The UDBL AGM was at Lindal on Wednesday 7th November, with D Hird, R Twiname and R Stewart attending.

The Secretary re-confirmed the reasons for formalising a Club Consitution, and confirmed that a section would be added around the Data Protection Act.

In AOB the problem principally with the 'C' team's captain incurring phone call costs in notifying players of late changes to team selection, sometimes due to other teams having players unavailable at short notice, would be discussed at the next committee meeting. Allan Artis advised the meeting that the Sports Club were looking for someone who would take on the role of inviting local companies for sponsorship and the Secretary confirmed that the Presentation night was to be held in the bar on Friday 7th December starting at 7.00pm.

With no other matters arising, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm and invited all members for a pint in the bar.