

Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th January @ 7.00pm

Present: L Christian, R Stewart, D Hird, R Moxham, T Kneale, C Knipe, P Cain, J Hartley, M Woods.

Apologies: W Heywood, T Moxham.

In the Chairman's absence, the Secretary opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and wished them all a successful season. He then went on to read the minutes from the previous meeting which were accepted as a true record, and in matters arising covered the following points:

- 1).The mower had been returned to Dennis under complaint, and had a replacement cylinder fitted and several other parts, all of which were supplied FOC. Lee now believed that the mower had been brought up to current standards and was as good as a new mower. The Secretary had requested a breakdown of all parts fitted and had gained contact details for future servicing work.
- 2).It was agreed that in future non-bowlers or guests would need to apply to the committee for use of the bowling hut facility.
- 3).Club shirts/tops were discussed, general feeling being that due to the Hawcoat Park climate, little use would be gained from shirts, and that something warmer is needed if we are to pursue this matter. A local business had volunteered to subsidise 20% of all shirts purchased for a two year sponsorship, on the basis of their name being printed on the shirt, and a board erected around the green at their cost. A greater understanding of the sponsorship value was needed and how the Club felt about advertising hoardings. The Secretary would follow up on both points.

The Treasurer presented the club accounts to date which continue to remain in a very comfortable position. The cash and bank balances show a considerable increase compared with the corresponding period last year.

The Kimberly Clark sponsorship has been received.

In correspondence, the Secretary had sent a letter to Irene Murray, confirming that the Irene Dunne Trophy could be held at Hawcoat Park on Wednesday 23rd May, but that the men's match green would need to be cleared by 4.30pm for an Ulverston league fixture.

The Delegate reported that the Friday/Saturday fixture matter rumbled on within the F&DBL meetings and that the question over ladies being allowed to play was also raised. One minute silence had been held for M Marshall, D Jackson and M Delbridge, and that I Dalton had suffered a stroke. Ken Howarth had been elected as V/Chairman and clubs needed to appoint a Welfare Officer. Cumbria was to stage the All England finals in 2020 and HP were to be asked to hold the event. Play-offs for 2018 as follows: Div 1 - Salthouse; Div 2 - Lindal and Div 3 - Red River. £500 Handicap - West Mount; Lawson Trophy - West

Shore and Grand Masters – Coop.

He confirmed that no winter meetings had been held by the U&DBL, but that the league made a £700 profit and had £10k in the bank. Play-offs Div 1 – DCC and Div 2 –Ul v Cons.

Dave Hird raised the question about an individual wishing to join the F&DBL teams on the basis of playing Friday night matches only. It was agreed that he may join on the basis that he may not be able to play all fixtures due to selection problems, although it was felt that this situation may never occur due to the number of players needed for four teams.

The role of Treasurer was discussed, and whilst Liz agreed to continue on in the short term, a couple of alternatives had arisen which could resolve the situation by the March meeting.

Roy Moxham raised the matter of the Over 60's pairs being on the same day as the Lindal home league fixture. Bob said that the fixtures were not known when the league requested comp dates for publication, and the comp Secs were confident they could avoid a clash, possibly by starting earlier etc.

John Hartley raised a question over seat maintenance, discussion followed and it was agreed that maintenance would continue, whilst Liz checked further on plastic strut sizes suitable for existing concrete plinths.

Future dates: Signing-on night – Friday 16th February, from 7.00pm.

Green preparation – by the end of February, weather permitting.

Greens opening – Saturday 10th March.- Club championship would start at 11.30am.

Handicap – Saturday 17th March at 11.30am.

Team Selection – Friday 16th March at 7.00pm.

Next committee meeting – Thursday 22nd March at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.