

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25th September, 2018 @ 11.00am in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: A Kneale, W Heywood, R Stewart, D Hird, P Cain, T Moxham, R Moxham, J Hartley, J Cairns, P Heron. Apologies: C Knipe.

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the meeting held on the 24th July.

They were accepted as a true record, and in matters arising, the following points were covered:

- 1) A replacement toilet door had been purchased from Holden's and Ron May / Ken Judge had installed it.
- 2) Parts for six more seats had been ordered and a cheque sent to cover the cost. Awaiting delivery date from Kedel.
- 3) Back boards for no.1 green. John confirmed that we had enough replacements to cover any that needed replacing this winter. We agreed to start ordering UPVC replacements from next year.
- 4) Raised concrete areas around no.1 green seating had been painted to identify a safety hazard.
- 5) Ron / Ken had repaired the bowls pavilion door.
- 6) Handmark had been asked for a price to cover the new floodlight repair work. This proved too expensive, however, another Engineering company had been asked by Allan Artis, who had since collected the corroded stub end with a view to quoting a price.

The Treasurer reported a healthy balance sheet following a considerable outlay for new seats in the current financial year, confirmed that the Ladies had made a generous donation from their seasons events, and whilst expenditure for honorariums and green maintenance materials was still to be accounted for, we were still expected to start the 2019 season in the black. Wilf would arrange for Roger Barrow to audit the accounts before the AGM.

In correspondence, the Secretary read out a letter sent to Handmark Engineering thanking them for the sponsorship of the Jack Marklew Mem'l Singles held in September; and an email from Andy Woods advising us that the CEO of the BCGBA was visiting site to discuss the All England finals being held at the club in 2020.

The Delegate read out the minutes from the July/Sept UDBL meetings, which included the following:

- 1) Walney Park had complained about the use of foul and abusive language in the presence of ladies and junior bowlers, and the Chairman had asked the delegates to take these issues back to their clubs.
- 2) Non attendance at the meetings was becoming a problem, and the system of fining offending clubs was to be reviewed. Starting at £5 for the first absence and increasing for each subsequent absence.
- 3) Donations of £200 had been made to Askam, West Mount, Ulverston Police and Walney Park for various projects.
- 4) Stuart Aspinall was to take on the retiring Secretary's role.
- 5) AGM date to be confirmed, mandates to be submitted at the October meeting.

Minutes from the Aug/Sept FDBL included:

- 1) Controversy over the Emergency Committee granting Red River a postponement of fixtures due to a player shortage.
- 2) Donations of £200 were agreed for projects at Walney Park, Askam and West Mount.
- 3) Northscale had offered to run a competition next season to raise funds for St Mary's Hospice.
- 4) One minutes silence had been held for those who had recently died.
- 5) Some greenkeepers had requested an earlier finish to the season in future years, to help with their green maintenance. The meeting felt this was impracticable due to Friday night bowling, limiting the number of nights available for extra midweek fixtures.
- 6) AGM to be held at the Coop on Thursday 25th October starting at 7.00pm.

Tony, Wilf and Bob had met with Andy Woods, Ken Howarth and the CEO of the BCGBA, for him to see the facilities and give a flavour of the organisation required for the All England Finals to be held at the club on Saturday 25th July, 2020. Gate receipts and grandstand costs were to go to the BCGBA; but anything made on refreshments and raffle was for us to decide. A committee was to be formed next season to plan the organisation. He requested that all seating be removed unless there was adequate justification in it remaining in place. Roy felt that the disabled would be hit hardest by the extra £10 required for a grandstand seat and Tonie said there was a possibility that an international archery event could be scheduled for the same weekend..

The Secretary confirmed that the Pairs comp had been a success albeit 10 pairs had pulled out after the closing date, fees would be requested before

accepting their entry into future comps. However, 38 pairs attended making it a profitable event.

The Grand Masters would now be held at the club on the weekend of 6/7th October depending on the weather and that DCC had requested use of the greens to accommodate 128 competitors in rounds of the 2019 Big Smash, to be held on Sunday 26th May, 2019.

The meeting agreed to the use of the greens and Bob would contact Neil Jones in arranging for them to attend our next committee meeting.

Tonie reported that the sections meeting had a better attendance this month, albeit only 4 sports sections had been represented. Someone had volunteered to shoot the invasion of rabbits within the club grounds (with police permission), the club management were finding it difficult to improve security of the site, and it was possible that the tennis hardcourts would be brought back in use.

The grass courts were being prepared for winter bowling, and were expected to be available early October. The facility was looking in better condition, and had been scarified, cut and treated to help with drainage.

In AOB the following was discussed:

- 1) Ray Williams brought us up to date on the requirements of the Child & Vulnerable Person Policy and volunteered to continue as the sections Safeguarding Officer, a role which he was thanked for doing.
- 2) Bob confirmed that he would add a paragraph to the Club Constitution around the Data Protection Act.
- 3) It was suggested and agreed that tea and coffee prices would increase to 50p next season.
- 4) A query had been raised over the 'B' teams representative in the playoffs. As the individual had accepted promotion to the 'A' team (being in the same division) and had played eight games for them in the bottom few places of that team it would be wrong for him to revert back in representing the 'B' team at the playoffs.
- 5) Bob confirmed that no.1 green would be shut from Tuesday 2nd October and no.2 green from w/c 8th October for end of season maintenance.

The meeting came to a close at 12.40pm following agreement on the following dates:

- 1) AGM: to be held in the bowls pavilion on Friday 19th October starting at 7.00pm.

- 2) Committee meeting: in the bowls pavilion on Tuesday 20th November starting at 11.00am.
- 3) Presentation night: to be held in the club bar on Friday 7th December starting at 7.00pm.