

Committee meeting held on Thursday 26th January,2017 @ 7.00pm

Present: L Christian, R Stewart, R Moxham, C Knipe, P Cain, F Ratcliffe, J Hartley, M Woods, J Cairns.

Apologies: W Heywood, D Hird, T Moxham.

Absent: A Kneale, M Procter.

In the Chairman's absence, the Secretary opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and wished the club a successful year. He continued to read the minutes from the November meeting, and in matters arising,

- a) Confirmed that the final Seniors match of the season was on Monday the 4th September, and that he would be seeking the assurances of Irene Murray (F&DWBL) around the availability of no.2 green from 1.00pm onwards if their closing tournament was to be held at Hawcoat Park.
- b) No further news had been received around the proposed "Furness Premier 8's League".
- c) The Furness Leagues "Friday" team rule amendment had not been passed, and although Dalton CC had been given Friday night home matches, their away games would be played on their opponents preferred day.

Liz presented the accounts and in confirming an increase of expenditure over income during the winter, the club finances remain healthy.

Discussion then took place and it was agreed that whilst a float of £100 would be given to the Tuesday work party for adhoc purchases during the winter months, all other expenditure would need to be approved by the committee.

Bob, then read out the correspondence from the past 2 months.

- a) Letter to the Ladies club thanking them for their financial contribution during the 2016 season, and confirming dates for the 2017 competitions.
- b) Letter to F&DWBL confirming availability of the greens for their 2017 closing tournament providing they could work around the Seniors final league match of the season.
- c) Email in from Kimberly Clark confirming their sponsorship for next season's competition.
- d) Email from CCCGBA outlining the benefits from a proposed levy of £2 per player.

In the Delegate's absence, Colin reported on a few items from the F&DBL:

- a) Paul Lewis was looking to sell the rights of the web-site to the league.
- b) Simon Brown & Kevin Toal's ban from future Masters events had been lifted.
- c) The F&DBL rules were to be reviewed, to see if they were still relevant.

Other information obtained from the minutes:

- a) Knockout cup has been cancelled for the 2017 season, new format wanted for future years.
- b) Red River to enter 'A' team into the league.

The club's signing-on night would be held on Friday 17th February starting at 7.00pm in the bar. The same fees as last year were agreed, eg £15.00 per league, £2.00 in-house comps and £1 for fixture books.

Weather permitting the in-house comps would be held on Saturday 11th March (handicap) and Saturday 18th March (championship); the 25th March would be used if either event had to be postponed. U&DBL started on Wednesday 29th March and F&DBL on Friday 31st March.

In AOB the following was raised:

- a) Liz asked if there was a problem in publishing the teams on the website during the forthcoming season. No objection was raised. Photographs had now been incorporated onto the website, and she welcomed any submissions. It was agreed that these can only increase the interest in the site.
- b) Bob proposed that the top man from each team be awarded a prize at the end of season's presentation night. CK proposed £25.00 which was agreed.
- c) Bob suggested an increase in the "open" competition entry fees. CK proposed that the singles events remain at £5.00 but the pairs be increased to £8.00. This was carried.
- d) A request had been received for more volunteers to join the Tuesday work party.
- e) The club had been asked to consider using the club for other events. Bob suggested that something based on the men's and ladies clubs and spouses be considered and that it would be included on the agenda for the March meeting. Bob was to check with the club on catering arrangements.
- f) Team selection meeting would be held on Friday 17th March at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm and a date of Thursday 23rd March at 7.00pm was agreed for the next meeting.