

Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday 30th July, 2019 @ 11.00am in the Bowls Pavilion.

Present: A Kneale, R Stewart, W Heywod, P Cain, D Hird, T Moxham, C Knipe, R Williams, P Heron.

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited Ken Howarth (BCGBA President) and Andy Woods (Sports Club Manager) to make their presentation on their visit to the All England Finals at Derby on the previous Saturday, bearing in mind that the event would be staged at the club next year. Their in depth summary covered the main points:

- 1) Approx 60 stewards (on a 3 hour shift rota) and security were present throughout the day, which went on from 8.00am to 7.00pm; covering car parking arrangements and baggage checks on all those who attended, estimated to be 8/900 people on which turned out to be a very wet day.
- 2) First Aiders and St John's ambulance were also in attendance, and matters like seating, toilet facilities, catering and raffle were mentioned.
- 3) Suggestions were made around a disabled area and standing areas, and they confirmed a likely charge of £10 for attendance.
- 4) Ken invited anyone to attend the next County meeting scheduled for Monday 14th October, after which a committee would be formed to start arrangements for next year.

The Secretary before reading the minutes from the May meeting, confirmed that they are on the bowling clubs website, which continues to be managed by Liz Christian. They were accepted as a true record and in matters arising, Bob confirmed that the 'Fun Bowls Day' had been cancelled due to a poor weather forecast, and that efforts would be made to re-arrange later in the season.

The Treasurer reported a healthy bank balance, but confirmed that further bills were expected to arrive before the end of the season. As a result of the financial predictions the meeting agreed to go ahead with the purchase of six more seats and perimeter boarding for no.1 green, as well as the planned aeration of both greens by the specialists. A further 10% discount from Kedel's, had been negotiated.

The Secretary proceeded to read the correspondence, which included:

- 1) The receipt of three £25 vouchers from Martin Williams, Sports Therapist, towards the cost of a massage or other treatments on offer. A proposal was accepted to use them as raffle prizes at the 'open' competitions, with one being given to Pat for the Ladies Pairs event scheduled for the 4th August.

- 2) Email from the County advertising courses for referees.
- 3) Email from Cumbria Ladies thanking us for the use of the green and facilities for their match against Yorkshire.
- 4) Letters sent to the Furness Building Soc. Lloyds and Barclays Bank asking for financial support. (to which no replies had been received).
- 5) Email from Rigby Taylor, our grounds treatments specialists, confirming that they were unable to sponsor the club at this time.

The league delegate reported on recent meetings attended:

- 1) The U&DBL requested that the listing of registered bowlers be updated to reflect those currently playing, and to check out a duplication of CU numbers between Mike Kittley and Harry Dagger.
- 2) Mark Curwen was to run a marathon, and clubs were to be requested to make a donation of £5 towards a Cancer charity.
- 3) Due to a lack of sponsorship, the Charity Pairs competition was to be cancelled this year.
- 1) The F&DBL held 1 minutes silence for Ray Johnson, John Hartley and Ged Harris.
- 2) The Steve Porter bowls competition had been accepted as a Grand Masters event.
- 3) Letter received from Ian Hall concerning bad behaviour.
- 4) Dress code would apply to the £500 handicap scheduled for the 4th August at Roose and Salthouse.
- 5) 1st Division playoff would now be held at Glaxo due to the condition of the West Mount green.

In summarising the situation around recent comps held at the club, and the position regarding sponsorship, the Secretary confirmed that both the Over 65's Handicap and the Over 60's Pairs had been a financial success, and that all sponsorship moneys had been received or pledged from all but Kimberly Clark and S N Engineering. The Jack Marklew singles was due to be played on Sunday 11th August, and 50 entries had been received so far to date.

A text message had been received from Neil Jones thanking the club for the use of both greens and facilities for the Big Smash, and would welcome the opportunity of doing the same next year. It was estimated that the club had made a profit of several hundred pounds from the event.

In any other business, Colin raised a question around team selection for the latter part of the F&DBL season, with particular reference to the 'B' team facing relegation. After much discussion, the meeting decided that

the Chairman of selectors and Captains, should decide on team selection, with the consent of any player being asked to strengthen the team.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm and a date of Tuesday 24th September agreed for the next meeting in the bowls pavilion at 11.00am.