

Hawcoat Park Bowling Club AGM – held on Friday 29th October, 2021

Apologies: K Mallinson, M Muldoon, J Tongue.

The Chairman opened the meeting which was attended by 28 members, and as this was the 1st AGM to be held in two years due to the pandemic, asked all to stand in memory of those who had died during that period.

The Secretary read the minutes from the 2019 AGM, which were accepted as a true record, and in matters arising, reminded members that the Sports Club's policy on dogs had this season been amended, to allow them on the premises as long as they remained on a leash.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the period ending 30th September'21, which showed a healthy balance following expenditure of £5650 principally from club and 'open' comp prize money, bonus ball prizes and greens and grounds maintenance. However, this was offset by income from comp/bonus ball entry fees, raffle income, sponsorship, beverage sales and donations leading to a surplus of £3700 on the season. The bowls club had recouped half of their loan to the Sports Club, with the other £1000 to be deducted from greens maintenance costs still to be billed. The accounts were accepted by the members and Steve Liddicott thanked for taking over this role during the season.

The Secretary proceeded to give his account of the last two seasons in summarising the effects of the pandemic during that period. Congratulations went out to those who had won Club comps during that time and to those individuals and teams who had performed well throughout the 2021 reduced league programmes. He thanked all team captains, the committee, the greens and grounds maintenance squads and Brian Kaighan for taking on the website administration role during the season.

Apologies for omission: His thanks go to the sponsors Ward's, Schofield's and particularly Holden's, who increased their advertising space during the season and with it the size of their sponsorship.

The meeting proceeded in the election of officers and committee, and with all present incumbents accepting their roles for the next two years, and Tony Woods being proposed and accepted, this brought the number on the management committee to fourteen. Honorariums were agreed to stay at their present levels. Sec-£100; Treasurer- £60; Delegate- £30; Fix Sec's- £40.

The Furness and Ulverston league's delegate was then asked to summarise the outcome from recent meetings. Dave informed the meeting that the F&DBL had their AGM the previous night, when Joe Wardman-Chairman, Ken Howarth-Fixture Sec; Greg Windsor-league & £500 h/c Secretary, Martin Lewis-Treasurer and Roger Barrow-Auditor, were elected. The league had £4100 in the bank. Mandates had been discussed, resulting in Ladies being allowed to play in the league; 10 man teams to replace 12 man, and whilst our Club's mandate to award the home team with their preference to play Friday/Saturday fixtures, was carried 12 votes to 5; this proved controversial with teams threatening to leave the league. The league Chairman decided that the matter be discussed at the next delegates meeting, and the feeling was that it may go to an EGM. Considerable discussion took place within our meeting on this subject, with the members asking to be consulted over the league's decision.

The Ulverston league had recently had their 1st delegates meeting for some considerable time, the outcome being, £10k in the bank, Tony Fell – auditor had been ill, no auditable accounts available for the AGM on the 17th November, at which the league required volunteers for Chairman, Secretary, Fixture Sec and Auditor, all of whom were retiring. Mandates were expected on the formation of teams and divisions, and acceptance of Lady bowlers in readiness for the 2022 season. Whilst the Club are allowed 3 votes only Bob and Dave volunteered to attend the AGM.

Jim Bawden gave a summary of the Seniors AGM held recently, which had resulted in the following being agreed:

- 1) The league would comprise 3 divisions of 10 teams.
- 2) KO Cup comps would be held for all divisions.
- 3) All Officers had been appointed with the exception of Treasurer, for which a volunteer was still required.

The Secretary then asked the members if there were any amendments to make to the Club's constitution, which needed to be formally reviewed annually. There were no amendments received.

In AOB; the meeting was advised that the Committee were looking at options for an upgrade to the kitchen facilities and that the 'All England' comp was now scheduled for Hawcoat Park on Saturday 24th July, 2022. And that the Club would be entering 4 teams into the F&DBL.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm; with the majority retiring to the bar for a pint.

