

Hawcoat Park Bowling Cub AGM – Held on Wednesday 25th October, 2023

Apologies: J Bawden, A Troughton

The Chairman opened the meeting, which was attended by 30 members, and asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the 2022 AGM. These were accepted as a true record and there were no matters arising.

The Treasurer gave his report on the season's finances in confirming a surplus of £850 on an income of £10200 and expenditure of £9350 and proceeded to give a breakdown on the areas of main interest, one of which was for the purchase of a scarifier at £1250 which was to be shared with the tennis and cricket sections. One major item of expenditure not covered by the accounts which closed on the 30th September, was the hire of the contractor to hollow tyne fork, seed and top dress no.2 green at a cost of £2300 including vat.

The Secretary proceeded to give his account of the season in congratulating bowlers who had won Club competitions and those who had finished in the merit positions in the F&DBL; U&DBL and Seniors, in helping the teams to win approx £400 in prize money. In closing he reminded the meeting of the work put in by team captains/selectors, the Committee, green and grounds maintenance teams, and the website administrator, not forgetting the sponsors Holdens, Wards and Tony Marklew who without their generosity there would be no 'Open' competitions, and the ladies for their catering duties and financial contribution.

The Chairman then asked for nominations for the election of officers, which resulted in the following:

Chairman – Tony Kneale; Secretary – Bob Stewart; Treasurer – Steve Liddicott; Delegates – John Lavender (F&DBL) and Brian Kaighan (U&DBL);

Competition Secretary – tbc (RS) retiring. Three volunteers then came forward to join the Committee – Nigel Heffernan, Tony Kaighan and Bob Parkinson (all were voted in). At the end of the meeting Brian Kaighan volunteered to do both the Comp Sec duties and the administration of the bonus ball draw (these appointments to be ratified at the next Committee meeting). The position of Child and Vulnerable Person Officer currently held by Ray Williams was still to be clarified.

Discussion then took place around honorariums, a 10% increase was voted in for the Secretary, Treasurer, Delegates and Competition Secretary.

The Delegates were then requested to report on any league matters.

Brian confirmed that the Seniors had held their AGM on Tuesday, and that mandates to change the age of player qualification and the acceptance of ladies into the league had both been defeated. However, a mandate to allow bowlers one transfer per person during the season which needs to be reported to the Secretary of the league for consideration by the executive/emergency committee, had been agreed.

John confirmed that no mandates had been received from the F&DBL in readiness for their AGM being held on Thursday night at the Coop, which he would be attending. The matter of teams being re-elected to the league would be covered in the November delegates meeting.

Brian confirmed that the U&DBL AGM had been arranged for Tuesday 14th November at Lindal Bowling Club, mandates to be with the league by the 8th November.

The meeting were then advised that the Club's Constitution, displayed in the Bowls pavilion, was to be reviewed at the AGM. No amendments were proposed.

Winter Bowling: Bob reported that no.1 green had been cut and that bowling could commence on the 27th October; with Fridays for casual bowling and Saturdays primarily for 'round robin' events, commencing at 12.30 pm.

The Club's annual 'Social' evening was to be held in the Sports Club Bar on Friday 8th December from 7.00 pm; and included a quiz, bingo and pie & pea supper, members were encouraged to advise numbers attending, to enable arrangements to be completed as soon as possible.

AOB: Allan Artis raised the need for volunteers to come forward in support of an ageing Grounds Maintenance team, which meet every Tuesday from 9.00 am in performing essential tasks in the up keep of the greens surrounds. The Chairman supported this request in confirming that it was another essential element in the existence of the Club, and suggested that if individuals could not make it on Tuesdays, then tasks could be given for bowlers to do on a day when they are available. Nigel Heffernan has recently taken up green keeping duties in support of the current team.

The Chairman then confirmed that the Ladies had been granted a £10 subsidy per person attending their annual dinner, and that team photos were to be taken in the bar.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm with bowlers invited for a drink in the bar.