

Hawcoat Park Bowling Club AGM – held on Friday 21st October, 2022

Apologies: R Barrow, J Bawden, C Knipe, I McBride, B Strickland

The Chairman opened the meeting, which was attended by 20 members, and asked all to stand in memory of those who had passed away in the past 12 months.

The Secretary had had the **minutes** from the last AGM published on the Club's website, and circulated copies at the meeting. They were accepted as a true record and there were no matters arising.

The Treasurer went into great detail in presenting the Club's healthy **accounts**, which had been audited by Roger Barrow. They showed over £11k in income and expenditure of almost £8k leaving a surplus of £3149.43 for the period ending 30th September, 2022. Bills from the Sports Club for greens materials and beer purchases had since been received and money is being allocated for subsidising 'winter' bowls prizes.

The Secretary proceeded in giving his **account of the season**, congratulating Kevin Robinson the winner of the Club Handicap and John Gill the Championship which were both held in March...Following shortly afterwards in April, Tonie Moxham's memorial event had attracted an excellent entry of 64 competitors, was sponsored by Anthony Holden, and won by Lakes bowler Ian Nicholson. Other 'Open' competitions followed with Roy Moxham & Tony Kneale winning the Over '60's pairs sponsored by T Ward & Sons, Roy winning the Jack Marklew mem'l sponsored by Tony Marklew and Schofield Construction sponsoring the 'Open' pairs...After a 2 year delay due to covid, the BCGBA's 'All England' finals took place at the club in July, a good crowd were rewarded with some excellent bowling and a tremendous atmosphere, which at times during the day saw some of the worst weather of the summer. The Sports club made money from beer sales and refreshments and the bowls section were complimented on their organisation and facilities...Four teams had been entered into the Furness league, with the 1st team runners-up in div 1 and the 'B' team 4th in div 2; the ladies had helped out at times with the 'C' team in div 3 when they were short of players...In the Ulverston league, the teams maintained their league status, and the 'A' team reached the final of the KO competition...Once again the 1st team dominated div 1 of the Senior's league, winning the title with 17 wins from 18 games and the 'B' team won div 3 with 15 wins...In total the Club had scooped £385 in prize money, and along

with sponsorship, bonus ball, refreshment, competition receipts and a welcome contribution from the ladies section, the Club is financially sound...The Secretary finished in congratulating the merit winners from all leagues: F&DBL – Billy Harding, Colin Knipe, George Dodd and Paul Davies...U&DBL – Roy Moxham and George MacFarlane...Senior's – Tony Kneale (also league merit winner), Alan Troughton, Ian McBride and Brian Kaighan...and asked for a round of applause for all team captains, chairman of selectors, the committee, the greens maintenance team, the Tuesday work squad, the website administrator and sponsors, for without their contributions throughout the season, we would not have a Club.

The meeting were then advised that the **Club's Officers** had been elected for two years at the last AGM, and as we were unaware of any retirements and have 14 members on the Committee, it was agreed that no further members were needed. Honorariums were proposed/accepted to remain as previous.

Reports were then received of various **league meetings** as follows: **F&DBL** held their AGM on the 20th October, where all officers were re-elected, had made a profit of £350 and the Handicap for next season was to be held on Saturday 8th July...**U&DBL**: AGM was to be held at Lindal BC on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30 pm (Dave Hird & Ray Williams) volunteered to attend...**Seniors**: AGM was to be held at the Coop SC on Tuesday 25th October at 10.00am (Wilf Heywood and Brian Kaighan) to attend, where a mandate for the reduction of the eligible age from 65 to 62 had been proposed. Hawcoat Park were to vote against the mandate.

The Secretary then requested a formal review of the **Club's Constitution and Rules**, following discussion around non members playing fees, the meeting agreed that no changes were needed.

Winter Bowling had now started, with a green available for casual bowling on a Friday afternoon and competitions on a Saturday. Members were asked to ensure that all doors and gates were locked at the end of play.

Interest in the **Social Evening** had been slow, but by the end of the meeting, over 40 members and guests had put their names forward for Friday evening the 2nd December starting at 7.00 pm in the Club bar. The Club would be standing the cost of the supper...In **AOB** the meeting was informed that the ladies had been granted a subsidy of £10 per head for their Christmas function.

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

