

Committee Meeting held on Friday 28th March,2025 @ 11.00 am in the Bowls Pavilion

**Present: A Kneale , R Stewart, S Liddicott, W Heywood, J Bawden, J Lavender, D Hird,
J Moxham**

Apologies: R Moxham, B Kaighan, T Kaighan, N Heffernan, R Parkinson, J Cairns

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked the Secretary to proceed through the agenda. The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated and there were no matters arising.

Bob passed on the apologies from those who were unable to attend the meeting and proceeded to read the following correspondence:

- 1) Minutes from the BCGBA AGM confirming the introduction of a “Development” player fee of £1 per person which would increase our fees paid through the ‘County’ by £80+ to assist in the development of the game around the Country .**
- 2) Email to Holden’s requesting sponsorship of the Tonie Moxham Mem’l competition. They have subsequently paid there sponsorship and advertisement monies into our account.**
- 3) Email from the treasurer of the F&DBL confirming funds amounting to £4600 in cash and bank.**
- 4) Email from Keith Allen requesting ‘section’ contact and activity details in trying to attract new members from the BAE Systems workforce.**

The Treasurer confirmed that the accounts were still in a healthy state, but that the Sports Club were increasing the price of cans of bitter etc to £2.70; which would have an impact on the ‘sections’ profitability from sales.

The F&DBL delegate reported that a company called 17SPORT had taken on premises in Cavendish Street and were keen on forging partnerships with the local bowling clubs in the sale of club shirts and jackets bearing the club logo.

In the absence of the Competition Secretaries, Bob reported that they had 32 entries for both the Handicap and Championship, both won by Mike Procter, defeating Bob Stewart in the former and Roy Moxham in the latter event.

The ‘Open’ competitions have been advertised with the exception of the Over 60’s mixed pairs, which was due to receive publicity next week. The Tonie Moxham Mem’l had attracted 64 entries with 4 reserves on standby. Other entries were coming along nicely, however, sponsors were still required for the Over 60’s events.

In AOB Janet Moxham raised the question over beverage prices, proposing they be increased to 70p; after lengthy debate it was decided that prices remain at 50p.

Bob informed the meeting that a handful of bowlers had been reminded that their Sports Club membership was overdue for renewal.

He also confirmed that interest in the online shopping scheme through Easy fundraising had had little support and that the bonus of £1 per signed up member credited to our Bowling account was due to expire at the end of March.

The Club had made arrangements with the Furness First Aid Association to attend a CPR / Defibrillator course on Tuesday 8th April at College House (the old Howard Street College) when A Artis, J Bawden, N Heffernan, J Moxham and John Stewart were due to attend. The meeting agreed that the Club would pay the £30 per person costs.

Janet reported that Janice Cairns had requested use of the Clubhouse for the annual 'Fun Day' on Thursday 17th July, however, it appears that the Club is unavailable on Thursdays and it would therefore be taken back to Janice to find a solution.

In his absence, Brian Kaighan had requested that the Club consider 'whatsapp' or similar groups for communications between the teams and their captains. It was considered to be a good idea and therefore passed back to Brian to progress.

Bob confirmed that Lee Shuttleworth, following some investigation, had come up with a recommendation of a cylinder mower called a Cobra Fortis, which has a basic price of £1600 + cassette costs, should we be looking for a replacement for our 13 year old Dennis machine which has recently been away for several weeks for service and repairs.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm and a date of Friday 30th May agreed for the next.