

Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th August,2021 at 11.00 am

In the Bowls Pavilion.

Present: T Kneale, W Heywood, R Stewart, S Liddicott, D Hird, T Moxham, C Knipe, P Cain, J Bawden, J Lavender, J Cairns & P Heron.

Apologies: R Williams, R Moxham.

The Chairman brought the meeting to order, and asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous meeting. There were no matters arising and the Secretary thanked Steve Liddicott (treasurer) and Brian Kaighan (website admin) for volunteering their services in taking over these duties from the retiring Liz Christian.

The Treasurer confirmed that the Club was financially sound, and that he was getting to grips with the spreadsheets, some of which he was converting to suit his own system. The money from refreshments/beers represented the majority of the income at present, although some loose cash found in the box was presumably from visitors playing fees.

In correspondence, the Secretary asked Tonie Moxham to cover communications with Holden's over the improved sponsorship, which would include them purchasing and installing four new advertising boards to be placed along the wall of the ladies green.

The Secretary confirmed receipt of emails from Ray Williams outlining plans for the annual trip to Salmesbury, but which then resulted in cancellation due to lack of support. The Chairman sympathised with the members hesitation to go on the trip due to the extent of the Covid infection rates in the Lancashire area, and hoped that the outing would proceed again next year.

An email had been received from Colin Haworth (County) inviting clubs to participate in CPR training organised by the Fire Brigade, which we had started some two years ago and had been aborted due to frequent callouts, for their service. The invitation has been passed on to Andy Woods (manager) of the Sports Club, for him to arrange.

No meetings have been arranged by the Furness & Ulverston leagues during the past 18 months, and therefore Dave Hird had nothing to report. However, Jim Bawden had attended a meeting called by the Senior Citizens league, and had become part of a five man committee in to re-organising the league

structure following resignations from its officers. Failure to find volunteers may result in fixtures only being prepared for the 2022 season.

The Secretary confirmed that the recent County match against N.Midlands, other than the result, had been a success, with Pat Heron confirming a reasonable profit on refreshments and the Club gaining from the sale of beer during the match and afterwards at the teams tea, where an assortment of Curry, Chilli and veg. Pie and sweet had been provided for £5 per head.

The Summer 'Open' Singles due to be played on Sunday 15th August, had attracted an entry of approx 60 bowlers, and it was agreed that score boards could be used from the quarter finals, providing there was sufficient support to warrant it. Similarly, the Autumn 'Open' Pairs scheduled for Sunday the 12th September had received good support from an entry of approx 40 pairs to date.

The Secretary went on to propose dates for the Bowling Club's AGM (Friday 29th October in the bowls pavilion from 7.00 pm) and Social Evening including the ladies section, in the Sports Club bar (Friday 3rd December from 7.00 pm), were agreed. The latter would have to be confirmed with Andy Woods.

The Chairman proceeded to go around the room requesting items for AOB,

1) Pat Heron suggested an upgrade to the bowls pavilion/kitchen area, if funds were sufficient. She was asked to outline her recommendations and costings for us to proceed.

2) Paul Cain suggested that the team Captains canvas their players to get a feel for numbers, ready for next season. The Secretary would email them before the end of this season.

A date for the next committee meeting was agreed for Friday 1st October at 11.00 am in the bowls pavilion.