

Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday 11th September,2024 @ 11.00am in the Bowls Pavilion.

Present: A Kneale, W Heywood, R Stewart, R Moxham, J Bawden, S Liddicott, J Lavender, B Kaighan, R Parkinson, T Kaighan, J Cairns, P Heron.
Apologies: D Hird, C Knipe, N Heffernan.

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked if the July meeting minutes had been read, and were a true record and were there any matters arising. There were none.

The Secretary then read the correspondence, which included emails from:

- 1) Nigel Heffernan: asking if the Club would consider lady bowlers for selection to the Furness and Ulverston bowling leagues on a merit basis rather than just as standby.
Discussion took place, and it was agreed that Janice would canvass the ladies to see what interest there was, and report back before the AGM on the 18th October.
- 2) Roy Twiname asked the Club to consider putting a request into the F&DBL to reduce the number of players to 8 in the 1st division teams in an effort to improve competitiveness at both individual and team level.
Discussion took place, and it was felt that the cons outweighed the pros in putting this suggestion to the league.
- 3) Janice reported having received a letter from Sue Todd thanking the Club for their efforts on the day of the Ladies BCGBA Senior Merit.

The Treasurer reported a healthy balance sheet, with all league bills now paid, Janice confirmed a £590 refreshments profit from the Ladies BCGBA event and further monies were due from the ladies section following the Marklew competitions.

The Delegates reported as follows:

F&DBL:

- 1) The league Chairman had requested that Clubs gather 'Next of Kin' contact details in case members developed health issues whilst bowling.
- 2) Glaxo hoped to be able to fulfil fixtures for next season, but were still awaiting news on green availability after that.
- 3) Following correspondence from the league and ourselves, the Coop delegate confirmed that he had conceded the fixture between themselves and our 'A' team.
- 4) Mandates to league changes needed to be in shortly, and that the following mandates should be submitted:
 - a) Mandates to be with the league 4 weeks before the AGM.
 - b) Clubs with more than 1 team should play their higher team and postpone their lower team(s) when short of players..
- 5) Ulverston Cons had advised the league on their intention to join the F&DBL from next season.
- 6) The Secretary was to contact the league for information on the Grand Masters organisation, scheduled for Saturday 28th September on no.1 green..

U&DBL:

- 1) Barrow Island had notified the league of an abuse of a junior bowler, by the opposition. The matter was being dealt with.
- 2) West Mount had requested a donation towards greens maintenance.
- 3) Mike Last has reverted to the role of Secretary/Treasurer and Ron James to league Chairman.

The Competition Secretaries reported on the recent Jack Marklew Mem'l comp which had attracted 50 entries and a tournament/raffle profit of £175.

Bob then confirmed arrangements for the end of season greens work, which was to start with the closure of no.2 green on Tuesday 24th September, and no.1 green on Tuesday 1st October. After completion of the work, Lee would advise the club when the greens could be re-opened for winter bowling.

Bob Parkinson asked if the greens could be open for winter bowling on the Sundays as well. The Secretary confirmed that Lee confirmed availability for two days initially, due to wear and tear, but could be contacted again for his views, if there was a demand.

The Secretary confirmed that notices had been put up around the bowls pavilion advertising the Club's AGM on Friday 18th October, a free drink in the bar would be available for those attending. He also confirmed that the bar had been booked for the Christmas Social evening, planned for Friday 6th December from 7.00 pm, and that the customary slow start had been made in members confirming numbers. A decision would be made at the AGM on whether to proceed.

In AOB; Pat commented on the theft of a wallet at the Marklew competition, and asked if any prevention could be taken in the future. It was felt that other than bowlers taking their own precautions, little could be done by the Club.

John Lavender passed on a request from Allan Artis about the toilet windows requiring refurbishment, it was suggested that a quote be sought from Holden's before proceeding.

Jim confirmed that the George Barrow Seniors division 1 ko final between King Alfred and Askam would take place at the Club on Thursday 12th September.

Bob confirmed that the arrangements with S N Engineering over the ladies green handrail had fallen through, and that Mike Procter's contact, Brian Kean had died, and no one else knew anything about it. We would start again with the local contractor who had originally given us a quote, in the hope that we could proceed with it over the winter.

Steve, brought up an approach he had received from a Mother who was raising money for Cardiac Screening for 14-35 year olds. It was suggested that she contact the bowling leagues for donations, and we would add our support.

The next meeting was arranged for Friday 24th January'25 and asked the Committee to advise him of anyone unable to attend.