

**Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November,2019 @ 11.00am in the Bowls Pavilion.**

Present: W Heywood, R Stewart, C Knipe, D Hird, P Cain, T Moxham, R Williams, J Lavender, J Cairns, P Heron.

Apologies: J Bawden, A Kneale.

In the Chairman's absence, Colin Knipe stepped into the chair, welcomed everyone and asked Ken Howarth and Andy Woods to update the meeting on the 'All England' organisation.

Andy outlined all the tasks, with the 'County' taking responsibility for the raffle, competition equipment and referees, whilst making a donation to the Club for the use of facilities. The Sports Club would be arranging catering, bar, parking and portaloos (County to pay) whilst being assisted by the bowling section and others in marshalling duties. The Ladies to provide teas/coffees and light refreshments from the main club house. It was expected that the BCGBA would organise security and collect gate receipts. There would be no grandstand and seating would be available on a first come first served basis. It was agreed that Ken and Andy would liaise with the 'County,' local Leagues and ourselves in setting up an organising committee by the end of the winter.

Colin thanked Ken and Andy for their attendance, and before asking the Secretary to read the minutes from the September meeting, received apologies from Wilf and Dave who had to leave for other appointments.

The minutes were read from the previous meeting, accepted as a true record and in matters arising the following points were covered:

- 1) The end of season green work and hedge cutting had been completed, the new seats were in place and the gutter boarding work around no.1 green had started.
- 2) Defibrillator sessions had been organised by the Sports Club, and whilst the 1<sup>st</sup> session had been aborted (to be re-arranged) due to emergency callouts received by the fire brigade, the 2<sup>nd</sup> session was scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.
- 3) Ray Williams was not aware of any prize money being received from the Senior Cits league.
- 4) Pat asked if a comparison of playing fees with other clubs could be drawn up in our efforts to attract new players to the club.
- 5) Colin & Jim Bawden had attended the F&DBL AGM in the absence of Dave & Tonie who were unavailable.

In the Treasurers absence, Bob reported on a healthy balance in bank and cash, and confirmed that a new greens 'dew' brush and filler for no.1 green gutters, had been purchased

In correspondence, an email had been received from the Sports Club asking for food donations towards Christmas Hamper prizes to be raffled at the Ladies Committee 'Craft Fair' on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

In the Delegates absence, Bob read out a mandate being put to the U&DBL AGM, adding a separate KO Cup competition be created for 2<sup>nd</sup> division teams.

Tonie reported the following from the latest Sports Club's sections meeting:

- 1) The Club's policy on dogs, was simple, no dogs allowed on the Club grounds. He was to raise a question about guide dogs at the next meeting.
- 2) The Club's utilities bill came to £12k with alternative providers being sought.
- 3) The sections were once again urged to hold more functions in the Club, a cabaret had been arranged for December and celebrations were to be organised for the Rugby Club's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.
- 4) It was felt that the Club needed a 'functions director' and were still looking to fill the role of 'financial director'.

Bob outlined the 'Open' competition dates for next year and the meeting agreed to cancel the Over 65's Handicap if a sponsor was not found, with the 'Big Smash' and the 'All England' comps adding to an already busy season.

Bob confirmed that numbers requesting pie & peas for the presentation night were around the 40 mark, and urged the meeting to let him know of any others asap, as he was going on holiday soon.

In any other business, John Lavender suggested trying Furness General for coach parking space for the 'All England' as the car parks were little used on Saturdays.

The next committee meeting was agreed for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am in the bowls pavilion and the registration night planned for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00pm in the bar. The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

