

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15th January,2019 @ 11.00am in the Bowls Pavilion.

Present: A Kneale, R Stewart, P Cain, J Hartley, J Cairns.

Apologies: T Moxham

The Chairman opened the meeting and held a minutes silence in respect of Derek Hurley, who had passed away on Monday 14th January. He then asked Neil Jones of DCC to make his presentation on the organisation of the 'Big Smash' competition, rounds of which were to be played at Hawcoat Park on Sunday 26th May.

Neil thanked the Club for the use of our two greens and confirmed the points covered by the attachment.

The Secretary expressed his disappointment in today's attendance and proceeded to read the minutes from the meeting held on the 20th November. They were accepted as a true record, with no matters arising.

In the absence of the Treasurer and Delegate, the Secretary continued on to read the correspondence received in the past two months.

- 1) Email from Andy Woods advising that a junior football tournament was to be held at the club on Saturday 15th June, last years event had attracted 60 teams. (the Sec had subsequently spoken with Andy over access for bowling. No problems were envisaged, other than parking would be limited to the front car park.)
- 2) Email from Peter Roberts asking whether clubs scheduled games for Saturday 27th July (All England date) would prefer to play on the Friday night. (I replied confirming that we wished to play on the Saturday.)
- 3) Email from Ian France expressing his appreciation for our reply to his concerns around the selection of 'B' team play-off reps at the end of last season. Thought it may help if further clarification could be made to all players about the club policy around players playing for more than one team, but concluded in confirming his keenness in playing next season.
- 4) Email from the County and Ray Williams about clubs appointing "Safeguarding Officers" and the need for them to have DBS certification. Ray confirmed that he now had this certificate.

Tonie Moxham had submitted his report from the December Sections meeting, which included the following points:

- a) Work was to be done to the floodlights around the training pitch, and the club were to ask those sections who use the facility for donations towards the cost.
- b) A question had been asked about 'advertising boards, being placed at the front of the club. This is not allowed due to 'planning issues'.
- c) The problem created by rabbits was now being tackled. (Seemed to be working as their dropping were on the decline, and no more holes had been dug in the winter bowling facility).
- d) The next meeting had been scheduled for the 8th January and Tonie had requested that in his absence, due to holidays, any correspondence about the meeting be sent to the Secretary. (This had not been received and therefore no one attended from the bowls section).

The competition Secretary confirmed that all barring the new 'Over 65's Handicap Singles would be played on the equivalent dates to last year. The new event had now been arranged for Friday 14th June. A list of all competitions would be posted in the bowls pavilion and the Ladies had been advised.

Following the Treasurers November report on the clubs finances, it was agreed that bowling fees remain the same for the 2019 season. John Hartley suggested that we consider a temporary facility (eg tent) for housing bowls etc on the Big Smash day due to the number of competitors expected and possibility of poor weather. It was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.

Dates for forthcoming events were agreed:

- REGISTRATION NIGHT – Friday 15th February in the club bar from 7.00pm.
- GREENS to be opened on Saturday 16th March (weather permitting) and the Club Handicap to start at 11.30am.
- TEAM SELECTION – Friday 22nd March in the club at 7.00pm.
- CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – to be played on Saturday 23rd March.
- NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 26th March in the bowls pavilion at 11.00am.
- Saturday 30th March to be held in reserve should either of the internal comps be postponed.
- F&DBL fixtures due to begin on the weekend of Friday 5th April.

