

Minutes from the Committee Meeting held on Friday 19th August, 2022 at 11.00 am

Present: T Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, R Moxham, P Cain, J Lavender, R Williams, P Heron

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked the Secretary to summarise the events which had taken place since we last met.

Bob proceeded to cover the outcome of the BCGBA 'Senior Merit', played for a large part in appalling weather, with a larger crowd attending than the organisers had anticipated. An email had been received from Ken Howarth complimenting the Club on a good venue and organisation.

The Rotary Club had used no.1 green in July for an association Cup match, and had donated £45 to the bowls section for use of the facilities.

The Jack Marklew 'open' Singles had been held in early August with a reduced number of 53 players taking to the greens, due mainly to Cumbria qualifying for the BCGBA 'supplementary' competition, with the loss of players to this event. However, in addition to the ladies refreshments, the event had generated a surplus of £266.

Pat & Ray confirmed that the 'Fun Day' had been a success and had attracted over 30 entries, £70 prize money had been paid out for the 'round robin' and players had contributed to the cost of food.

Correspondence had been received from the Cumbria referees association looking for volunteers and advising that courses were being organised for anyone interested in becoming a referee or assistant referee.

Hawcoat Park Sports Club had sent out a contract to all sections requesting adherence to their rules, the only notable change was their request to purchase all cans of beer from the Club at a price of £1 per can, for sale around the greens. No objections were raised and the contract was signed and returned.

Steve, in presenting the Treasurers report, confirmed a healthy balance, having received donations from the Ladies section and paid out playing fees to the Furness and Ulverston leagues for the seasons matches, and a subsidy towards the Fun Day costs.

Ray presented the minutes from the latest Ulverston delegates meeting, the main points being, a review of the league KO handicaps would take place in 2023 taking into account the reduced number of players per team and the timing of the handicapping which is based on league placings. The divisional merit play-offs were to be held on Sunday 11th September, and a £2k loss was predicted for the current season due mainly to the reduction in teams/playing members and the costs associated with a second divisional handicap trophy being purchased.

Bob confirmed that the Autumn Pairs was due to be played on Sunday 11th September, places still available, but the entry was unlikely to be as high as usual due to a clash of date with the Ulverston play-offs.

Considerable discussion then took place over the proposed 'winter bowling' and as a result the following was agreed:

- a) No.2 green would close for end of season work, which would begin on Tuesday 20th September, and would re-open on Saturday 8th October for winter bowling, alternating with no.1 green every two weeks.

- b) No.1 green would remain open until work began on Tuesday 4th October, with winter bowling competitions being held on the Saturdays of 24th September and 1st October and general bowling on other days.
- c) With effect from the 8th October, one green only will be open on a Saturday for organised 'round robin' pairs or singles competitions, depending on numbers attending, starting at 12.00 noon (blowout time 11.45 am). The greens will remain closed on other days.
- d) Entry to winter bowling competitions will cost £3 (including tea / coffee) and will be open to all Hawcoat Park Sports Club members, with the bowls section matching the entries in making up the prize money. A form of seeding / handicaps will be used to provide a competitive game for all abilities.

This year's end of season social evening will be on Friday 2nd December in the Club bar and both the men's and ladies sections will be asked if they will support a mixed or men only evening.

The men's Bowls AGM will take place in the Bowls pavilion on Friday evening the 21st October, starting at 7.00 pm; after which members will be invited for a free drink in the bar.

The next Committee Meeting will take place on Friday 14th October starting at 11.00 am in the bowls pavilion. The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.