

## Minutes from the Committee Meeting held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January,2023 at 11.00am.

**Present:** Tony Kneale, Bob Stewart, T Woods, P Cain, John Lavender, Ray Williams, Janice Cairns.

The Chairman opened the meeting with seven members attending and asked the Secretary to cover the correspondence.

Before going onto correspondence, Bob pointed out that the previous minutes & matters arising had been omitted from the agenda, and therefore confirmed that the minutes had been circulated and asked if there were any questions. There were no matters arising.

In correspondence: a) The Furness Ladies league had requested use of the greens on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April for a competition, starting at 9.30 am, however, it was pointed out that no.2 green would need to be available for an U&DBL match should one be scheduled for that date. b) An agenda had been received from the County for their AGM scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> January at Lindal. Should anyone be available, the meeting was due to start at 7.30 pm. c) Correspondence had been sent to the sponsors requesting their support, replies had been received from Holden's and T Ward's confirming their support, Schofield's had yet to reply and Tony Marklew had indicated his support following the 2022 competition.

In the absence of the treasurer, Steve had previously indicated that the finances were still very sound following a bill for further green treatments and subsidies provided for the winter bowling prizes. Discussion took place, when it was confirmed that no major expenditure would be committed whilst doubts over the mower remained, as estimated costs to replace it were in the region of £8-10k.

Following a meeting of the **F&DBL** delegates held at Hawcoat Park on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, Ray confirmed that night match start times had been made into a rule, and that it would be 5.30pm for matches before 1<sup>st</sup> May and after 31<sup>st</sup> August, with matches in between starting at 6.00pm. The management committee had introduced fines for absence at future delegate's meetings and AGM's. At an earlier meeting Bob had attended in Ray's absence, he confirmed the league structure for 2023 would be Div 1 – 12 teams, Div's 2 & 3 – 11 teams each and that the King Alfred would have 3 teams in div 1 due to promotion of their 'B' team. The season was to commence the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> April and end on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with the playoffs held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September and the grand masters on the weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Roose were to stage the BCGBA Ladies Pairs event in August of this year, and that Hawcoat Park have been allocated the Ladies Senior Merit in 2024; no league fixtures are to be scheduled on these dates. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July,2023 would be used for this years Furness handicap competition, with the playoffs scheduled as follows, div 1 – West Shore, div 2 – Barrow Island, div 3 – Dalton CC and the Grand Masters at Salthouse.

In the **U&DBL** all officers had been elected for 2023 and that a loss of £425 had been made in 2022.

In the **Senior Citizens League**, the age for eligibility had been reduced to 62 years and that the team KO competitions would be based on each division made up of 2 groups of 5 teams playing 4 games within their group, with the group winners going through to the final.

Bowling Club fees for 2023 were proposed and accepted as follows:

Players registration to F&DBL; U&DBL and Senior Citizens - £16 per league to include fixture books.

Entry to the Handicap and Championship - £3 each.

Open competition entry fees, £8 for singles, £15/pair for the Spring Pairs and £10/pair for the Over 60's Pairs.

The registration night is to be held in the Club bar on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00 pm for all 3 leagues

Team selection for the F&DBL and U&DBL to be held in the bowls pavilion on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am. Senior Citizens to organise their own team selection.

The Secretary then confirmed the dates for our 'Open' competitions and confirmed that entries were now being taken.

Following the end of the winter bowling season, planned for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, work would begin in preparing the greens for the summer. The greens would then re-open on the 11<sup>th</sup> March (weather permitting), the Handicap to be played on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, and Championship on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April will be held in reserve should either be postponed.

In AOB; Paul asked about Sports Club membership. Nothing had been officially received following Andy Woods' redundancy, albeit fees taken by direct debit had gone through on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, so it was safe to say that fees could be paid at the office or over the bar, with Samantha.

Bob confirmed his intention to start the Bonus Ball (59ers) draw from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March and would be canvassing existing members to ensure that all numbers are taken up before then.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm with a date of the 21<sup>st</sup> March agreed for the next meeting in the bowls pavilion starting at 11.00 am.