

Minutes from the committee meeting held on Friday 20th May, 2022 at 11.00 am.

Present: T Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, P Cain, J Lavender, R Williams, J Bawden, J Cairns, P Heron.
Presentation by: A Woods and K Howarth.

The Chairman opened the meeting and in the presence of AW and KH invited discussion on the 'All England' day.

- 1) Small hut to be used for Official's changing facility.
- 2) Bowls pavilion dedicated for running the event.
- 3) Viewing hut to be used for the scorers.
- 4) Andy to organise small marquees for the storage of bowling equipment.
- 5) Comp to begin at 10.00 am, volunteers for gate, car parking, litter picking and score card duties asked to report from 9.00 am.
- 6) One gated entrance to be used for the sale of tickets.
- 7) Car Parking: Players and Officials to use top car park (35 cars) - others to use front car park on 1st come basis.
- 8) Buses to drop passengers off at the main gate and park on the Cemetery Hill.
- 9) Ladies to provide early morning refreshments and AW to organise catering for Officials, both from the Sports Club.
- 10) KH asked if the bowls section could organise a reserve seating system for those wishing to guarantee a seat on the day.
- 11) Scoreboards, Jacks and Mats to be supplied by the BCGBA. (Confirmed following the meeting).
- 12) A final review would be held at the next Committee meeting.

The meeting continued with RS reading the minutes from the March meeting, and in matters arising confirmed that all actions had been taken as agreed, with only the question around further “Life Memberships” unresolved, with the Sports Club stating that their policy was based on the consideration of long time members who over the years have contributed to the running /maintenance etc of the Sports Club and served on their committees. The bowls section has responded to this reply and is awaiting an answer.

SL confirmed an increasing bank balance with sponsorship monies now received from all but Tony Marklew, who RS confirmed, has made a verbal commitment to sponsor the August event. The surplus from the bonus ball draw for the summer has also been banked. However, bills from all leagues had yet to be received.

In correspondence, RS confirmed receiving a request from Ron Duxbury to play a Rotary Club match at HP, to which he had replied, with the result that the fixture would be played on no.1 green on Monday 23rd May from 6.00 pm. Jack had volunteered to supply refreshments.

Information had also been received from the BCGBA via the County around participation in ‘online’ workshops, to do with Volunteers, finance, legal and marketing etc and also announced a scheme with A-Plan insurance, whereby anyone taking out a new car, van or home policy before the end of the year, could result in a £25 donation being made to their Club (this info to be placed on the sections website).

RW presented a league delegates report from the U&DBL meeting, confirming that the new Management was now in place and monies transferred to a new bank account. Donations had been agreed as follows: £100 to the Coop towards sprinkler system, £50 towards prize money for the 'Senior Merit', £200 for the Furness Junior team and £100 to Stuart Aspinall in recognition of his service to the league. The 1st round of the leagues KO cup was to be played on Thursday 9th June, HP (24) v Wal Park (48) @ Salthouse. HP 'A' had received a bye. No games had been scheduled to be played at HP. The 2nd round has been scheduled for the 7th July. The F&DBL delegates meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 26th May at the West Shore Bowling Club.

RS confirmed that The Tonie Moxham Mem'l sponsored by Holden's drew an entry of 64; prize money £750 with a profit of £170. The Over 60's Pairs sponsored by T Ward & Sons is due to be played on Friday 27th May and has so far attracted 21 pairs.

A competitive quote for the small hut roof repairs has been received from local contractor John Bell, but before we proceed, our work squad will be doing some checks and repairs to the structure.

PH had sourced a pie warmer, and would liaise with SL over the purchase.

RW confirmed that the Salmesbury trip had been cancelled due to poor support, but that an event along with the ladies section would be organised at the Club, possibly during the July/August period.

TK advised the committee that it was intended to have a green available for winter bowling, and that we should include discussion of any proposed formats for competitions at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm and a date of Friday 22nd July was agreed for the next meeting. (This has now been re-arranged for Wednesday the 20th July at 11.00 am).