

Minutes from the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st March,2023

Present: A Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, W Heywood, C Knipe, P Cain, J Bawden, J Lavender, P Heron.

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked the Secretary to proceed through the agenda.

The Secretary confirmed apologies received from those on holiday and other commitments. He then asked for any matters arising from the previous minutes, which had been circulated by email. No matters were arising.

In correspondence, Bob proceeded to confirm that an email had been received from the Board of the Sports Club, asking all sections to attend a meeting scheduled for Friday 24th February, to which Steve and I attended. Topics covered were: a) Andy Woods' roles to be covered by the Board members and Sam Moyle. b) The financial position of the Club and the need to come up with ideas for additional fund raising events, greater use of the bar and big room, and continued efforts to get financial support from BAE and its employees.

Letters received from T Ward confirming sponsorship of the 'Over 60's' Pairs and from Schofield Construction announcing the retirement of Peter Schofield and the fact that they no longer had a budget for sponsorship. (The club would subsidise the event if another sponsor was not found).

Tony Marklew had confirmed his support of the Jack Marklew Mem'I later in the summer.

The Treasurer confirmed a healthy balance sheet following receipts from the registration night and the 'bonus' ball entries. The Club had increased prices for the purchase of cans of beer, which showed substantial increases on supermarket prices, a point which was to be taken up with the Club. The Bowls section subsidised the winter bowls prizes by approx £300.

Bob read the minutes from the F&DBL and U&DBL delegates meetings which were to be pinned up on the notice board.

Steve summarised the numbers registered for the leagues, and whilst a number had still to pay their fees, the total numbers indicated that both leagues had a few surplus players. Support of the inhouse comps had been good, with approx 30 in the handicap and 27 due to play in the championship.

In AOB, Pat asked if there was any interest in some more shelter being installed around no.2 green – an enquiry was to be made of Alan Artis for his views. John asked if the club had any plans to instal more plastic seating around no.1 green as the current seating on the Thorncliffe Road side was of concrete and wood construction and still needed painting – it was felt that we had enough seating around the green, and on the few occasions more was needed, the portable seats were used along the grass verge.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon, and a date of Friday 19th May at 11.00 am in the bowls pavilion, was agreed for the next.