

Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21st September,2017 @ 7.00pm.

Present: L Christian, R Stewart, D Hird, P Cain, J Hartley, C Knipe
Apologies: R Moxham, T Moxham, A Kneale, W Heywood, M Woods
J Cairns, M Procter, F Ratcliffe.

In the Chairman's absence, the Secretary opened the meeting, and with six members present, continued to read the minutes from the meeting held on the 20th July. These were accepted as a true record and in matters arising, the following points were covered:

- a) The cricket section had agreed to donate £100 towards the cost of the spreader, which along with the grant, now covered the total cost including VAT.
- b) The cladding has now been delivered and paid for. The Treasurer confirmed the position of the Sports Club, of not purchasing goods on behalf of the sections which incorporated VAT. VAT on feed and seed is non-reclaimable and will continue to be purchased by the club and billed to the sections.
- c) The Secretary and Treasurer had agreed a date of Friday 3rd November for the AGM to be held in the bowls hut from 7.00pm. The Treasurer had decided to retire at the AGM, and was thanked for her enormous contribution to the running of the club over recent years. The position would be posted on the notice board in advance of the meeting. Other officers due for re-election were the Secretary, Delegate(s) and Chairman of selectors.

The Treasurer reported that all bills had been paid and all income accounted for. The club finances remain in a sound position. The '59' club through Wilf Heywood had contributed considerably to the club funds and the teams so far had earned prize money as follows:

- a) UDBL. KO Cup.....£75
 - b) Billy Hall Cup.....£40
 - c) George Barrow Cup...£70
- All league bowling fees had been paid.

The Secretary summarised the correspondence received/sent since the last meeting:

- a) Letter from Colin Haworth (Cumbria Referees Society) making clubs aware that a 'Laws of the Game' seminar could be held at the clubs premises on a date to be agreed. Following interest already shown by the 'C' team and Ladies club, we would be arranging a date before the start of next season.

- b) Notice of a seminar received from the County on the topic of a 'Safeguarding in Bowls Workshop' which was attended by Ray Williams on behalf of the club, at the Coop Bowling Club on Sunday 20th August, and covered the guide lines and policy around the protection of children and vulnerable adults. Ray felt that our policy within our Constitution and Rules of Governance covered the subject well, other than reporting any individuals to the 'County' if disciplined for an offence.
- c) Letters to Handmark Engineering and Schofield Construction thanking them for their sponsorship.
- d) Quotes have been received from 'Optech Fibres' for replacement a lamp should we decide to replace the faulty lamp in the car park corner floodlight.
- e) Letter to Dennis Mowers complaining about poor quality parts which have led to the sports club spending excessive amounts over 4 years repairing the bowling green mower.

The Delegate reported that the UDBL were to put a motion forward at their AGM to scrap the "Loan Scheme". In addition to some uncertainty over the future of this rule in the FDBL, the delegate also reported that:

- a) As there are only 11 teams in div 1, only one team will be relegated from the 1st to 2nd div., but two teams to be promoted from the 2nd. The same will happen with div's 2 & 3.
- b) It looked more certain that the current rule on Fiday/Saturday fixtures would remain following threats from clubs to pull out of the league. The next league delegates meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27th Sept; will discover when the AGM is to be held and what mandates are to be voted on.
- c) Paul Bennett to be banned from next seasons £500 handicap following his retirement from this years event after winning his first round game.
- d) Aggregates no longer need to be posted at the green, as they now appear on the website.

The Secretary then reported on events that have taken place since the last meeting:

- a) Barbeque Day (23rd July) – 34 people attended and a nice profit was made on the day.
- b) Rotary night (3rd August) – 15 played in the match against Carnforth, a combination of singles and doubles games which the visitors won. Profits on the night enhanced the club funds.

- c) The Jack Marklew Singles comp (13th August) – 64 entered, and including sponsorship, we were able to make a good contribution towards club funds.
- d) End of season Pie & Pea (16th Sept) – 51 including partners attended. Sale of football card contributed to a good profit .

John Hartley raised questions about buildings insurance and whether we had plans to replace the existing green surround seating with plastic, as some painting would be required during the winter to the wooden seats. There was some disagreement over the insurance, the Secretary would contact the Sports Club to see what cover we had. No plastic material strong enough for seating had been found that would fit into the concrete supports and complete seating in plastic would cost £500 per seat. We would stay with wooden seats in the short term while we check other sources.

The Secretary proposed that the Presentation night be held on Friday 8th December in the bar from 7.30pm. This was agreed.

In any other business, the Secretary confirmed that No.1 green would close for end of season work on Wednesday 27th September, weather permitting, and No.2 green on Monday 2nd October. The spiking contractor was scheduled to do the work on No.2 green on Friday 20th October. The grass tennis courts were being prepared for winter bowls, with a start date no later than mid-October.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm and the proposed date of Thursday 23rd November at 7.00pm was agreed for the next meeting. If the FDBL AGM was to be held before this date, then a meeting would be convened to discuss the mandates and arrange attendance.

