

Committee Meeting held on Friday 23rd March, 2018 @ 7.00pm

Present: A Kneale, W Heywood, R Stewart, D Hird, P Cain, J Hartley,
T Moxham, J Cairns.

In his new role as Chairman, Tony Kneale opened the meeting, and asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous meeting, which were accepted as a true record, and in matters arising, the following points were covered.

- 1) As Liz had now stood down from the Committee, Wilf Heywood had taken on the Treasurer's role and Colin Knipe had replaced Tony as Chairman of selectors.
- 2) Discussion took place on the possibility of staging the All England Finals in the year 2020; which if successful, would mark the Sports Clubs 90th birthday.
- 3) Liz had previously exhausted the enquiry into plastic seating slats, which were deemed not to be strong enough for the size required to fit the existing concrete legs. Six 3 metre long Plastic bench seats, have been ordered, and were due to be despatched w/c 26.3.18.
Bob to notify John Hartley with delivery date.

The Treasurer, confirmed that the accounts remained in a satisfactory position taking into account the donations received from both leagues, players subscriptions for the new season against expenditure for the seating and affiliation fees to CCGBA and the BCGBA. He also confirmed that contact had been made with the majority of stake holders in the 59ers draw.

The Secretary then read out the correspondence, which included emails to the Mail about the signing-on night and 'open' competitions, and a letter to the BCGBA with cheque to cover the 'open' competition certificate for the coming season.

The Delegate reported on meetings he had attended, as follows:

U&DBL: Donations had been awarded to HP; W.Shore and the Furness Juniors, and following the withdrawal of Lindal 'A' from the 2nd div. their games would result in a bye. He also confirmed that the 1st round of the KO would be held on Thursday 31st May, with King Alf v HP 'A' at B.Island and Salt 'A' v HP at West Mount. Other dates for the later rounds had been set for the Thursday's 14th and 28th June with the semi-finals on the 12th July. A date had yet to be set for the final.

F&DBL: Donations had been made to W.Shore, K.Alfred and the Furness Juniors. Lindal 'A' games in the 1st div. would now result in a bye, and confirmed that at the end of the coming season only 1 team would be relegated and 2 promoted from/to div 1.

The Secretary confirmed that in addition to receiving KC's sponsorship, letters had been sent to S N Engineering and Ward's, currently awaiting reply. Tonie was to contact Holden's; Bob would see Handmark Eng and ask Mike to contact Schofield's. The Secretary had sent out a number of letters to Companies requesting sponsorship or raffle prizes, and had 3 positive replies with raffle prizes for the 'Open' comps.

The committee welcomed the fact that Ray Williams had volunteered to be the Club's Welfare Officer in coordinating any issues around vulnerable adults and child protection.

Janice was asked to see if there was support from the ladies for the barbeque day, and feed back with a date if we were to continue with this popular event.

In AOB the ladies had requested tombola prizes for their coffee morning planned for Friday 13th April at the Club, and the Sec. requested raffle prizes for the 'Open' comps.

Team selection had been effected by players absence for the opening weekend of the season, with players and reserves being shuffled about between the 'B' and 'C' teams. A notice would be placed on the 'board' apologising for any inconvenience this would cause.

The Secretary had attended the Sports Club's AGM on Thursday 22nd March, and reported that in the 10 years that the 'Hawcoat Park' Club had been in existence, membership had dropped from 1300 to 860 and a loss had been made on the 2017 financial period, which had resulted in an increase in membership fees and cancellation of the Sky TV channel. Members were encouraged to support the bar and events scheduled for the main hall, the Unity Lottery or donations, being the Club's main source of income. Monthly Section meetings had been arranged where any ideas for fund raising events could be proposed, Bob and Tonie volunteered to attend meetings scheduled for April and May. More volunteers were required to help with grounds and buildings maintenance as well as the K2B on the 11-13th May.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm with the next scheduled for Tuesday 22nd May in the bowls pavilion at 11.00am.