

Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday 24th July,2018 @ 11.00am in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: A Kneale, W Heywood, R Stewart, D Hird, P Cain, J Hartley, P Heron. Apologies: T Moxham, C Knipe.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the meeting held on the 22nd May. These were accepted as a true record, and in matters arising, the following points were covered:

- 1) Ken Howarth is interested in the post of V/President of the BCGBA for 2019; which if confirmed would lead to him being President in 2020 and therefore Cumbria (Hawcoat Park) would stage the All England finals that year.
- 2) Wilf had unsuccessfully attempted to improve the appearance of the Ladies scoreboard, but would now checkout the purchase of a new replacement.
- 3) Dave would ask the league what our commitments would be for staging the All England finals.

The Treasurer confirmed that we still have a healthy balance sheet, but was unsure what bills were still to come to cover the season's expenses.

The Secretary confirmed receiving the following correspondence.

- 1) Letter from the Furness CGBA thanking the club for their donation to the Juniors.
- 2) Email to the Mail, asking for the Jack Marklew comp to be advertised.
- 3) Minutes from the Sections June and July meetings were read out, which in terms of the bowling section, confirmed that the incidents around security of the bowling greens following misuse, would be reported to the board and General Manager to see what could be in improving the camera.

The Delegate reported from the June meeting of the F&DBL that a moments silence had been held for Steve Porter and Jean Barrow and that a letter had been received thanking the league for their donation to the Furness Federation junior teams. The £500 Handicap was to be held at West Mount and entry was £2 per head payable on the day. The League Secretary was to be notified of any postponed fixtures so the web site

could be updated with the new date. The League would like to re-introduce the team KO Cup for next season and are open to suggestions around the format.

Club events held since the last meeting, included the Over 60's Pairs held on the 1st June, and won by Billy Thompson/Alan Asbury of Salthouse. The club 'Round Robin' event which saw the Barbeque cancelled due to lack of support, but which went ahead on the basis of members bringing their own snacks, with approx 20 attending on Sunday 22nd July. The day had been a success.

The Jack Marklew was the next 'Open' comp to be played on Sunday 12th August, and whilst Tony Marklew had retired from Handmark Engineering, the new MD – Gary Mellen had confirmed their continued support of the event.

In any other business, the following points were covered:

- 1) A new UPVC door was to be purchased at an estimated cost of £500 for the Gents toilet, and fitted by Ron May/ Ken Judge.
- 2) Six more bench seats were to be purchased at the original cost, and fitted during the close season.
- 3) Replacement boards for the Ladies green was discussed, but as it would cost approx £1100 per green to replace with UPVC; it was agreed that we check out the availability of timber boards before we proceed. John to report back.
- 4) Bowling club members showing an interest in bench seat Memorial Plaques can speak to any member of the Committee for more information.
- 5) Whilst it was felt that the club had never been stronger in terms of the numbers currently playing the game, Bob felt that with about 90% being in the Senior Citizens age bracket, the club needed to look at ways of attracting some younger players, to secure the long term future of the club.
- 6) Due to a safety issue, Pat requested that the raised concrete areas around the Ladies green seating area could do with painting if we were to avoid any accidents.
- 7) Handmark Eng have been asked to quote for the work to the floodlight pylon which could then lead to it being installed in the corner by the small bowls hut.
- 8) John raised the problem with the bottom hinge on the bowls pavilion door. Ron/Ken would be asked to take a look, which then may result in an intermittent problem with the lock being resolved.
- 9) The club needed to review the costs and profitability of running some of the 'open' events, due to the poor support.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.10pm with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 25th September in the bowls pavilion at 11.00am.

