

## Committee meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May,2017 @ 7.00pm

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

In the Chairman's absence the Secretary opened the meeting, and after expressing his disappointment in the attendance, continued to read the minutes of the March meeting.

In matters arising:

Bob confirmed that access to the club could now be gained through the main gate using the combination lock, at times when the club may be closed, due mainly to bank holidays.

Dave also answered a point raised by Tonie, confirming that our donation to the Juniors was to cover the costs of their participation in the Federation of Crown Green Bowls competition.

Bob and Liz confirmed that the use of standby players was minimal, as we now had sufficient players under normal circumstances, registered to play in the F&DBL.

Liz presented the accounts, which showed an increase of income over expenditure for the year to date, which didn't include income from the recent mixed pairs event, but now incorporated the Senior Citizens accounts. All registration fees had now been paid and the Senior's had paid their green fees upfront. The Kimberly Clark comp had generated a nice income and there had been receipts from the 59ers club and from beverage sales. All bills received to date had been paid, including a requested early settlement from the F&DBL of their annual bill. The club's finances remain in a healthy position.

Bob read out the correspondence received since March, which included:

- 1) Email from Marian Woods proposing a date for the Barbeque Day of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – **duly accepted.**
- 2) Email from the County Veterans inviting interested players to submit their names for selection. The preliminary pool stages of the comp were to take place at Kendal on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.
- 3) Email from Allan Artis (board of directors) requesting a donation towards the floodlight pylon work which had now been completed. – **the meeting agreed to make a donation of half the cost. (amended).**
- 4) Notice had been received that an EGM had been called by the Board of Directors for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – **bowlers were well represented in what otherwise was a poorly supported meeting,**

**and the only item on the agenda was for an urgent input needed for Board Membership, following recent resignations.**

- 5) Letter to T Ward & Sons thanking them for their sponsorship.
- 6) Email from the Ladies suggesting that we invite members from both Guys and Salmesbury clubs to Hawcoat Park during the season. – **Left with Ray Williams and Pat Heron to investigate the possibility.**
- 7) Letter from the Furness Crown Green Bowling Association thanking the club for their donation to the Juniors Federation Bowls involvement.

Dave advised the meeting that there were no U&DBL meetings to report on. He gave the Secretary the published minutes from the April meeting of the F&DBL league, at which there had been a minutes silence for Ian Newby of Salthouse, and confirmed that nominated delegates were working on the current rules in readiness for next season. – **the minutes would be put in the bowls hut.** Dave was asked to raise questions at the next meeting about (a) Walney Park 'Grand Masters' qualifying competition being staged on a County match day. (b) Web site results irregularities involving players playing in more than one team, and (c) clarification around the ruling involving players being dropped from a higher league team into a lower team, and only taking their 1<sup>st</sup> two results.

Lawson Trophy held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May had seen Roy Moxham, Dave Hodgson, Ian France and Ray Williams representing the club.

All monies had been received from the sponsors with the exception of Handmark Eng and Schofield Construction whose competitions were due to take place in August and September.

The Kimberly Clark comp held in April had attracted 64 entries, the mixed pairs in May had seen only 24 pairs, albeit a raffle of £49 had still been generated. Mike Fieldhouse had won both events and was partnered by Emma Wakefield in the latter.

It was agreed that the membership would be canvassed over their support for a social (dance) night, and that the captains would be asked to approach their team's. Bob would also see the Ladies about doing the same.

The grant application to the Cumbria Community Foundation to cover the cost of a SISIS top feed spreader, had been submitted, for their consideration at their meeting scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> June. As part of this

application, the club had needed to formalise a club constitution, rules of governance and child & vulnerable person policy. For guidance, Bob had requested any documentation the Hawcoat Park club had, and had pulled ideas from a local club web site. This document would be published in the bowling club room, and be agreed at the AGM.

The Rotary club had been in touch over use of the green for a 7 a-side match against their Ambleside branch. Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> June had been agreed, starting at 6.00pm on no.1 green, and the Ladies were to be approached about laying on drinks and sandwiches for an appropriate charge per head.

Tonie raised the matter of fund raising for Steve Porter, and whilst the committee sympathised with his circumstances, nothing along the same lines had been done for current members.

Liz presented samples of plastic materials, for both the cladding of the bowls hut and seat repairs. Due to issues arising from material suitability and additional transport costs, Tonie was asked to approach Holden's for their advice.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm and a date of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm agreed for the next.