

Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday 26th March,2019 @ 11.00am in the Bowls Pavilion.

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

Apologies: J Hartley, C Knipe.

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the 15th January meeting. These were accepted as a true record and in matters arising he confirmed that the floodlight repairs had been completed by Optech Fibres and that work was progressing in the installation of the new floodlight by the small bowls hut. On the matter of a temporary tent being erected on 'Big Smash' day to house bowls bags etc in case of bad weather, it was decided that most bowlers would wish to keep their bowls close at hand, and that there was the shelter on the ladies match green along with the viewing hut for those who wished to use it for storage purposes. Pat Heron requested that alterations be made to the kitchen area and it was agreed that we should ask Andy Woods if the Club's kitchen could be used for hot food eg bacon butts, as players would be arriving on site from 8.00am onwards. Bob would follow up with the bowls work group and Andy.

The Treasurer reported a healthy balance in bank and cash and that the fees from all leagues was being covered by the current level of members playing fees.

In correspondence, the Secretary confirmed that a number of letters had been sent to existing sponsors, Schofields and Wards had confirmed their continued support, Kimberly Clark had withdrawn theirs this year on the basis that their funds had been allocated elsewhere, Len Case was to sponsor the Over 65's 'Open' Handicap and replies were awaited from Holden's (who are believed to be renewing their advertisement board this year); S N Eng and Handmark Eng. Other Companies had been approached, but replies were still awaited. It was reported that Don's were looking to allocate funds to local organisations, and as the Sports Club had previously applied, Tonie would bring it to their attention through the sections meeting.

Notifications had been sent to the Ladies Club around:

- a) 'C' team games being played on some Saturdays
- b) Comp dates for the coming season.

Letters had been received requesting use of the greens for:

- a) Ladies County match being held on the match green on Sunday 16th June.

b) Furness Ladies league to hold their pairs event on both greens on Monday 16th September.

Email received from Andy Woods confirming that the bar would be open from 10.00am for the Big Smash day.

Letter with covering cheque for £6 had been sent to the BCGBA for an 'open' competition certificate, and lastly a letter had been received from the Furness Juniors requesting a donation towards their travel costs. It was agreed to give them £50.

The delegate reported from meetings held by both leagues during the winter. Apart from the fact that we had notified the league about not being able to stage the £500 Handicap finals, due to it clashing with one of our 'Open' competitions, no other matters required any action. The Secretary would pin up the minutes in the bowls pavilion for anyone interested to read.

Tonie Moxham reported from the sections meeting that the Sports Club had deferred this years AGM to a date still to be confirmed, they were looking to clear out old trophies should the sections be interested in claiming them back, and that the Tennis section had received a grant to enable them to convert the car park opposite the cricket field, back into hard tennis courts, and that the money would also allow them to improve the surface of the grass courts.

Bob confirmed that the Spring 'Open' Singles had attracted 57 competitors so far, with entries closing this weekend.

In any other business, Bob confirmed that the Seniors were having to proceed with their annual trip on Thursday 30th May, although it clashed with U&DBL matches, due to the cost switching dates would have incurred. Ulverston games would be re-arranged.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm and a date of Tuesday 14th May at 11.00am in the bowls pavilion was agreed for the next meeting.