

**Committee Meeting Held on Friday 26th November,2021 at 11.00 am
in the Bowls Pavilion.**

Present: A Kneale, R Stewart, P Cain, J Bawden, J Lavender, C Knipe.

Apologies: S Liddicott, D Hird, R Moxham, W Heywood, R Williams, J Cairns, P Heron.

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked all to stand in one minutes silence for Tonie Moxham, an excellent player and servant to both the Bowls and Sports Club.

Bob made apologies for those missing the meeting, and read the minutes from the October meeting, from which there were no matters arising.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Steve had notified Bob that the Sports Club had discounted the greens maintenance bill by £1k (the sum owed to the bowls section in way of the loan) and paid the balance of £1100. The groundsman had also predicted a further spend of £1k during the 2022 season for various green treatments. This, however, still left a comfortable balance in the bank.

In correspondence, Pat Heron had requested a number of dates for league and Club 'Open' competitions, which were accepted by the Committee, and at the request of Bob, had confirmed the availability of three lady bowlers to cover league matches on a standby basis should they be short of players, following the leagues decision to open up to Lady bowlers.

In the absence of Dave Hird due to health reasons, delegates had attended recent league meetings and reported that both the F&DBL and U&DBL had decided on 10 man teams, with the inclusion of lady bowlers, and in the Furness league, home teams would have preference on whether they play Friday nights or Saturday afternoons. This had resulted in a small number of clubs refusing to play on Saturdays, and would be forming a Friday night league. Following a great deal of discussion it was agreed that the Club would not be entering a team in 2022, as the b & c teams in the Furness league already play home matches on Friday nights, therefore making it impractical. The committee would review their position at the end of next season.

Approx 33 teams had so far indicated that they will remain in the Furness league and a decision was made to form three divisions.

The Ulverston league were still looking for volunteers for the roles of Secretary and Fixture Secretary, the absence of which could well jeopardise the existence of the league unless the roles were filled at the January delegates meeting.

Four teams had been entered for the F&DBL and two teams for the U&DBL.

Jim Bawden reported that the 'Senior Citizens' league would have three divisions of approx 10 teams per division, and that a decision would shortly be made on whether divisional team ko Cup competitions would be held.

Bob reported that the Club would be holding four 'open' competitions next season, one of which would be for the Tonie Moxham Mem'l Trophy (singles), sponsored by Holden's, and the others being an 'Over 60's Pairs', the Jack Marklew Mem'l (singles) and the 'Autumn Pairs', dates were agreed for all events.

Two options for a new kitchen in the bowls pavilion were discussed, and it was decided that the more expensive option would be the preferred route, and that the project would be delayed 12 months for financial reasons. However, a 2nd fridge would be installed; and a microwave oven purchased. We may also need to replace the water boiler.

In AOB, Brian Kaighan presented some changes to the website, which met with the approval of the Committee.

The next meeting would be held on Friday 28th January at 11.00 am in the bowls pavilion, and the meeting closed at 12.05 pm.