

Committee Meeting held on Friday 28th July, 2023

Present: T Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, B Kaighan, J Lavender, R Moxham, W Heywood, P Cain, J Cairns

The Chairman opened the meeting and confirmed that he had held a disciplinary talk with Nick Reilly on Saturday 8th July over his unacceptable behaviour at a recent Ulverston league match, and that if this conduct were to be repeated further action would be taken by the Committee. Should he have any future grievances with the Club, then these should be directed through the Chairman to the Committee and not through team captains or other individuals.

The Secretary notified the meeting of apologies of absence had been received from Jim Bawden and Pat Heron, and continued to ask for any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th May and circulated to all committee members. There were no matters arising.

In correspondence, Bob confirmed that the U&DBL had requested use of the green for their end of season playoffs on Sunday 10th September, to which the committee agreed, and that it would take place on the ladies no.1 green. Pat Heron had been approached and confirmed that the ladies would provide refreshments for the 26 competitors and supporters.

Quotes had been received from two contractors for the end of season work, and whilst the final cost was still to be agreed, the committee were in favour of no.2 green, being in the worst condition, should have all the work performed by the contractor, ie scarifying, spiking, top dressing and over-seeding during w/c 18th September at an estimated cost in excess of £3000 including all materials. No.1 green would undergo the same work as previous years, towards the end of September, done by the Clubs volunteers and resources, with contractor involvement next year if it was deemed necessary.

The Treasurer confirmed a healthy bank balance with bills from the U&DBL and Club beer purchases recently paid and a donation of £500 received from the ladies section. Janice was asked to provide costings for their end of season dinner, when the Committee would consider a subsidy similar to that which they received last year. Roy proposed that we make enquiries into the purchase of a replacement spiker, which was seconded by Tony and Bob, due

to its age and inefficiency, taking in excess of 1.1/2 hours to spike a green. Enquiries were to be made of other Clubs and Lee for advice.

The Delegates presented the main points from recent league meetings:

F&DBL (John Lavender) – 1) League funds £5000. 2) Broke even in staging the Handicap in July. 3) Greg Windsor had reminded Clubs to notify him of any re-arranged games. 4) it was anticipated that Clubs who had withdrawn teams to form the Friday night league may wish to re-join the F&DBL for the 2024 season. If that came about a decision on their re-entry would be made at the November meeting.

U&DBL (Brian Kaighan) – 1) Myerscough's were still to confirm their sponsorship of the league for next season. 2) Clubs were reminded of the rules around smoking/vaping and the use of mobile phones whilst on the green. 3) The league were asking Clubs to make a donation towards a gift for Geoff Hill who was retiring from his treasurer duties after 40 years of service. (This was passed, but Brian was to ask the league if they had a sum in mind).

Janice confirmed that she had cancelled the planned Fun day due to a shortfall of entries, and that as the Ulverston team had since re-arranged a fixture for the evening of 3rd August there would be fewer still willing to play in a 'round robin' during the afternoon.

Bob confirmed that the Club having run an over 60's singles and a consolation 'round robin' pairs on Friday the 26th May, made a £40 profit whilst paying prize money of approx £300. Our thanks go to T Ward & Sons for their sponsorship.

The last 'open' comp of the season was the Jack Marklew, on Sunday 27th August, entry is still open, 52 entries received todate.

Other end of season dates:

AGM – Wednesday evening 25th October at 7.00 pm in the bowls pavilion.

Christmas Social event – Friday 8th December from 7.00 pm in the bar.

Winter bowling – for Club members from mid-October (greens and weather permitting) Open on Fridays (casual bowling) and Saturdays (Round Robin pairs). Greens to be alternated on a fortnightly basis, after spiking to relieve compaction.

In any other business John asked if the Club would consider approaching local schools to run bowls sports lesson activities, similar to the King Alfred and North Scale were doing for schools over Walney.

The meeting closed at 12 noon, with the next committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 4th October at 11.00 am in the bowls pavilion.