

**Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 31st January'24 at 11.00 am
in the Bowls Pavilion.**

Present: T Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, R Moxham, P Cain, T Woods, C Knipe,
R Parkinson, J Cairns, B Kaighan, N Heffernan, W Heywood

Apologies: J Bawden, J Lavender, T Kaighan.

The Chairman opened the meeting and called for a minutes silence for those who had passed away.

The Secretary read the minutes from the October meeting and in matters arising confirmed that the Cricket section would be paying their portion of the scarifier cost at the end of February, and a reply was awaited from the Tennis section. Roy raised the question on how a decision had been made over the acceptance of Clubs re-applying to join the F&DBL. The Secretary replied that the League management committee had decided at the last delegates meeting and that no further consultation was requested of the Clubs.

Following the AGM, Brian & Tony Kaighan along with Nigel Heffernan had volunteered as a group to perform the duties of Competition Secretary, and that Brian would also become the Bonus Ball Draw administrator.

Correspondence had been received from the CCCGBA which in summary included topics covering, Grant funding, Laws of the Game, Coaching Courses, Public Liability Insurance and Player Registrations. Letters had been sent to our competition sponsors; Anthony Holden and Tony Marklew had confirmed their support, a reply was awaited from T Ward & Sons and Brian confirmed that a new sponsor, Wesco Anixter were to sponsor the 'Spring' Open Pairs. Late notice had been received from the Sports Club about their AGM which was held on Thursday 25th January. It was confirmed that contact had been made with BAE, and Local and County Council representatives over future support of the Club, and whilst their support was encouraging, only slow progress was being made, with the Club largely depending on a cash flow of about £5k.

Treasurer's report: Following a winter spend of £4.5k (on green treatments, social & winter bowling subsidies and general repairs) the Treasurer confirmed a balance of £7.4k which did not take into account money owed for the scarifier, and with monies due from registrations and bonus ball subscriptions shortly, funds will shortly be boosted.

Delegates Report: F&D Seniors: Furness Tiles are to replace Dandy's as sponsor. Each team are to take a minimum of 10 fixture books. The Cup mini leagues will be completed by Monday 23rd September and the George Barrow final will be held at the Club on a date tbc.

F&DBL: Sponsorship to be confirmed. Each team to take a minimum of 10 fixture books (55 have been ordered for us). The CCCGBA AGM to be held on the 24th October'24.

U&DBL: Next meeting to be held at DCC on Monday 5th February'24.

Fees agreed for the 2024 season as follows:

All league registration fees - £16 per league incl fixture books.

In house club handicap and championship entry fee £3 each

(Treasurer proposed increasing prize money, the committee voted to increase to £40 for winners and £20 runners-up.)

'Open' competition entry fees: £8 for singles, £15 per pair for the Spring 'Open' Pairs and £10 per pair for the 'Over 60's' Pairs.

The 'Open' competition dates are to be on the equivalent dates to last season, and have been advertised on the Furness league website, facebook page and the Bowling Clubs website.

The Ladies BCGBA Senior Merit is to be held at the Club on Saturday 13th July'24 and Janice agreed to contact the County Association for details.

Dates: Men's registration night is to be held in the bar on Friday 23rd February from 7.00 pm.

Winter bowling would finish on Saturday 10th February in readiness for the start of the Summer season.

Members and greens volunteers will be needed on Tuesday 5th March for scarifying, spiking & cutting activities.

The Club handicap and green opening on Saturday 16th March from 11.30 am.

The Club Championship is on Saturday 23rd March from 11.30 am.

In the event of either competitions being postponed then Saturday 30th March will be held in reserve.

Team selection is to be held on Friday 22nd March in the bowls pavilion from 11.00 am.

Safeguarding Officer: Nigel Heffernan volunteered to fulfil this role following Ray William's retirement. Nigel was thanked for taking on this role and was given Information to contact the CCCGBA Safeguarding Officer.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm and a date of Friday 29th March was agreed for the next Committee meeting, in the bowls pavilion starting at 11.00 am.