

Committee Meeting held on Friday 31st May,2024 @ 11.00 am.

Present: A Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, N Heffernan, R Moxham, J Lavender, T Kaighan, B Kaighan, D Hird, W Heywood, C Knipe, J Bawden, J Cairns, P Heron.

Absent: R Parkinson, T Woods.

The Chairman opened the meeting, confirmed with those in attendance that they had read the minutes circulated from the previous meeting, and asked if there were any matters arising. None reported.

The Secretary proceeded to summarise the correspondence received in the past two months, which included:

- 1) Email from the Schoolreaders organisation, a charity that finds local people to volunteer in a local primary school for an hour a week to listen to children in helping with their reading skills etc.
- 2) Email to Keith Allen asking if the Club had access to gazebos for weather protection for spectators at the Ladies BCGBA Merit finals to be held at the club in July.
- 3) Email received through the County requesting participation in a BCGBA – Bowlers survey.

The Treasurer reported on a healthy balance sheet, with profits made from all of the ‘open’ competitions played since the start of the season. Steve then proposed a vote of thanks to the team organising the events.

The league delegates reported from recent meetings as follows:

F&DBL: *A donation of £200 had been made to the Furness Juniors association.

*Roose had been awarded £100 towards the cost of fencing.

*The Furness Individuals handicap was still open for entries which currently stood at 69.

U&DBL: *I Leach had been elected Chairman of the league with N Smith his deputy and R James as Treasurer.

Discussion then took place around the forthcoming Ladies BCGBA Senior Merit. Janice confirmed that a meeting had been arranged with Sue Todd (BCGBA) for Wednesday 3rd June at 12.00 pm which the Chairman and Secretary would attend. Other matters around catering and bar needed to be resolved with the Club.

In any other business:

- 1) Janice confirmed that a fun day was being organised for Thursday 8th August starting at 10.30 am; and for a nominal entry fee, lunch and tea would be provided. Catering arrangements were to be agreed with the Club.
- 2) Colin raised an issue around fixtures being played on the Thursday, prior to the Over ‘60’ Pairs on the following day,

This may lead to the team being disadvantaged by the availability of away team players who do not normally play on Fridays. Due to the early finish time of this event the Secretary confirmed that he would ensure that in future seasons the club would proceed with the Friday fixture as normal.

- 3) John raised the matter of the Dave Myers event being staged at the Club on Saturday 8th June, due to the numbers attending. It was agreed to proceed with the planned league fixture on that date as the K2B event attracting similar numbers goes off without a problem.
- 4) Jim reported on a recent facebook comment around smoking on the greens during league matches. The U&DBL Secretary had confirmed this to be against the BCGBA rules and that anyone found to be smoking (to include electronic cigarettes) would immediately forfeit the game as the scores stood.
- 5) Bob confirmed that the Ladies green handrail had been requested by Mike Procter on S N Engineering some time ago. It was reported as being ready and that delivery was awaited from their Millom works.
- 6) Steve confirmed that he had been in touch with the Club about the provision of wine for the Ladies matches, and was awaiting a reply.

The meeting closed at 11.40 am and a date for the next one agreed for Friday 26th July. However, if further organisation for the Ladies BCGBA event was needed, then a meeting would be scheduled before the Saturday date of the 13th July.