

Minutes from the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 4th October, 2023

Present: A Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, B Kaighan, D Hird, W Heywood, P Cain, P Heron.

Apologies: R Moxham, C Knipe, J Bawden, J Lavender, J Cairns

The Chairman opened the meeting and the Secretary confirmed those who had sent their apologies, due to holidays and sickness.

Bob then confirmed that the minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated and posted on the Club's website, and there were no matters arising.

In the absence of the F&DBL delegate, Bob confirmed receipt of agendas for both the September meeting and the league AGM. An invoice had been received for £1250 to cover the cost of a scarifier which was to be shared between ourselves and the cricket and tennis sections. A final quote had also been received from the contractor for £1900 + vat for work on no. 2 green which was to commence on the 5th October.

The Treasurer confirmed a current balance for the season of £11.6k; which included a contribution received from the Ladies section of £1500, but did not take into account the £800 owed by the sections mentioned above. Steve confirmed that Barclays Bank were closing their Barrow branch on the 17th November, and was awaiting confirmation of alternative arrangements. The meeting agreed a subsidy of £200 towards the cost of the Ladies dinner.

The U&DBL delegate confirmed that Myerscough's had confirmed their sponsorship of the league for next year, and pointed out that Club's were still using incorrect score cards for matches. Brian confirmed that the league was raising prize money for next season and that their AGM was to be held on Wednesday 15th November from 7.30 pm. Clubs were allowed 3 votes on any rule amendments. John Lavender had informed Bob that nothing of note had come from the September F&DBL delegates meeting and that the league's AGM was to be held at the Coop SC on Thursday 26th October from 7.00 pm.

The Competition Secretary confirmed that the Jack Marklew Mem'l had attracted 58 competitors and had made a profit of £279 + Ladies refreshments surplus on the day. Danny Edmonds had defeated Billy Harding in the final.

The U&DBL div 2 play-offs had been played at the Club on the 10th September, with £40 being raised from the raffle. Refreshments had been provided by the Ladies and Moz Edmonds had defeated Matty Clegg in the final.

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 25th October in the bowls pavilion starting at 7.00 pm and after in the bar for a drink and team photos for the Seniors 1st div champions and 'B' team KO cup winners. The Committee were asked to raise any proposed amendments to the Club's Constitution with the Secretary prior to the AGM. The meeting discussed the likelihood of the Friday night league teams re-applying to join the F&DBL and were generally in favour of them abiding by current rules for new teams, this would be on our AGM agenda for discussion around any proposal likely to come up at the following nights league AGM.

The Christmas function is scheduled for Friday 8th December in the bar from 7.00 pm; all members were asked to confirm numbers attending so a decision and arrangements could be made following the AGM.

Winter bowling would commence on no. 1 green during October on a date to be decided by the Groundsman, taking into account progress made since the end of season greens work. Thereafter alternating with no.2 green.

In AOB Pat informed the Committee that she had retired from her role as Chairwoman of the ladies section, but would continue to represent the ladies on the Committee. Janice Cairns was to take on the role of Chairwoman. Bob confirmed that he had approached the Tuesday morning work party over installation of a hand rail down the steps to no. 1 green, as a safety measure.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am and a date was to be confirmed for the next meeting. (Would members advise the Secretary if Wednesday 30th January, starting at 11.00 am in the bowls pavilion, is a problem).