

Hawcoat Park Bowling Club Senior Section AGM 2022

Held: 31st March at 11:00am

Attendees:

J Bawden	P Cain	D Hodgson	A Artis	D Lee
W McLaughlin	H Pennington	J Lavender	R Stewart	G Dodd
J Gill	J Curphey	B Kaighan		

Apologies:

R Williams	W Heywood				
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The Chairman opened the meeting and asked all those present to stand in memory of all those that have passed since the last meeting.

No minutes were available from the last meeting so the Chairman proceeded to read the summary of the 2021 provided by the Secretary. To summarise:

Due to numbers, only 3 teams contested the shortened 2021 fixture list, the First and "A" teams playing in Division 1 and the "B" team playing in Division 3.

1st Team had another good season winning the Division 1 championship with Tony Kneale, Bob Stewart and Bill McLaughlin taking the top 3 places respectively in the averages.

"A" team didn't do too well but a number of new faces made their debut gaining valuable experience.

"B" team were in transition and did well finishing 7th, George Dodd and Keith Mallinson gave very creditable performances.

Thanks were given to all the players who supported and encouraged both home and away.

And a special mention goes out to Jimmy Addison again for all his help organising player availability and giving support during the games.

The Chairman then continued with his summary:

4 teams have been entered for the 2022 season, although we are still a couple of players short, so if anyone knows somebody who can play, please get onto them.

The interim 3 Division system of 2021 proved popular so this has been adopted for 2022.

The new division 3 knockout competition has been named after one of the area's top bowlers and our long-standing member and will be called the Derek Hurley cup.

As a final comment, the Chairman reminded all players that apart from playing your own game, part of the job is to support your teammates while they are playing. This means being round the green,

able to offer information when requested, returning wayward jacks and woods, helping to measure and generally encourage each other.

The Chairman then discussed the Selection Criteria and proposed going back to using the Selection Committee and then for the team captains to manage it throughout the season. This will be done via ad-hoc phone calls rather than selection meetings. Players will be able to move up and down teams as determined by the team captains. Should there be any contention it will be resolved by the more senior captain. This proposal was seconded by Paul Cain and accepted by everyone present.

Bob Stewart reminded everyone that volunteers will be required to help out with the Tonie Moxham Memorial Trophy, which will be held on Sunday 10th April, starting at 9:30. Help will be required marking cards, measuring etc. A notice is up in the club house to collect names and will be co-ordinated by Bob.

Bob also reminded us that the "All England" competition is taking place on Saturday 30th July where again volunteers will be required to assist. At this time, we are unsure of our involvement because the event is being run by the BCGBA along with Cumbria CGBA. During this event the main bowls hut will be used to administer the competition and all refreshments will be served from the main sports club pavilion.

Alan Artis then mentioned the proposed trip to Samlesbury could cost up to £40 a head and if this is proving too expensive Ray Williams is looking at the possibility of hosting a club social day at Hawcoat Park instead.

The Chairman then handed out the Fixture books and the meeting finished at 11:35.