

Hawcoat Park Bowling Club Senior Section AGM 2033

Held: 30th March at 11:00am

Attendees:

J Bawden	D Lee	A Pike	P Cain	H Pennington
W Heywood	P Davies	R Stewart	R Parkinson	S Sloan
F Ratcliffe	B Kaighan			

Apologies:

R Williams	W McLaughlin			
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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.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman stated that Ray Williams had resigned from his post as secretary. He also gave a special mention to Jimmy Addison again for all his help organising player availability and giving support during the games.

The Minutes of the 2022 AGM were then read and agreed by all as correct. The Chairman proceeded to read his summary of the 2022 season. To summarise:

The 1st team once again did what the 1st team do and had an excellent season winning the 1st Division by 38 points, despite losing John Gill for the last few games. Remarkably, they had the top 7 players in the division averages. Tony Kneale was the merit winner, just pipping Roger Barrow.

The A team didn't fare so well seeing them anchored at the bottom of the division and getting relegated to Division 2. Alan Troughton managed to retain top position despite missing the end of the season due to surgery.

The B team performed consistently well and reaped the rewards as champions of Division 3. Ian McBride finished top chased by George Dodd.

Last year we didn't have a team in Division 2, this year we have two – expect interesting derbies when the B Team (Champions of Division 3) meet the A Team (Dregs of Division 1)

The C team, also in Division 3, suffered from lack of numbers right from the start fulfilling our fixtures with a bit of walking wounded cajoling and press gang tactics which resulted in bleeding some novice players. Over the season only 8 games were given away with walkovers, credit to all concerned – this team is about enjoying the game and giving an opportunity to introduce new player to bowling.

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.

Matters Arising:

Wilf Heywood asked about the accounts. These are now all going through bowls treasurer (Steve Liddicott). The beer now has to be bought from the club at £1.30 a can so we will need to charge more

Bob Parkinson asked why we have to go through the club. This is mainly to do with the terms of the License and also to generate more money for the main club

Bob Stewart reminded everyone that volunteers will be required to help out with the Tonie Moxham Memorial Trophy, which will be held on Sunday 9th 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.

Election of officers:

Jim Bawden – Chairman

Brian Kaighan – Secretary

FSCBL Delegate – position vacant – Jim Bawden acting

Treasurer – no longer required, absorbed by the main bowls treasurer

Other Committee members: Paul Cain, Frank Ratcliffe & Wilf Heywood

Delegates report:

The main thing was bowlers now have to be 62 or above to play – this has changed from having to be 65 at any point in the year.

This means new players may become eligible part way through the season but they still need to be registered before they play.

Cup games – each league will be split into two groups of 5 with each team group playing all teams in their group in a round robin. The winners of each group will then contest a final.

The Chairman then handed out the Fixture books and the meeting finished at 11:25