

# Hawcoat Park Bowling Club Senior Section AGM 2024

**Held:** 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am

**Attendees:**

J Lavender	P Cain	W Strickland	S Liddicott	P Davies
R Williams	M Irving	J Tongue	J Bawden	K Mallinson
S Sloan	A Pike	R Stewart	G Maudsley	J Curphey
B Kaighan				

**Apologies:**

D Hodgson				
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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 gave a special mention to Jimmy Addison again for all his help organising player availability and giving support during the games. Jimmy has now decided to retire from these duties due to his health.

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were then read and agreed by all as correct. The Chairman proceeded to read his summary of the 2023 season. To summarise:

The 1<sup>st</sup> team once again did what the 1<sup>st</sup> team do and had an excellent season winning the 1<sup>st</sup> Division by 21 points with Bob Parkinson finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Merits.

Division 2 saw the evenly matched A and B team battle it out for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places. This was a disappointment for the A team and a creditable performance for the B team despite them losing their men to the A team on several occasions, in fact 2 of the originally selected B teamers, Ian McBride & Paul Davies, finished as first and second in the A team. Alan Troughton and Jimmy Tongue claimed the top two B team positions. Arguably the two wins by the B team over the A team cost the latter promotion as they were only 5 points behind the runners up Barrow Island.

The B team completed their excellent season by winning the Billy Hall Memorial cup beating King Alfred in the final, which was played at Dalton CC

The C team season was regarded as a success even though they propped up the 3<sup>rd</sup> division table. The fact that they lost a few players to the higher division, due to long term illness and holidays, but managed to cajole some new players to be blooded and thereby kept the show on the road without giving many games away. Mike Kittley and Colin Hill filled the top two positions

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 for clarity on the age of players eligible to play – I can now state that you can play if you reach the age of 62 in the calendar year, i.e. you can play at 61 provided you reach 62 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December. This was confirmed with Andy Crabtree.

Ray Williams asked how team selection was made. This is done by the committee and the team captains initially. Once the season is underway the captains do the selection between them.

Ray Williams proposed we get Jimmy Addison a gift as a token of our appreciation for the help he has provided over the years. This was unanimously accepted.

Bob Stewart reminded everyone that volunteers will be required to help out with the Tonie Moxham Memorial Trophy, which will be held on Sunday 7th 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 Nige Heffernan and Tony Kaighan.

### **Election of officers:**

Jim Bawden – Chairman

Brian Kaighan – Secretary

FSCBL Delegate – position vacant – N Heffernan has registered an interest

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

### **Delegates report:**

There will be no cup games played during the league this season. The last league fixtures are on 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> August with the cup mini leagues starting the following week and completing on 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> September. This is to allow the handicaps to be allocated based on where you finish in the league.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 11:35