

Committee Meeting Held on Friday 24th January,2025 @ 11.00am in the Bowls Pavilion.

Present: A Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, R Moxham,W Heywood, J Bawden, B Kaighan, N Heffernan.

Apologies: J Lavender, T Kaighan, J Cairns, P Heron

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked for a minutes silence in memory of those who had passed away.

The minutes from the September meeting had been circulated and no matters were arising.

Correspondence:

- 1) Email received from Ray Williams requesting a refund for Daryl's 2024 league registration fee, as he had been unable to play due to injury, which had resulted in surgery.(Agreed to refund his £16 fee.)**
- 2) Email received from Ann France requesting use of no.1 green on the 24th September for the Ladies Afternoon League 2nd division play offs. (Granted)**
- 3) Email received from the Sports Club's sections meeting held on the 28th November, due to an error, the bowls section had not received their invitation to attend, the Club's apology had been noted in the meeting minutes. (a copy of which would be pinned up in the bowls pavilion).**
- 4) Email received from the Sports Club announcing their AGM which was to be held in the Club on Thursday 30th January'25 at 7.00pm.**
- 5) Email had been circulated inviting Volunteers to a 'Do' in the Club at 4.00pm on Friday 24th January.**
- 6) Email had been received from the Club asking the Bowls section to organise their own Public Liability Insurance, in line with other sections, due to them changing insurer to Howdens at a lower price. (Information has been received through the CCCGBA and a policy has been taken out through Howden's and the BCGBA).**

Treasurer's report:

- 1) Steve confirmed a healthy balance in bank/cash and that whilst the Cricket and tennis sections have said they intend to pay for use of the scarifyer, nothing has yet materialised.**
- 2) We continue to subsidise the winter bowling comps at approx £20 per week.**
- 3) Paid £55 for the Howden's insurance policy.**
- 4) The Club have asked us to contribute towards a £1375 cost for replacing the lamps and housing on the entrance gate floodlight pylon. Which are not working on no.2 green and the path leading upto the Club house.**

Delegate's reports:

- 1) F&DBL – Mandates 1, 2 and 6 submitted to the leagues EGM had been agreed, mandates 4 & 5 were rejected.**

- 2) Various dates and venues had been agreed for the league handicap and end of season play offs and Grand Masters event.
 - 3) Askam had entered a 3rd team into the 3rd division of the league, playing games on Friday nights, and an application is awaited from Ulverston Cons to join the league.
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- 1) U&DBL – No winter delegate meetings had been held, but at the AGM all officers had been elected, and agreement had been reached not to replay drawn KO matches due to fixture congestion, but that all other matters being equal, the highest handicapped team would be awarded the match.

Open Comp dates:

- 1) The Tonie Moxham Memorial – Sunday 6th April'25 sponsored by Holden's
- 2) The Hawcoat Park 'Open' Pairs – Monday 5th May'25 sponsored by Anixter
- 3) The Hawcoat Park 'Over 60's' Pairs – Friday 23rd May'25 sponsor needed
- 4) The Hawcoat Park 'Over 60's Mixed Pairs – Friday 20th June'25 sponsor needed
- 5) The Jack Marklew Memorial – Sunday 24th August'25 sponsor Tony Marklew.

The registration night for bowlers wishing to play in the F&DBL, U&DBL and Furness Seniors would be held on Friday 28th February in the Club bar from 7.00pm.

Winter bowling would end on Saturday 8th February'25.

Pre-season work would commence on the greens from Tuesday 4th March, ie scarifying, spiking and cutting.

Internal club competitions would be held on:

- 1) Handicap / greens opening – Saturday 15th March from 11.30am
- 2) Championship – Saturday 22nd March from 11.30am
- 3) In the event of either being cancelled for bad weather – Saturday 29th March.

Teams for both the F&DBL and U&DBL will be selected on Friday 21st March @ 11.00am in the bowls pavilion.

In AOB:

- 1) Roy raised the question over the expected life of the mower, which is now over 10 years old. Bob would raise the matter with Lee Shuttleworth in preparing for the day when it needed replacing.
- 2) The Ladies had requested an 'air dryer' for their toilet. (this request had been rejected due to other planned expenditure). We would continue with paper towels
- 3) The boiler in the bowls pavilion was faulty, Allan Artis was investigating the cause, and would advise.

The meeting closed at 11.45am and a date of Friday 28th March @ 11.00am in the bowls pavilion was agreed for the next committee meeting.