

Committee Meeting held on Friday 30th May @ 11.00 am

Present: A Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, D Hird, R Moxham, W Heywood, C Knipe, J Lavender, B Kaighan, J Cairns.

Apologies: J Bawden, N Heffernan, T Kaighan

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked if there was a need to read the minutes from the March meeting as they had been circulated. No matters were arising.

The Secretary read the correspondence received, which included:

- 1) Notification received from Howardson Group inviting bowlers to a greens maintenance seminar, held at the Netherfield Bowling Club, Kendal on the 1st May, 25. Nigel Heffernan had attended.
- 2) Emails received from Keith Allen, Chairman of the Sports Club a) advising contact details of the Tennis and Cricket sections for the purpose of following up earlier requests for contributions towards the scarifier purchase. b) requesting payment of £916 being the sections share of repairing the floodlight on no.2 green.
- 3) Email received from Colin Howarth, Cumbria Registrar, including a new format of the BCGBA Membership form, and advising of an increase in the fee to £20 wef 1st September, but that under 18's will be free from the 1st May'25.
- 4) Email from Ron Duxbury requesting use of no.1 bowling green for a Rotary Club ko match. This has been arranged for Monday evening the 9th June.
- 5) Email from the Club regarding payment of membership fees, which highlighted that some information regarding fees paid over the bar had not been received / recorded by the registrar.
- 6) The Treasurer reported a healthy balance sheet after all expenses and receipts had been recorded to date. However, he discovered that a cheque made out to the Club for canned beers had not been presented to the bank (this being the 2nd occasion) and that in future any payments would be made by bank transfer.

The F&DBL delegate reported that entries for the League handicap had been slow, but that there had been a recent uptake, with entries approaching the 80 mark.

The U&DBL delegate reported that the draw for the League team handicap had been made, and that the 1st team (+20) were due to play Lindal 'A' (+28) at the Coop on Thursday 19th June. The 'A' team had received a bye through to the 2nd round.

Information relating to a funding scheme through the Westmorland and Furness web site was provided by the league, which may need further investigation if there was a need for financial funding.

In the absence of the Furness Senior's delegate (I omitted to present their meeting notes). a) K Howarth to resolve the way in which the website displays players when a club has 2 teams in the same division. b) The order in which players appear for their team in the mini league ko competition should remain the same throughout the competition, whether this is based on their end of season aggregate or be drawn out of the hat, will be discussed at the next meeting. c) Some issues have arisen when more than one player drops down a division at the same time, this is to be resolved and voted on at the next meeting of the league.

Brian Kaighan presented a comprehensive report from the 'Open' competitions, which summarised the number of entries received and all the financial aspects of each, and ended in confirming that entries for the mixed pairs scheduled for the 20th June stood at 21 pairs (more were needed) and that we were in need of a sponsor.

Janice Cairns confirmed that the Club's fun day had been organised for Thursday 17th July, and an entry fee of £7.50 would cover lunch and teatime refreshments with a small contribution required from the Club for bowls competition prizes.

In AOB, the absence of teams information on the Club's website during Brian's recent holiday had been raised, which he felt would be difficult to resolve, however, he had no planned holidays now through to the end of next season.

The Secretary had been asked to raise the need for a Welfare Officer, principally for contacting those who find themselves on the sick. Enquiries were to be made for a volunteer(s) to fulfil this supporting role.

The old score card holders were in need of replacements, the Secretary would source some that would also offer some form of weather proofing.

A date of Friday the 5th December had been agreed for the annual presentation/social evening so that the Club bar could be reserved.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am; with the next scheduled for Friday 25th July at 11.00 am in the bowls pavilion.