

Committee Meeting held on Friday 31st July, 2026

Present: T Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, J Bawden, N Heffernan, J Cairns.

Apologies: W Heywood, C Knipe, B Kaighan, T Kaighan.

The Chairman opened the meeting, asked if everyone had seen the minutes from the May meeting and whether there were any matters arising. None were reported.

The Secretary then read correspondence received since the last meeting:

- 1) Email received from the BCGBA confirming that the Webinar is now available to view on their website.
- 2) Email from Ray Williams about team selection. Jim confirmed that he had a conversation with Ray explaining that teams were selected on form and availability and that health issues and holidays had effected his selection.
- 3) Email from Keith Allen requesting a meeting with members of the committee over issues around the sale of beer.
- 4) Email from John Horne about the security of the grounds in connection with meeting the insurers requirements for the new mower shed. He has asked Allan Artis to review the access gates to ensure they meet the minimum security conditions.

The Treasurer then proceeded to confirm that the balance of the U&DBL account for the season has now been paid, along with bills for the mowers and shed and that our funds were still in a healthy state.

The Ulverston league were no longer holding regular meetings throughout the season and therefore nothing to report on. Nigel reported that the June Furness meeting had raised an issue with the use of unlisted players, which Ken Howarth has since resolved. It was then confirmed that John Sharples has agreed to sponsor £1000 for this years Grand Masters prize money and £250 towards the league. Jim reported that the Seniors league had requested use of our green on Tuesday 15th September for rounds 1 & 2 of their div 2 playoffs which would start at 1.00 pm on the day. This was agreed.

Bob confirmed that he and Steve (Tony had been unavailable) attended a meeting with members of the board to discuss the sale of beers around the greens. In meeting the Club's bar licence, and ensuring that all members of the Sports Club were paying the same price, all cans would need to be purchased from the bar and sold at £3.50 per can. We pointed out that the increase in price would seriously hit sales and that we were unlikely to afford future equipment purchases, eg mowers, shed and hedge trimmers as per recent purchases made from the bowls section funds.

Nigel reported that entries for the Jack Marklew were down on last year at this stage, and that more facebook adverts would be made over the next few weeks leading upto the 23rd August date. The HP 'Open' Mixed Pairs held on Sunday 7th June, had made a total profit of £266.00 including refreshments.

Janice confirmed that arrangements for the Fun Day were in hand for Friday 28th August, and that entry money of £15 per head, which includes buffet lunch and pie and pea tea, to be collected before the day, with the section subsidising the bowls prize money.

A date of Friday 6th November was agreed for the AGM; but with the Secretary not returning from holiday until later that day, I propose Friday the 13th as an alternative.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am; with the next committee meeting agreed for Friday 2nd October at 11.00 am in the bowls pavilion.