

Minutes from Committee meeting held on Friday 3rd October, 2025

Present: A Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, D Hird, R Moxham, W Heywood, J Lavender, B Kaighan, R Parkinson, N Heffernan.

Apologies: T Kaighan, J Bawden, J Cairns

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked all to stand in a minutes silence for Eddie France, and those who had passed away in the past 12 months.

The previous meeting minutes had been circulated and there were no matters arising.

In correspondence emails had been received from:

- a) Colin Haworth, confirming that junior membership to the BCGBA would be free of charge for life.**
- b) John Stewart, thanking the Secretary and Committee on their recent correspondence.**
- c) Keith Allen, organising a meeting of the Club sections for Tuesday 7th October at 7.30 pm.**
- d) Ann France, advising the section that Eddie had passed away, and confirming the funeral arrangements.**

The Treasurer confirmed that the accounts were with the auditor, and that they showed a healthy balance in bank and cash. All income and expenditure had been accounted for, with an electric hedge trimmer being the latest purchase, and cash held back in support of prize money for the winter bowls.

Delegates reports: John reported that the F&DBL were to include representatives from the Super league in next years Grand Masters event, which would also see prize money increased to £400.

The league AGM is to be at the Coop on the 28th October at 6.00 pm and mandates submitted 4 weeks before the AGM.

Brian reported from the latest U&DBL:

- a) Fees and fines were to be increased for the 1st time in several years.**
- b) Mandates to be submitted by 31st October in readiness for the AGM at Lindal on the 12th November at 7.30 pm.**
- c) A mandate covering the selection of players from a higher team playing in their Clubs lower sides in the KO cup, was to be submitted by the league.**
- d) A mandate was required if the league were to re-structure into 3 divisions, reducing the number of fixtures per team and eliminating several weekly double fixtures.**
- e) Suggestion was made to increase the play off entries to 32 thereby avoiding the need for byes. Details to be agreed.**
- f) To avoid the possibility of injury, players striking without warning would receive a caution for their 1st transgression, and the game awarded to their opponent on the 2nd occasion.**

Furness Seniors league: Brian reported that the league were to consider an alternative way of allocating teams to the mini-league groups in the KO Cup and try to avoid teams starting the competition with 2 away games. The league AGM is to be held at the Coop on 21st October at 10.00 am with mandates submitted by the 7th October.

Nigel reported that 63 competitors played in the Marklew Mem'l, being our last open event of the season. The same finalists from last years event had once again got to the final.

Profits had been made from all the season's 'open' competitions but that a sponsor was required for next years mixed pairs event, which currently played on a Friday, may be better played on a Sunday as it is now an open age event. He would contact the league's competition Secretary for any blank dates.

The Secretary reminded the meeting of the Clubs dates for the AGM, winter bowls and Christmas social.

There was nothing raised in AOB and the meeting closed at 11.40 am. A date of Friday the 23rd January was agreed for the next Committee meeting.