

Committee Meeting held on Friday 1st Aug'25 @ 11.00 am

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

Apologies: N Heffernan.

The Chairmen opened the meeting and asked if everyone had read the previous meeting minutes and if there were any matters arising, to which the Secretary pointed out an error in regard to the County registration of new bowlers under the age of 18. There was to be no charge until the bowler became 18; when the player would be requested to re-register and forward the appropriate fee.

In correspondence, the Secretary had received an email from Brian about website fees which had risen in price in the short term, but which had been re-negotiated at a lower sum than the previous rate for the long term.

A quote had been received through the West Shore Bowling Club for end of season greens work, which was in excess of £1k if both greens were done at the same time. As this was likely to result in premature closure of the greens and possible delay in the start of winter bowling, with no benefit expected from contracting the work out, it was decided to scarify, spike and over-seed with the help of Lee Shuttleworth.

League fees had been received from both the F&DBL and U&DBL which had been passed to the Treasurer for payment.

Steve presented the Treasurer's report, which following a subsidy of £130 towards the Fun Day and purchases of beers from the Sports Club, along with league fees amounting to £872; we still maintained a healthy bank balance.

The Furness and Ulverston delegates reported that clubs had been reminded to use the official team sheets that show the sponsors names. Rules around smoking/vaping and use

of mobiles whilst on the green; giving notice of their intention to strike, and markers to check scores at regular intervals should be re-inforced. Gordon Walker had been elected to the Furness emergency committee; Adam Miller had won the league's handicap and a request came from Ken Howarth for club's to consider precautions for extreme heat.

Brian presented a summary of the 'open' competitions held during the summer, which had also resulted in a surplus of £431 with the Marklew Mem'l still to come later in the month, for which 48 entries had so far been received, with more expected.

Janice confirmed that the Fun Day had been a success, with 57 attending, a large majority had competed in a round robin and target bowls events, before retiring to the Club bar for a quiz, bingo and raffle along with pie and pea tea and drinks from the bar.

Following discussion with the Groundsman, Bob presented a schedule for the end of season work:

No.1 green would shut for work to begin on Tuesday 23rd September, which with weather permitting could lead to the green reopening for winter bowls around the end of October.

No.2 green would close for work beginning on Tuesday 30th September and would therefore alternate with No.1 green for winter bowling from early November.

The Secretary then proposed a date of Friday 17th October for the AGM starting at 7.00pm in the bowls pavilion and confirmed that the Club bar had been booked for the Christmas Social evening on Friday the 5th December, along with Mason's butchers for the pie & pea supper.

AOB: Bob confirmed that the Rotary Club had played two knockout matches on no.1 green during July and donated £105 towards the green hire and refreshments.

John had been asked by Allan Artis if the bowls section would purchase a battery operated hedge trimmer, but following our experience in buying a scarifier two years ago, it was felt that it should be bought by the Sports club.

Brian confirmed that the Ulverston league team ko semifinal matches were to be played on Thursday 7th August, with our 'A' team playing West Shore at Lindal and our green being used for the Glaxo 'A' v Post Office match. Jack Curphey had agreed to do the refreshments but would appreciate some help.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am with Friday 26th September at 11.00 am in the bowls pavilion agreed for the next meeting.