

Minutes of the Pre-Season Captains Meeting held at St Werburgh's Centre on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Present All 17 teams had a representative at the meeting. In addition were the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Safeguarding Officer. In total, 23 people attended.

Apologies were received from Jamilah Ball (Whitby) and Barrie Hipkiss (Tower B) .

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Contacts and Captains Martin Amesbury (Webmaster) updated these on his laptop as far as possible during the meeting

Safeguarding Brian Turner, our Safeguarding Officer spoke to the Meeting. His main points are set out below. To maintain membership of BCGBA and CCBA Clubs and Teams must have and do the following:-

- Have a designated Safeguarding Officer for the CLUB, the details of whom must be displayed on the Club notice board (but no personal details are required; however, the name MUST be displayed)
- The Safeguarding Policy must be displayed
- There must also be a brief note displayed on the board which indicates the method and guidance of how to report a safeguarding issue
- Also displayed should be a poster indicating the rules and etiquette of crown green bowling. (Examples of all of the above can be found on the League's website and can be copied)

The Draws for the Hermitage Cup and the American Plaque were done. As voted on and agreed at the last AGM, the Preliminary, First and Second Rounds are to be "luck of the draw" so the first team out is the home team. The Second round was also drawn today then after this the Semi Finals and Final will be on neutral greens as usual, venues to be decided.

Rules and Constitution The Secretary was able to distribute some copies of these updated documents but, as there were not enough copies to go round and very few members had downloaded them, it was suggested that each team have a look at them during the season and they are put on the Agenda at the next AGM as an item for formal ratification.

Any Other Business . The following items were discussed:-

1. "Borrowing" a player from one team to another, (for clubs having more than one team) or having a "pool" of players (Waverton Institute B). As this had already been discussed voted on and dismissed at the recent AGM it could not be discussed again. However, the Secretary recommended that Waverton B put forward another formal proposal for the next AGM but the present season would have to go ahead as planned.
2. The Treasurer had two items – Firstly, she distributed the fees for the forthcoming season which is still £50 per team to be paid by the end of May. Secondly, she informed the Meeting that a one off payment for £300 for computer and printer repairs would be made to the Secretary. The Secretary has never asked for any expenses to date. This was agreed. There were no other items

The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 3.05p.m. and wished everyone a good forthcoming season's bowling