

South Westmorland Seniors' Bowling League

Chairman

Mr Ian Hayton
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Secretary

Mr Kevin O'Neil

Treasurer

Mr Malcolm Booker
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Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting

held at Burneside Cricket Club at 1:30pm on Thursday 9 November 23

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed club representatives to the meeting and passed on the President Tony Batty's apologies as he was unable to attend. He hoped that everyone had enjoyed their season and thanked Mike Fell, Malcolm Booker and Denise Noble for their contributions this year due to no secretary being appointed last year.

2. Remembrance

A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of all those senior's bowlers who have sadly passed away since our last AGM.

They are:

*David Colloby Netherfield,
Bill Packham Kirkby Lonsdale,
Bill Stobbart Hawkshead,
Norman Nevinson Abbot Hall,
David Nicholson and John McCormick Lindale,
Alice Thomas Holme,
Helen Mitchinson and Dave Dutton Staveley,
Bob Newby and Doris Sharp Victoria,
Paul Hugginson Levens,
Peter Crawford Burneside,
Christopher (Chris) Goodwin Windermere
Jack Smith Silverdale and Arnsdale was league Secretary from 2003 - 2012
Keith Sanders Sedbergh
John Curtis and Sandra Slater Allithwaite
Elizabeth (Betty) Eastham Windermere
Dawn Ridgeway Endmoor
John Ashworth Silverdale*

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Allithwaite B.C., Levens BC, Bolton Le Sands B.C. and individual apologies were received from Mike Fell (Holme BC) Keith Barrat (Heversham BC)

Of the 28 member Clubs 23 were represented at the meeting.

4. Minutes of 2022 AGM held on 3 November 2022

The minutes of the 2022 AGM which was held on Thursday 3 November 2022 were proposed for acceptance by Kirkby Lonsdale BC and seconded by Crosthwaite BC. and were carried unanimously by the meeting.

5. Any Matters Arising from 2022 minutes

The only matter arising from the minutes was covered in item 10 of this year's agenda.

6. Secretary's Report

No secretaries report presented- due to no secretary in post during the season.

7. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for 2023

A copy of the 2023 financial balance sheet had been circulated prior to the meeting and was proposed for acceptance by Silverdale B.C. and seconded by Subscription B.C. and was carried unanimously.

The Treasurer explained to the meeting that balance at the bank was £758.10, prize money had been increased and that subscriptions for clubs would remain the same for the 2024 season. He explained to the meeting that if a secretary was appointed that the Skipton Building Society account would need closing and a new account opened with the balance and this account would include the new Secretary as a signatory alongside the President and the Treasurer.

8. Election of Officers

The current Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer stated that they were all willing to carry on for the coming year, as there were no other nominees, the following were re-elected each unanimously:

Chairman – Ian indicated he would stand for a further year only so Ian Hayton proposed by Windermere B.C. seconded by Burneside B.C.

Vice-Chairman – Denise Noble proposed by Ingleborough B.C. seconded by Abbot Hall B.C.

Secretary – Kevin O'Neil was proposed by Netherfield BC and seconded by Endmoor BC

Treasurer – Malcolm Booker proposed Kirkby Lonsdale B.C. seconded Bowness B.C.

9. Appointment of league representatives to CCGBA

There were no nominations from the floor to fulfil this role.

10.Process for Election for Choosing Future League President

The current situation is that the president's appointment is a lifetime appointment, and although Anthony's retirement from the role is not imminent, he is keen to see a formal appointment process in place before that time arrives. The chairman stresses that the League Executive were looking to the league member clubs to put forward proposals of which none had been received during the year. A suggestion from the floor that a rota of clubs affiliated could be a possible solution. This matter will be carried forward to 2024 Agenda.

11. Presentation to Divisional winners and runners-up for 2022 season

The Chairman presented the divisional winners trophies and cash prizes to the divisional winners and runners-up. These were:

Division 1 - Winner: Warton A Runner-up: Netherfield A

Division 2 – Winner: Netherfield B Runner-up: Springfield A

Division 3 – Winner: Endmoor A Runner-up: Kirkby Lonsdale B

Division 4 – Winner: Heversham B Runner-up: Ingleborough B

Division 5 – Winner: Milnthorpe B Runner-up: Subscription C

12.Motions received from member Clubs

12.1 Motion received from Staveley BC and Seconded by Bowness BC on the day

Proposed Amendment to Rule R3. -Games shall be played on Monday afternoon, and in some cases on a Tuesday afternoon, commencing at 2pm prompt, or earlier if decided between the two Captains. All matches to be played on the day printed on the fixture lists.

During the beginning and end of the season when evening games start at 6.30pm game should commence at 1.30pm- Reason being: when playing an away game in the afternoon time is limited for travel.

The comments from the floor were that this motion was covered already in the existing rules. A vote was taken 2 for the change and 21 against so the motion failed.

13.New Team Requests and Withdrawals for 2024 Season

Ambleside Bowling Club had requested to join the league. This was proposed by Abbot Hall BC and seconded by Crosthwaite BC. All member clubs were in favour of them joining the league.

14.Promotions and Relegations and Make Up of Divisions for 2024

Due to 2 teams withdrawing before the start of the 2023 season the leagues are structures became.

Div 1 = 12, Div 2 = 12, Div 3 = 11, Div 4 =12 and Div 5 = 7. Ambleside would join Div 5 making 8.

In order to try and address the low number of teams in Division 5 in 2024 the meeting decide to propose a motion to promote and relegate 2 teams from each division except for division 4 whereby 3 teams would be relegated and 1 team would be promoted from Div 5. This decision will need further consideration if more teams withdraw before the start of next season by the Management team.

15 Any Other Business

Changes to Building Society Account and Signatories-

It was proposed by Abbot Hall BC and seconded by Ingleborough BC that the existing building society account be closed and a new account transferring the funds to be opened.

The named signatories on the account to be Mr Malcolm Booker Treasurer, Mr Kevin O'Neil Secretary and Mr Ian Hayton Chairman of the League.

There would be two signatories to operate the account at all times.

All present member clubs voted in favour of this proposal.

15.Date of 2024 AGM

Thursday 7 November 2024 (venue to be confirmed).

There being no other business the meeting closed 3:45pm