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Minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 14th November 2023 at Belper Meadows – 7:00pm

1. Apologies – David Jones (Breadsall) , Jordan Hind ( Derby Co-op) .
2. Chairman’s Welcome -The Chairman / Secretary welcomed the delegates to the meeting.
3. Minutes of the last meeting – Accepted as read.
4. Financial Statement – The Treasurer stated that the Association had made a profit of approx £150 on the season and we had circa £5200 in the bank and a statement would be issued at the AGM in February. The Chairman explained that since the death of our previous Secretary who was a signatory for the Building Society account we now only had two signatories and the requirement was for two out of three signatures to run the account. At present if anything happened to either of the two remaining signatories we would not be able to run the account. Margaret Key of Spondon Bowls Club volunteered to become the third signature and this was accepted unanimously by the meeting.

The Secretary had asked clubs for nominations for Charities that would receive donations from our two new Charity Cup competitions and the two that had received the most votes were Air Ambulance and Prostate Cancer and therefore the association would be donating £80 to each of these.

1. Rule Amendments – proposals from clubs had been distributed prior to the meeting – see below.
2. Presentation of Trophies and Prize Money – These were presented by committee member Joy Wood
3. Date of AGM – To be advised
4. Meeting closed at 8:45pm

Proposed changes to League and Cup Rules

The Chairman stated that there had been a number of proposals from clubs that were all on the same theme regarding team numbers in the various leagues. It was suggested by him that we should probably try and establish whether the clubs support the general principle of either reducing team numbers or allowing players to play twice in a match.

It had been proposed by Allestree that the teams in the Saturday League should be reduced from 10 players to 8 . A vote took place and only 4 clubs supported this so was not carried

The next discussion took place to establish the principle of whether clubs wanted to allow players to play twice in a match or not. A vote took place and was carried by 13 votes to 11 in favour of allowing this.

It was then decided to discuss the playing conditions for playing twice in a match in individual Leagues as team sizes were not all the same.

Saturday League

A proposal was put forward by Etwall that up to 2 players could play twice but where clubs had two or more teams in a league the first team must play with a full compliment of 10 individual players, but if a club had only one team in a league they would be allowed to play up to 2 players twice. In the instance of a club with multiple teams and the first team playing with less than 10 players each game forfeited will be lost 0 – 21. Where players are playing twice, four individuals would be nominated by the captain of the team that is short and the cards placed face down and the opposing captain to choose 1 or 2 from these.

A vote took place and this was carried.

Over 55’s and Ladies League

Discussion took place and it was proposed that for Over 55’s and Ladies League only one player would be allowed to play twice and the Captain of the team that is short should decide where that player plays. Where players are playing twice, four individuals would be nominated by the captain of the team that is short and the cards placed face down and the opposing captain to choose 1 player. This was carried.

Wednesday Doubles

Further discussion took place and it was proposed that up to two players could play twice and again the Captain of the team that is short should decide where that player plays. Where players are playing twice, four individuals would be nominated by the captain of the team that is short and the cards placed face down and the opposing captain to choose up to 2 players from these cards. This was carried.

Proposed by Horsley Bowls Club

1. Delete League Rule 11c.

With uncertain weather conditions becoming more prevalent year on year we believe that as many bowls matches as possible should be played in any given season. We totally approve of the League’s decision to allow as many games as possible games to be rearranged this year outside of rule 11c and therefore propose that rule 11c be removed from the League rules. Rule 11c shown below for reference.

Current Rule

League Rule 11c. A match not played in these circumstances or a match subject to this application must be re-arranged at the earliest possible moment but no later than the last scheduled league match. Any team postponing a fixture shall offer the opposing team a choice of three (3) dates on which their green is available within the allotted time span. If the last scheduled league match of the season is abandoned, then teams to play such an abandoned game within 7 days of the end of the season. The League Secretary shall be notified of any cancelled/re-arranged fixture within 24 hours of the cancellation/re-arrangement. Points to be awarded as in Rule 10 (subject to appeal).

A vote took place and it was carried to delete League Rule 11c.

2. Amend Cup Rule 12 to Read

Cup Rule 12. A player shall have played at least three (3) league games, Ladies League at least two (2) league games, for a team to be eligible to play for that team in a cup semi-final or final.

Cup Rule 12 as it currently stands. A player shall have played at least three (3) league games for a team to be eligible to play for that team in a cup semi-final or final.

A vote took place and it was carried to amend the rule.

Proposed by Hazelwood

Cup Rule 13

Hazelwood propose that playing an ineligible player in a cup match should not result in the entire team being disqualified.It should just result in the score in that game being forfeited.

Carried

Proposed by Etwall

Proposal to change League rule 13

Currently reads

13. Should any team play an unregistered player or otherwise unqualified player that team shall be deemed to have lost that game by a score of 0-21.  Additionally the team shall have five (5) points deducted from its total for the season.

Suggest that it is amended to

13 Should any team play an unregistered player or otherwise unqualified player that team shall be deemed to have lost that game by a score of 0-21.

Carried

Proposal to add an additional rule

Where a club has more than one team and the higher team plays with 1 or 2 players short and the lower teams play with a full team, then the lower team shall be penalised 0-21 (1 player short) or 0-42 points (2 players short).

On voting only 5 clubs supported this so was not carried.