

Minutes of North Midlands Ladies Bowls AGM Season 2021

20th January 2022

1. Roll Call – All present

2. Minutes of 2020 AGM – Via MB Bowls agreed/signed as true record

3. Matters arising

4. Secretary's report

Kate officially welcomed back the delegates and all clubs back to bowls. Having missed two whole seasons it was fantastic to see all clubs at our Back to Bowls meeting in December and to hear the fabulous news that we have so many teams returning to the league along with some new teams. At our back to bowls meeting, we took a moment to acknowledge the bowlers we have lost over the time we have had apart and to all who have suffered a loss of loved ones, we send each and every one our loves and best wishes.

I can confirm that Baddesley will no longer be bowling on a Monday night. Unfortunately, Weddington Social will not be entering a team. We have Windmill and SAA reducing to one team but on a positive note we have new teams with the Wagon, Dunlop Thunder and Dunlop Lightening. Also please note that Coventry Colliery are now to be known as Kersley Colliery. BBC has been lost as a green completely and for North Midlands League Weddington is now longer being used as Weddington Social have withdrawn and Weddington Diamonds are now Griff Diamonds. Due to the number of changes, team entries were confirmed:

Atherstone Cons X 1

Attleborough X 3

Bedworth Ex X 2

Kersley Colliery X 1

Griff X 2

Haunchwood X 1

Newdigate X 2

SAA X 1

Windmill X 1

Dunlop X 2

Wagon x 1

League proposed 9 per Division, subject to change and not yet finalised:

Division 1

Haunchwood

Attleborough A

Newdigate A

Bedworth Ex A

Atherstone Cons

Griff A

Kersley Colliery

Windmill (Promoted B Team)

Attleborough B (Promoted)

Division 2

Dunlop Thunder

Dunlop Lightning

Wagon

SAA

Griff Diamonds

Newdigate B

Bedworth Ex b

Attleborough C (Relegated)

Billing on people who are played not registered to ensure we encourage as many players to stay or become registered, this will help prevent rearranged games. Also once a player is registered it was confirmed that they can play immediately upon registration and not wait 7 days.

A reminder that we will continue to use the MB Bowls facility. A list of passcodes is here with me tonight and I can remind you of yours if you do not have access. Please note AGM/Minutes/Comp details will be entered on the site along with the rules and fixtures when available. It is proposed any rules changes agreed this evening will come into effect for the 2022 season.

Please can you all also encourage the use of the MB Bowls facility to log the games results. The ability for both captains to check and submit is there so the home team enters and submits. The away team logs in and confirms results. This will reduce paper, post, and time for all as well as giving live up to date results in the league and averages.

Deadline for team amendments and captains' details is end of January where possible to allow fixtures to be set. To access club contacts, you must log into MB Bowls using your passwords. To register new players you contact Martin Dobson via <http://north-midlands-cgba.co.uk/contact-us/> telephone 07904 589480.

Sports England funding available via link below - <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/queens-platinum-jubilee-activity->

They will consider - capacity increase, service alterations to make more desirable, equipment to increase capacity or hold training sessions, funding for training session and finally equipment such as defibs. Personally, each club should have one having been so involved in this via our 3lions on the wall operation. They specific mention defibs so this could apply to each and every club. It was noted that Mark Berkenshaw is a useful contact as he has submitted bids, his details though were not available at the time of the meeting.

Finally, Kate wished all the bowls family a wonderful season which is hoped to be full of sunshine and laughter and many more successes.

5. Treasurers Reports

2019 balance sheet shared. We still have a strong position financially.

Please submit treasurer details to Pat if there have been any changes.

6. Competition Secretary's Report - No secretary in post – Summer Bash and pre season comp may take place – further details will follow.

7. Election of officers - All post holders remaining in post with support of the room.

8. League Fees - No change this year – agenda for discussion next year. Remaining at £7 per player playing in the league.

9. Notices of Motion/Rules

Rule 21 has not been noted as an official Rule change however the committee would like to remind you that vaping, and use of smart watches should not be encouraged on the green to ensure we remain within our social etiquette of the game.

Rule 25 No player shall play in more than one team or league on a Monday. This rule is not expanded but the committee would like to reword to ensure they understand that by one team it is meant one affiliated club, players are able to swap between teams within their club but not during that last 4 games of the season where promotion/relegation is likely.

Proposed by Haunchwood Club

We wish to propose that part of Rule 11 is changed from " All League matches during April and September to commence at 6.00 pm (1800). All other matches to commence at 6.30 pm unless mutually agreed otherwise by both captains. Visiting teams shall be allowed 15 minutes for practice and exclusive use of the green for this purpose finishing five minutes before the time fixed to start the match. Final time for a player to play a League game to be 45 minutes from the scheduled start."

To: " All League matches during April and September to commence at 6.00 pm (1800). All other matches to commence at 6.30 pm unless mutually agreed otherwise by both captains. Visiting teams shall be allowed 15 minutes for practice and exclusive use of the green for this purpose finishing five minutes before the time fixed to start the match. Final time for a player to play a League game to be **1 hour** from the scheduled start."

The reason for this proposal is that many teams are have ladies who work and the start times can be a problem – however giving more time to arrive will be beneficial.

This motion was voted on and the motion was not carried as the vote was 20 - 22.

Proposed by Haunchwood Club and Attleborough Sports Club

We wish to propose that Rule 9 is changed from: All matches controlled by the League shall be governed by the Laws of Crown Green Bowls as set forth by the British Crown Green Bowling Association. In League matches each club shall be represented by **seven** players, games to be 21 up singles, home and away matches must be played, one point awarded for each individual games won plus 2 points for home win and 3 points for an away win. In the event of a draw on shots, the home team shall receive one point, the away team two points.

Propose change to 6 players

This motion was voted on and the motion was not carried as the vote was 6 - 22.

Proposed by Newdigate Club

Propose change to 8 players as the league was originally formed.

This motion was voted on and the motion was not carried as the vote was 6 - 22.

10. Honorariums – Remain same

11 – Presentation night

Joint presentation evening with Nuneaton to be held for a local charity as before. Charity nomination to be given at next Nuneaton meeting and also North Midlands meeting. Both committees will then review and agree. It is hope one presentation night will see us coming together collectively to celebrate our success and to be able to put on an evening without such a tight budget.

12 - Next meeting - First league meeting of 2022 to be confirmed.

County AGM Thursday 3rd March Newdigate 7.30pm – all clubs to send a delegate.