

Secretary's Report for 2016 Season:

This was the first season that we introduced the "New System" for results etc., The system has proved to be very successful. There were very few teething problems. The main problem was "unlisted players". Most people tried to enter the players details, this can be done BEFORE the season commences. Once the season has started, if you click onto "unlisted player", a small box will appear, and you can enter the details there, i.e. name and re-registration number. On my admin page I have a function whereby I should be able to pick up these players. **My apologies, as it was not until recently I realised there was this facility!!!** Please remember, it is my first season with the system too!! Well that is my excuse!!! Once I am in this function, I will then enter the players details on the appropriate clubs players list, and amend the result forthwith.

Apart from the above, the system has been complimented by many clubs. Also the report that is written for the Westmorland Gazette, is written by Richard Edmondson. Many of you will have seen him around the green with his camera. I think he did our league proud!! Long may it continue. When you make a request to him, he does his very best to accommodate.

As many of you are aware, I commenced bowling this season, after a three year break. I did state last year that if I did not start bowling again, I would resign as Secretary. I am prepared to remain as Secretary, unless there is anyone wishing to take the position on!!! I will admit that this new system has made my work much easier, hence the reduction in my honorarium. The Treasurer is also willing to remain in his position. Due to family commitments, we are seeking a "Chairperson". Please inform me if there are any players in our league who is willing to take the position this coming season. It is not a position that involves much work. The main work is to chair the A.G.M. As a committee we do not hold committee meetings, only when it is very necessary. Most of the contact is done by e-mails. This season I have not had any urgent matters that involves the committee, it has only been matters that I can deal with.

I would request that all captains check their players list for 2017, and if there are any players who do not wish to continue to play, please delete them. As stated, this can be done by the clubs prior to the season commencing. If anyone is not confident to do this, then please e-mail me the details, and I will do it for you. Please also inform me if Captain's, or Secretary's change for the 2017 season. This exercise has to be completed by the Secretary, so I urge all clubs to inform me of any such changes please. The fixture lists for 2017 season will be available from **middle of February 2017.**

Finally, I wish you all the very best for 2017 season.

Sally Boardley - Secretary - South Westmorland Seniors Bowling League.

SOUTH WESTMORLAND SENIOR BOWLING LEAGUE

TREASURERS REPORT 2016

As expected, the increase in fees to £12.50 per team covered the increase in prize money due to the extra division and gave a profit of £122.71 on the year. This restored the reserves to the more or less historical level of £804.51.

The fees for the **2017** (next) season were agreed at last year's AGM at the same level of £12.50 per team and I see no reason to change this although it should give another small profit.

However looking forward to 2018 we should have an increase in the number of teams which will give an increase in revenue, while at the same time face potential increases in the costs of engraving and insurance.

As our only capital asset is the computer, I see no reason to continually increase the reserves; therefore I recommend that the fees for the **2018** season be reduced by £1.00 to £11.50 per team.

Rod Sayers

Hon. Treasurer

SOUTH WESTMORLAND SENIORS BOWLING LEAGUE.

Income Expenditure Account for year ending 31st October 2016						
Expenditure			Income			
£		£		£		£
2015		2016		2015		2016
38.00	Public Liability Insurance	40.25		530.00	Registration fees	675.00
					(54 x £12.50)	
100.00	Secretary's Honorarium	60.00				
				7.26	Building Society interest	3.96
45.93	Secretary's expenses	0.00				
30.00	Treasurer's Honorarium	30.00				
300.00	Prize Monies	300.00				
14.60	Engraving	14.00				
42.30	Internet/website charges	50.00				
50.00	County affiliation fee	50.00				
	Refund (Hale BC)	12.50				
620.83	Total	556.75		537.26	Total	678.96
	Balance(loss on year)	122.21				
	Liabilities				Assets	
	Accumulated account as at Oct. 31st 2016	2016			Cash in Skipton Buiding Society	
		£682.30				
	Income over expenditure	£122.21			Oct 31st 2017	£804.51
I report that the income and expenditure account and balance sheet are correct and in accordance with the records of the League						
Signed:	<i>Rod Sayers</i>				Hon. Treasurer	
Audited:	<i>Tony Fisher</i>				16th October 2016	

South Westmorland Seniors Bowling League.

Annual General Meeting at Burneside Cricket Club

At 1.30 p.m. on Thursday 27th October 2016.

Agenda:

1. Welcome to all from the Chairperson. Remembrance to those bowlers who have sadly passed away this season. Ted Beckett from

Carnforth B.C. Norman Bone from Milnthorpe B.C. David Dugdale, and Donald Watson from Burneside B.C. Keith Mason from

Holme B.C. Paul Hilton from Silverdale B.C. Anne Porter from Sedbergh B.C. Fred Bouskill, and Mary Tench from Endmoor B.C.

Eric Proctor and Harry Hamer from Heversham B.C.
2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM which took place on 29th October 2015.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes. This motion needs to be proposed and seconded.
4. Treasurer's Report for 2016 Season.
5. Matters arising from the Treasurer's Report. This Report needs to be proposed and seconded.
6. Secretary's Report for 2016 Season.
7. Matters arising from the Secretary's Report. This Report needs to be proposed and seconded.
8. Presentation of divisional winners and runners-up for 2016.
Division 1 - Champions of SWSBL: Netherfield 'A' - Runners-up: Warton 'A'
Division 2 - Winners: Windermere 'A' - Runners-up: Carnforth 'A'
Division 3 - Winners: Victoria - Runners-up: Abbot Hall 'A' (possible promotion: Lower Holker 'B')
Division 4 - Winners: Levens 'B' - Runners-up: Holme 'B' (possible promotion: Allithwaite)
Division 5 - Winners: Netherfield 'C' - Runners-up: Burton-in-Lonsdale (possible promotion: Windermere 'B')
9. Election of Officers. The Secretary and Treasurer are both willing to stay in their respective positions for 2017 season. These positions need to be proposed and seconded. Due to family matters the Chairperson is unable to continue. The Secretary has approached Mr. Ian Hayton, who many of you will know as the Secretary for Holme B.C. he is willing to take the position as Chairperson for 2017. If there are any club members present willing to take the position, please make yourselves known to the meeting. The Chairperson's position needs to be proposed and seconded.
10. A proposal from the League Secretary, is to even up the division 2. She proposes that in divisions 3, 4, and 5, THREE teams will be promoted. The winners of the respective divisions, will receive the trophy and prize money. The runners-up will receive prize monies, the third team will get promotion. The bottom two teams in each division, other than division 5, will be relegated as is the usual procedure. The reason for this proposal, is the Secretary feels that the high divisions should have their full quota. i.e. division 1 and 2 = 12 teams. Division 3 and 4 = 10 teams (at the present time). Division 5 will field any new teams wishing to join the league, this can sometimes mean there is an odd number of teams. It largely depends on how many more teams wish to enter our league, as to

whether the above is viable. It may happen that more teams be promoted from the lower divisions. This will be discussed further at the meeting. This proposal needs to be proposed and seconded.

11. Proposals have been received from Netherfield Bowling Club. This club entered a third team in our league this season, and this was based on a trial basis for one year. This team won the 5th Division and have been promoted to division 4 for the 2017 season. Therefore it is only fair that this team remain in our league. The proposal was for this team to remain in our league. This proposal needs to be seconded. Another proposal from the same bowling club, is that they be allowed to enter a fourth team in our league. Their home games would alternate with their third team, and be played on a Tuesday afternoons. The reason is as a club they are fortunate enough to have over 40 players wishing to participate in the Seniors League. This proposal also needs to be seconded. As Secretary, I feel that I should emphasise how nice it is that more teams wish to enter our league. We are able to cater up to 60 teams.

12. A proposal has been received from Subscription B.C. to enter a third team in our league. Their home games would be played on a Tuesday afternoon. This proposal needs to be seconded

13. Any other business.

South Westmorland Seniors Bowling League.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at Burnside Cricket Club on Thursday 29th October 2015.

The Treasurer welcomed everyone to the meeting, and a minutes silence was observed, in remembrance to those bowlers who had sadly passed away during the season. All bowling clubs were represented at the meeting, with the exception of Hawkshead, who were absent due to sickness.

Apologies of absence were received from our Chairman Mr. Barrie Parker, and also from Mr. Tony Batty our President.

The minutes for 2014 were passed by the meeting, and there were no matters arising. It was proposed that they be passed by Netherfield B.C. and seconded by Milnthorpe B.C.

The Treasurer's balance sheet and report were read to the meeting. There were no matters arising. It was proposed that the balance sheet be passed by Heversham B.C. and seconded by Milnthorpe B.C.

The Presentation of the Trophies was made by the Secretary, in place of the President.

Division 1 - Champions for 2015: Netherfield "A"	Runners-up: Warton "A"
Division 2 - Winners: Bolton le Sands.	Runners-up: Holme "A"
Division 3 - Winners: Endmoor "A".	Runners-up: Milnthorpe "A"
Division 4 - Winners: Burnside "B".	Runners-up: Sedbergh "B".
Division 5 - Winners: Abbot Hall "B".	Runners-up: Silverdale "B".

Many congratulations to the winners and runners-up.

The Treasurer, Secretary and Chairperson would be prepared to continue in their respective positions for 2016. It was voted unanimously at the meeting that this be passed, and it was proposed by Milnthorpe B.C and seconded by Ingleborough B.C.

The secretary had suggested that our league commence a week earlier in 2016. This matter was discussed fully at the meeting, but her suggestion was rejected at the meeting. Therefore our league will commence on Monday 11th April 2016.

The proposal from Netherfield B.C. for them to enter a third team in the 2016 season on a trial basis, was discussed fully by the meeting. After much debate the meeting were asked if there were any more clubs that would perhaps consider entering a third team. There were three other clubs that could be interested. The Secretary suggested that these clubs discuss the matter with their respective committees, and she stated that she would have to know the outcome no later than 7th December 2015. This would enable the additional teams to participate in our league for the 2016 season. The proposal was passed, and it was seconded by Ingleborough B.C. At the present time, there is only nine teams in the 5th division, if there was more than four teams apply to enter the league, it was decided that the team that finish in third place in the league, be promoted to the higher division. This was passed by the meeting, and was proposed by Netherfield and seconded by Burton in Lonsdale B.C.

The league had increased the subscription this year to £12.50 per team. It was stated by both the Treasurer and Secretary, that this amount will be upheld for a few years. This amount also includes the cost of the new system that is being introduced for 2016 Season.

The proposal from Bowness B.C. was discussed and agreed that whilst a division has "four free weeks" that these free weeks coincide with Bank Holidays. This only applies to divisions 3,4, and 5. It was passed and seconded by Milnthorpe B.C.

The Secretary stated that the "Rules" will have to be amended. Firstly with the clubs entering three teams, and also the fact that the date of this meeting has been brought forward. She said she would amend all rules that apply to these matters. Also stating that the clubs entering three teams will only be on a trial basis, and the matter would have to be discussed further at next year;s meeting. This was proposed by Netherfield B.C. and seconded by Ingleborough B.C.

The Secretary had distributed paperwork to all clubs present, with the information regarding the new system for next season. She did her best to explain the system, but stated that if anyone club were struggling with the system, they should not hesitate to contact her and she will endeavour to assist them. This system will not be on the web until the middle of February 2016, when the fixture lists will be available to print off at the same time.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th October 2016 at 1.30p.m. to be held at Burneside Cricket Club.

The meeting closed at 2.30p.m.