

Minutes of North Midlands Ladies Bowls AGM Season 2018

29th January 2019

1. Roll Call

All present

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM

Read and agreed/signed as true record

3. Matters arising

None

4. Secretary's report

Kate thanked all clubs for their continued support throughout the season and congratulated the whole of the North Midlands Ladies leagues on their success within the divisions, Summer Bash, teams and clubs both collectively and individually.

On behalf of the committee, thanks were given to the whole league for their overwhelming and generous support for the North Midlands Presentation evening. Following the relaunch of the presentation night the ladies gave enormous support yet again and raised a phenomenal £600 for the Mary Ann Evans Hospice and we are currently waiting for news of what we will be purchasing for the charity. The Rapid Response Team and Mary Ann Evans are considering the purchases.

It was confirmed that the North Midlands website would be made redundant following the progression the MB bowls facility.

The MB Bowls site has become a common place now for most bowlers, please continue to use this facility for your results and fixtures. Also, please enter the results using your password as previously issued. Contact Kate by email if passwords are required. If results are entered electronically sheets can be retained by team captain in the event of any subsequent discrepancies. Sheets can continue to be sent in as usual for those who wish.

The league cup was not held due to team entries in the league – however a Summer Bash competition proved highly successful and with a new format it certainly was a conversation starter. It is proposed to run this again this year and the room agreed this would be well supported. A date for beginning of July to be considered.

It was confirmed that all teams in the league last years will be entering the league again this coming year. The divisions will see three promotions and two relegations, as we have another team being entered this year so this will even out the leagues at 11 in each.

The fixtures are were handed out and are now live on the MB Bowls site – season starts 1st April and finishes 23rd September. **ALL** bank holidays avoided.

Please note Coventry Colliery are now playing at Kersley Rugby Club. This is a new green built at pace, from scratch, with very short notice but the work carried out has been excellent and the delegates are eager to see the new green and look forward to having a new green in the league.

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

Deadline for team amendments and captains details is end of February where possible, if not submitted at this time it will be assumed the team carries forward from the previous year. For club contacts you must log into MB Bowls using your password. Or contact Kate who will give you a printable list.

5. Treasurers Reports

Treasurer thanked all of the clubs for paying on time and asked for any changes in treasurers to be sent asap.

The room thanked Jackie Goodyear for kindly donating her audit fee back to the league.

The balance sheet is in a strong position and it was noted that there was additional expense for league insurance both now and going forward – details to be published when renewed.

6. Competition Secretary's Report

No secretary in post – Summer Bash discussed above.

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.

9. Notices of Motion

Proposed by Weddington Social 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 **6.30 pm (1830)**. All other matches to commence at **7.00 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.*

The reason for this proposal is that many teams have ladies who work and the start times are a struggle. Also the start time is actually a deterrent from some people signing up to a team.

Given that the team formation means there can be 3 back players (as in the Nuneaton League) there is no reason to start earlier than if there were six players. If this is not agreed we propose a second vote on April and September games being pushed back to a 6.30pm start as per the rest of the season.

This motion was voted on and the motion was not carried as the vote was 16-8.

An additional vote to make start time 6.30pm for the entire season was carried out and again not carried.

10. Honorariums

No increase proposed.

11 – Presentation night

As discussed in the secretary report – raised £600 for Mary Ann Evans Hospice.

Date and venue for next year to be confirmed. It was agreed that the evening will be a Friday evening in November and we will be providing a Cashino Night with a fish and chip supper.

Again, we will host the presentation evening to support a local charity – nominations to be submitted to the next league meeting. One charity was presented – “Pass the Smile” which is a local charity being set up for a bowling family whose young son Ben is currently undergoing Cancer treatment.

12 - Next meeting

First league meeting of 2019 to be held on Tuesday 16th April - 7.30pm at Bedworth Ex.