

South Westmorland Seniors' Bowling League
Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting
held at
Burneside Cricket Club
at 1:30pm on Thursday 31st October

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed club representatives to the meeting.

2. Remembrance

A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of the many bowlers who had sadly passed away during the season, they are:

Margaret Petcher, Brian Clark and Colin Baines from Abbot Hall B. C.,

June Walker from Burneside B.C.,

Noel Mackereth from Staveley B.C.,

Jerry Stanley and Billy Evans from Endmoor B.C.,

David Craig from Milnthorpe B.C.,

Bryan Swift, Fred Hodgson and Tony Wakefield from Kirkby Lonsdale B.C.,

Jim Mason from Sedbergh B.C.,

Brian Moore from Arnside B.C.,

John Parrington and Jack Taylor from Lower Holker B.C.,

Sue Cooper from Holme B.C.,

Anne Oswald and John O'Flaherty from Victoria B.C.,

Keith Robinson and Bill Cowperthwaite from Netherfield B.C.,

Mavis Eckersley and Roland Aitchison from Ingleborough BC.,

Patrick Devlin from Silverdale BC.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Hawkshead B.C., all other clubs were represented.

4. Review of Rules and Constitution

During this year the league Officials had undertaken a review of the League Rules which included the production of a separate League Constitution document. In addition, a number of amendments to both the rules and constitution had been produced by the Officers and were presented to the meeting. All amendments were supported and passed by the meeting as shown on pages 4 - 7 of these minutes.

5. Minutes of 2018 AGM

The minutes of 2018 AGM held on 25th October 2018 were proposed for acceptance by Ingleborough B.C., seconded by Levens B.C. and were passed by the meeting

6. Matters Arising from 2018 Minutes

There were no matters arising from the 2018 minutes.

7. Secretary's Report for 2019

The secretary presented his report for 2019 to the meeting and stressed the need for clubs to ensure that contact details are checked and updated where necessary, and also that team captains should ensure that unlisted player details are provided accurately and include BCGBA registration numbers.

8. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for 2019

The treasurer presented the financial balance sheet for 2019, following which it was proposed for acceptance by Endmoor B.C., seconded by Levens B.C. and was passed by the meeting.

9. Election of Officers

The Chairman – Ian Hayton, Treasurer – Malcolm Booker and Secretary – Mike Fell were proposed for re-election by Lower Holker B.C., seconded by Sedbergh B.C. There were no other nominations, and therefore all were elected for 2020.

For the new role of Vice-Chairman, Denise Noble was nominated by Heversham B.C., seconded by Warton B.C. There were no other nominations, and therefore Denise was elected for 2020.

10. Appointment of League Representatives to CCGBA.

The Chairman explained the importance of this position however there were no nomination and therefore the position remains unfilled.

11. Presentation of Trophies

The President, Antony Batty, presented trophies and prize money to the divisional winners and runners-up for 2019 season.

Division 1 - Winner: Victoria A	Runners-up: Netherfield A
Division 2 - Winner: Kirkby Lonsdale A	Runners-up: Carnforth A
Division 3 - Winner: Lower Holker B	Runners-up: Carnforth B
Division 4 - Winner: Subscription B	Runners-up: Springfield B
Division 5 - Winner: Bolton le Sands B	Runners-up: Silverdale B

12. Motions received from Member Clubs.

The secretary had not received any motions from member clubs.

13. New Team Requests and Withdrawals for 2020 Season.

Allithwaite Bowling Club made a request to enter a 3rd team into the league, support for this was proposed by Abbot Hall B.C., seconded by Levens B.C. and passed by the meeting.

A request had been made by Sedbergh Bowling Club to reverse the titles of their A and B teams so that their B team would be in division 5 and A team in division 3, this was supported by Kirkby Lonsdale B.C., seconded by Subscription B.C., and passed by the meeting.

14. Make-up of Divisions for 2020.

The secretary confirmed that promotion and relegation of teams from the final 2019 league positions would be:

Division 1 – bottom 2 teams demoted.

Division 2 and 3 top 2 teams promoted, and bottom 2 teams demoted.

Division 4 top 2 teams promoted, and bottom team demoted.

Division 5 top 2 teams promoted.

This will result in the make-up of divisions for the 2020 season being:

Divisions 1,2 and 3 – 12 teams.

Divisions 4 and 5 – 10 teams.

The date of the first and last games of the season will be the same for all divisions, but division 4 and 5 will not play on the 4 bank holiday weeks.

15. Proposal for New Handicapped Cup Competition.

The chairman outlined the initial proposals and format for a new team handicapped cup competition, following discussion a vote of clubs was taken to gauge the level of interest in progressing this new competition. The result of the vote was that there was insufficient interest to take this forward.

16. Date of 2020 AGM

The 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 29 October 2020 at Burneside Cricket Club starting at 13:30

There being no other business the meeting closed at 14:45pm

AGM ITEM 4

Review of Rules and Constitution - Proposed amendments\additions

Addition to Rule R1

In the event of a player or players receiving a walkover he/she/they do not have the game added to their games played or won, or 21 points added to their personal aggregate, but it is counted in the team's overall score as a 21 points win.

Supporting Proposer: *Ingleborough B.C.*
Seconder: *Allithwaite B.C.*
Amendments: *None*
Result of vote: *For*

Addition to Rule R4

The date of a match can be changed by the mutual agreement of the 2 captains concerned. However, if there is no mutual agreement then the published date stands. Should a match date be changed then the home team captain must inform the league secretary. Any changed date must be within 7 days of the published date.

Supporting Proposer: *Silverdale B.C.*
Seconder: *Staveley B.C.*
Amendments: *None*
Result of vote: *For*

Addition to Rule R7

The Executive Committee shall have power on behalf of the League to impose appropriate sanctions for any breach of League rules.

Supporting Proposer: *Levens B.C.*
Seconder: *Abbot Hall B.C.*
Amendments: *None*
Result of vote: *For*

Amendment to Constitution C1

The League shall be called The South Westmorland Seniors' League and will be affiliated to Cumbria County Crown Green Bowling Association.

Supporting Proposer: *Ingleborough B.C.*
Seconder: *Milnthorpe B.C.*
Amendments: *None*
Result of vote: *For*

Amendment to Constitution C2

The objective of the League is to further Crown Green bowling in the locality, and playing members are eligible to take part in league matches on or after their 60th birthday.

Supporting Proposer: Burneside B.C.
Seconder: Sedbergh B.C.
Amendments: None
Result of vote: For

Amendment to Constitution C3

The Executive Committee will consist of President, and four Executive Officers who will undertake the roles of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer. For any event necessitating a meeting of the Executive Committee then at least three of the 5 members must be in attendance. The Executive Committee will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the league.

Any disciplinary issues will be handled by the Executive Committee. It is then up to the Executive Committee to call a full Management committee meeting, if necessary.

The Management Committee will consist of the Executive Committee together with one designated representative of each of the member clubs of the South Westmorland Seniors' Bowling League. For any meeting of the Management Committee (including the Annual General Meeting) a quorum, consisting of a majority of the member clubs, must be in attendance, each member club will have a single vote and a member of the Executive Committee will not have a vote unless he/she is a designated representative of a member club.

The League's accounts shall be closed on 30th September each year for preparation of the Financial Accounts and Balance Sheet by the Hon Treasurer. The Financial Accounts and Balance Sheet should be independently assessed by a suitable qualified person.

League funds will be held in a single account with either a Bank or Building Society and to affect any withdrawals from such will necessitate any two of three signatures of Chairman, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer.

A copy of the Financial Accounts and balance Sheet, together with a copy of the minutes from the previous year's Annual General meeting and a copy of the agenda for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and the Hon Secretary's Report, will be made available to each member club electronically at least two weeks prior to the forthcoming Annual general meeting. Any Club that is unable to access this information electronically may request a hard copy from the Hon Secretary.

An Annual General Meeting will be held within six weeks of the 30th September each year at a time and location to be determined by the League Hon Secretary.

The Annual General Meeting will conduct the following business:

- a) Approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and, if appropriate any Extraordinary General Meeting held since the date of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- b) Receive the Hon Secretary's Annual report.
- c) Approve independently assessed accounts for the last financial period as presented by the Hon Treasurer.
- d) Elect Executive Officers, and two delegates to the CCCGBA.
- e) Consider any proposed motions and any rule amendment proposals.
- f) Set fees as necessary for the forthcoming year
- g) Approve Officers honoraria.
- h) To consider new application for membership to the League

Ideally, proposal of a motion for consideration at the Annual General Meeting should be submitted to the League Hon Secretary in writing by the Secretary of the member club before 30th September. Normally motions will not be taken from the floor at an Annual General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened as necessary by the Executive Committee. Also, if requested in writing to the Hon Secretary, specifying the object of the meeting and signed by at least three member clubs, an Extraordinary Meeting must be convened within twenty-one days of receipt of the requisition. Such meetings may be arranged for the following purposes:

- a) To consider, and if approval is attained, then sanction any rule amendment(s).
- b) To deal with any matter which the member club requisitioning the meeting wishes to have considered.

Notice convening the Extraordinary General Meeting specifying the matter(s) to be dealt with will be issued to each member club electronically at least seven days before the date of the meeting.

Supporting Proposer: *Endmoor B.C.*
Seconder: *Kirkby Lonsdale B.C.*
Amendments: *None*
Result of vote: *For*

Amendment to C4

Subject to a limit of 5 divisions and 60 teams, application for membership to the League will be considered from any Club in the locality and affiliated to the Cumbria County Crown Green Bowling Association. Such applications must be received on or before 30th September in each year, by which date resignations must also be forwarded in writing to the League Secretary.

Supporting Proposer: *Levens B.C*
Seconder: *Allithwaite B.C.*
Amendments: *None*
Result of vote: *Fore*

Amendment to Constitution C5

The League Secretary shall have the authority to adjust the number of teams in each division should any team(s) withdraw from the League after the A.G.M. and before the fixtures are made.

Supporting Proposer: Arnside B.C.
Seconder: Milnthorpe B.C.
Amendments: None
Result of vote: For

Delete Constitution C6

Reason – included in amended C3

Amendment to Constitution C7

Becomes C6
Delete 2nd sentence re bank accounts

Reason – included in amended C3

Delete Constitution C8

Reason – included in amended C1

Constitution C9 Unchanged, but becomes C7

Delete Constitution C10

Reason- included in amended C3