

South Westmorland Seniors' Bowling League
Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting
held at
Burneside Cricket Club
at
1:30pm on Thursday 4th November 2021

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 since the 2019 AGM, they are:

Ann Milligan from Arnside B.C.
Jeff Timms, Geoff Clements and Ernie Ellershaw from Bolton-le-Sands B.C.,
George Sharp from Bowness B.C.,
Arthur Walker, Jessie Greenop and Peter Fell from Burneside B.C.,
John Patchett and Albert Etherington from Carnforth B.C.,
Barbara Cleasby from Crosthwaite B.C.,
Kath Gaitskill and Tony Luisi from Endmoor B.C.,
John Lane and Doreen Head from Heversham B.C.
Eric Card from Holme B.C.
Eddie German, Jim Campbell and Gerald Hodgson from Kirkby Lonsdale B.C.,
Diane Langstaff from Milnthorpe B.C.,
Molly Summers and Derek Summers from Subscription B.C.,
Colin Bolton, Stan Ewbank, Derek Hough and Jim Reid from Warton B.C.,
Chris West and Peter Dixon from Windermere B.C.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Carnforth B.C., Crosthwaite B.C., Hawkshead B.C., Lower Holker B.C. Of the 28 member clubs 22 were represented at the meeting. Individual apologies for absence were also received from Walter Burrow (Arnside BC) and Ann Anderson (Lindale BC).

4. Minutes of 2019 AGM held on 31st October 2019

The minutes of the 2021 AGM which was held on 31 October 2019 were proposed for acceptance by Endmoor B.C and seconded by Kirkby Lonsdale B.C., and were carried unanimously by the meeting.

5. Matters Arising from 2019 minutes

The League Secretary confirmed that the revised League Constitution and Rules were sent out to clubs following the 2019 AGM and are also available on the Seniors' League Mb Bowling Results website.

(The 2020 AGM was not held due to Government Covid 19 lockdown restrictions)

6. Secretary's Report

The League Secretary's report had been provided to Club Secretary's prior to the meeting and also been made available on the Seniors' League Mb Bowling Results web site. There were no questions from the meeting. The report was proposed for

acceptance by Kirkby Lonsdale B.C. and seconded by Springfield B.C. and was carried unanimously.

7. Treasurer's report and balance sheet for 2020 and 2021.

The financial balance sheets for 2020 and 2021 were provided at the meeting. The Treasurer confirmed that the League had spent very little of the team registration fees that were collected from clubs for the 2020 season at the 2019 AGM, therefore the Executive Committee had decided not to charge club any further registration fees for the 2022 season. The treasurer also confirmed that any existing clubs entering new teams into the league for the 2022 season would also not be required to pay a registration fee for those new teams.

Both financial balance sheets were proposed for acceptance by Springfield B.C. and seconded by Bowness B.C. and carried unanimously.

8. Election of League Officers

The current officers indicated that they were all willing to carry on for the coming year, and as there were no other nominees, it was proposed by Burneside B.C. and seconded by Victoria B.C. that the current officers be re-elected for a further year and was carried unanimously by the meeting.

Therefore, the Officers for the coming year will be:

Chairman – Ian Hayton
Vice Chairman – Denise Noble
Treasurer – Malcolm Booker
Secretary – Mike Fell

The President (Anthony Batty) asked the meeting to give some thought as to the possible process by which a new League President could be chosen in the future, as currently there is nothing in the League Constitution regarding this. This will be placed on the agenda for next year's AGM.

9. Appointment of league representatives to CCCGBA.

The League Secretary had been attending the CCCGBA meetings since the last AGM and in the absence of a volunteer from the meeting agreed to carry on for the time being.

10. Motions received from member Clubs

- 10.1 A proposal was received from Lindale BC that no Seniors' league fixtures to be held on bank holidays due to local events, holidays, traffic and player family commitments.

The representative from Lindale B.C. explained the background to their proposal.

The League Secretary confirmed that if bank holiday Mondays were introduced as non-match days for all divisions that this would extend the season by up to 4 weeks.

The Secretary also reminded the meeting that within the current League Rules that there is provision for team captains to mutually agree a change of match date, which is an option to be considered for teams who would prefer not to play on bank holiday Mondays.

The Secretary went on to explained that to produce the seasons fixtures on the Mb Bowling Results system that divisions with less than 12 teams needed to have non-match weeks introduced. Historically weeks containing a bank holiday Monday have been used as these non-match weeks. The Secretary stated that using weeks containing a bank holiday Monday as non-match weeks presented issues within the Mb Bowling Results system when producing the season's fixtures, which had to be resolved each year by the system developer. Going forward the League Secretary would therefore like to get away from the use of bank holidays as non-match dates which would simplify the process of setting the fixtures.

All attending were then given the opportunity to discuss the proposal and give their views, following which the Chairman asked if any club wished to second the proposal, however the proposal failed to gain any support from the other clubs present. Fixtures will therefore continue to be scheduled to be played on bank holidays as in previous years.

- 10.2 Lindale BC would like clarification of the official ruling on the minimum number of players required for a match and the system to be adopted for selection of who plays twice.

The League Secretary confirmed that a team can consist of a minimum of 7 players, with a minimum of 5 players being put forward from which 1 player is selected by random ballot or draw to play twice.

11. New Team requests and withdrawals for 2022 Season

- 11.1 Request from Allithwaite B.C. to enter an additional team in the league.
- 11.2 Request from Warton B.C. to enter an additional team in the league.

It was proposed by Victoria B.C. and seconded by Silverdale B.C. to allow both teams to join the league in 2022, this was passed unanimously.

12. Make up of divisions for 2022

In line with the League Executives decision that there would be no promotion or relegation at the end of the 2021 (friendly) season, the make-up of divisions for the 2022 season will be the same as 2021, with the addition of the 2 new teams in division 5. Therefore, Divisions 1,2,3 and 5 will be made up of 12 teams and Division 4 will have 10 teams.

The League Secretary reminded the meeting that the original League Rules would apply for the 2022 season and that the 2021 Season – League Format and Rules are not to be used.

Promotion and relegation will apply at the end of 2022 season in line with the League Constitution, with the exception that there will be no relegation from division 4 to division 5, but the top 2 teams in division 5 will be promoted to division 4. If the number of teams remains the same in 2023, this will result in 12 teams in Divisions 1,2,3, and 4, and 10 teams in division 5 for the 2023 season.

13. Proposed dates for 2022 fixtures

The League Secretary proposed that following the updating of rule R4 at the 2019 AGM, dates for fixtures in divisions with less than 12 teams will include bank holidays, and that to align the start and end dates for all divisions that blank dates will be evenly spaced throughout the season for these divisions.

The League Secretary confirmed that the reason for this proposed change was to resolve the issue related to producing fixture as previously outlined for item 10.1. He also confirmed that this now only relates to division 4 following the acceptance of 2 additional teams into division 5.

The proposal was supported by Springfield B.C. and seconded by Burton-in-Lonsdale B.C. and carried by the meeting.

The first fixtures of the 2022 season will be in week commencing 11 April 2022.

14. Date of 2022 AGM

The 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd November 2022 at Burneside Cricket Club starting at 1:30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 14:26pm