

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SOUTH LAKELAND RURAL BOWLING LEAGUE
HELD ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2009**

Present: Chairman, Mr C Burrow, Mr H Stephens (Results Secretary), 24 delegates representing 15 of the 17 clubs. There were no representatives from Endmoor or Sedbergh bowling clubs.

1. Welcome by the Chair:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. In the absence of a Secretary, the Chairman asked Hazel Tordoff to take the minutes of the meeting. One minute silence was held in respect of those members, associated with the league, who have passed away.

2. Apologies:

Bob Johnson, Ken Ashcroft (Treasurer).

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the AGM held on 3rd November 2008 were distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes, proposed by Ian Hayton, seconded by Edward Ireton and agreed by the meeting, were approved as a true record.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM.

5. Secretaries report

1 The Secretary's report was distributed prior to the meeting. There were no questions arising from the report.

6. Treasurer's report

1. The balance sheet was distributed at the meeting.
2. The balance sheet showed that the league has funds of £372.85

7. Election of officers

- 1 Colin Burrow agreed to remain as chairman.
- 2 Ken Ashcroft had agreed to remain as treasurer and Hedley Stephens agreed to remain as Results Secretary.
- 3 Following the resignation of Bob Johnson a new Secretary was required. Following a discussion to simplify the Secretaries tasks John Smith (Heversham) agreed to take on the role of Secretary.

8. Appointment of representatives to CCCGBA

- 1 John Smith agreed to continue as the League representative. No other nominations were received.

9. League affiliations

- 1 Affiliation to CCCGBA was confirmed.
- 2 The meeting agreed to make donations of £20 to both the Cumbria County Ladies CGBA and the County Juniors

10. SLRBL Annual Fees

- 1 The club fees for 2010 league and David Skidmore Knockout would be maintained at the 2009 level.

11. Start date for the 2010 season

- 1 The start date may be delayed for up to 2 weeks depending on the requirements of the fixtures. The start date will be notified to clubs once the fixture list has been produced.

12. Motions

- 1 The rules as amended at the 2008 AGM were agreed.
- 2 Applications from Victoria and Windermere bowling clubs had been received. Proposed by Edward Ireton, seconded by John Smith and agreed by the meeting, both clubs were accepted into the League for 2010.
- 3 After a discussion regarding the proposal submitted by Milnthorpe Bowling Club, the motion was not seconded. The format of matches will therefore remain unchanged.

13. Draw for the David Skidmore

- 1 The draw for the David Skidmore Knockout trophy was made.
- 2 Following a discussion it was agreed that there would be no 3rd/4th playoff on the night of the final. The prize money to be divided between the two losing semi-finalists.

14. Trophy presentation

- 1 The Chairman presented the 2009 League Cup to Hale (Kings Arms) and the David Skidmore Memorial Trophy to Burton-in-Kendal.

15. Any other business

- 1 Maurice Crossley, on behalf of Burneside BC, made some observations regarding the players in some teams during 2009 season. Following a discussion delegates were asked to take the views of the meeting back to their clubs and to remind them of the league constitution and not to lose sight of the spirit of the league. All clubs should endeavour to play less experienced club members.
- 2 If there are any problems with mismatching of players, clubs are asked to contact Colin Burrow and he will contact the Captain concerned.
- 3 Hedley Stephens informed the meeting that the press day has been brought forward by a day so he will need the results by the Monday following the matches. Because of the delay with some of the posted results he asked that the home team captain sends the basic result by either email, text message or phone call.
(A basic result is e.g. Levens 4 (168) Allithwaite 4 (168))
- 4 Because of the increased number of teams in the League it was agreed that all teams play each other once, with the fixtures to be reversed the following year. One club will have a bye each week. 19 clubs plus a bye in the league will give a 19 week fixture list. This is 3 weeks less than last season. It was decided that John Smith will prepare a fixture list and the normal start dates for the league and the David Skidmore knockout would be altered as appropriate.
- 5 A special vote of thanks was extended from the meeting to Bob Johnson for his work as secretary over the past 12 years.

16. Close of meeting.

Colin Burrow thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30pm