

## SOUTH LAKELAND RURAL BOWLING LEAGUE

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Present:** In the Chair **Mr Colin Burrow** for part meeting only (also representing Levens); **Mrs Alice Waite**, Endmoor was elected Chairperson and took the Chair (from Item 7 onwards). Club representatives from Allithwaite(2), Bowness (3), Burneside (3), Burton (2), Crosthwaite & Lyth (1), Endmoor (1), KA Hale (2), Hawkshead (2), Heversham (3), Holme (1), Kirkby Lonsdale (3), Lindale (2), Sedbergh (2), Staveley (2), Subscription (1), Victoria (1), Windermere (2) (35 delegates representing the 18 League Clubs), together with Mr K Ashcroft, Mr G H Stephens and Mr J D Smith. 2 representatives from Netherfield were also present

1. **Chairman's opening address:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.1. A minutes silence was held in respect of bowlers associated with the League who had passed away.
- 1.2. The Chairman said it had been another successful season. He congratulated **Kings Arms, Hale** and **Kirkby Lonsdale** Winners and Runner Up respectively of the League. He also congratulated **Windermere** first time winners of the David Skidmore Memorial Trophy and loosing finalists **Holme**.
2. **Apologies for absence:** None (Milnthorpe had been invited to the meeting).
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the last AGM held 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010 which, had been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and **APPROVED**.
4. **Business Remaining from the last AGM:** None
5. **Secretary's Report:** This had been distributed prior to the meeting. The Secretary reiterated his thanks to **Hedley Stephens** for all his work. There were no questions arising from the report.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Presenting the Annual Accounts the Treasurer, Mr Ashcroft reported a reduction in the end of year balance from £482 to £ 437, a loss of £45. This was due to an increase in expenses and the waiving of the fee for the David Skidmore Competition. He suggested that the balance was such that the David Skidmore Competition fee could again be waived and League Fee kept at £15 for a further year (see later item). **AGREED:** That the accounts are approved.
7. **Election of Executive Officers:** The Chairman said he was willing to serve for a further year but his personal circumstances were such that he might not be able to serve for the full year. He asked if there was anyone willing to stand. Alice Waite, Endmoor offered to serve.
  - 7.1. **Chairman:** **Alice Waite was duly elected;** Colin Burrow stood down and **Alice Waite took the Chair**
  - 7.2. **Treasurer:** Ken Ashcroft was willing to serve a further year and was re-elected
  - 7.3. **Secretary:** J D Smith was willing to serve a further year and was re-elected
8. **Election of Press Secretary and Web Site Organiser:** **AGREED:** That Hedley Stephens be **RE-ELECTED**.
9. **Appointment of Representatives to serve on the Cumbria County Crown Green Bowling Association (CCCGBA) Committee:** **AGREED:** That J D Smith and Bruce Tyson (Heversham) be appointed.
10. **Affiliation to CCCGBA:** **AGREED:** That the League Affiliate to the Cumbria CCGB Association.
11. **Donation to Cumbria County Ladies Crown Green Bowling Association:** **AGREED:** That a donation of £25.00 be made.
12. **Donation to Cumbria County Juniors Crown Green Bowling Association:** **AGREED:** That a donation of £25.00 be made.
13. **League Fee for Season 2011:** **AGREED:** That the fee be £15.00.
14. **Entry Fee for the David Skidmore Competition:** **AGREED:** That the fee be waived for Season 2011.
15. **David Skidmore Memorial Competition Prize Money:** **AGREED:** That the prize money be increased from £80.00 to £100.00; Winner to receive £50.00, Runner-up £25.00, loosing Semi Finalists £12.50 each.

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**16. Notices of Motion:**

**16.1. Motion 1 - Constitution and Rules:** Proposal from the Secretary: ‘That the Constitution and Rules as amended by the AGM of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010 be adopted AND that the League Secretary be required to produce and issue a revised set incorporating changes agreed at the AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011’. Motion **APPROVED**

**16.2. MOTION 2 – Constitution and Rules.** Proposal from the League Secretary - ‘That Rule C13.4 & Rule C14.1 be amended to read:

‘C13.4 The League Secretary should receive written notice of Resignation from the League before ~~31<sup>st</sup> October~~ 15<sup>th</sup> October but no later than the AGM to take effect from the start of the following season.’

C14.1 ‘Notices of motion proposing changes to the Constitution or Rules must be written and in possession of the League Secretary no later than ~~31<sup>st</sup> October~~ 15<sup>th</sup> October in each year.’ Motion **APPROVED**

**16.3 MOTION 3 – David Skidmore Competition Match Venue Schedule.** Proposal from League Secretary - Amend Rule DSR 7 (*thus delete words crossed through*) and Rule DSR 8

DSR-7 The host club functions will rotate annually. ~~We will require four venues. If we have more than 16 Clubs, we will need ‘preliminary matches’ to be played prior to the first round proper. The best option is for the preliminary matches to be played ahead of the first round.~~

DSR-8 *Delete and substitute* ‘The competition requires 5 weeks (preliminary round + four weeks). ‘Hosting’ and ‘Rotation’ will be as follows: -

Venue ‘A’ will host Prelim & Week 3 (Semi Final). [Following year becoming ‘B’]

Venue ‘B’ will host Week 1 & Week 2 (Quarter Final) [Following year becomes ‘C’]

Venue ‘C’ will host Prelim & Week 1. [Following year becomes ‘D’]

Venue ‘D’ will host Week 1 & Week 2 (Quarter Final) [Following year becomes ‘E’]

Venue ‘E’ will host Week 1 & Week 5 (Final) [Following year becomes ‘A’]

Venue	Hosts	2012/2017	2013/2018	2014/2019	2015/2020	2016/2021
A	Prelim & Wk 3 (SF)	Levens	Victoria	KA Hale	K Lonsdale	Burton
B	Wk 1 & Wk 2 (QF)	Burton	Levens	Victoria	KA Hale	K Lonsdale
C	Prelim & WK 1	K Lonsdale	Burton	Levens	Victoria	KA Hale
D	Wk 1 & Wk 2 (QF)	KA Hale	K Lonsdale	Burton	Levens	Victoria
E	Wk 1 & Final	Victoria	KA Hale	K Lonsdale	Burton	Levens

**NOTE** – *Other Clubs with floodlighting facilities may volunteer to act as a host – in which case the above schedule will require amendment.’*

Motion **APPROVED**

- 16.4 MOTION 4** – from **Burneside** who would like to see the following ruling applied as a trial for one year and if successful to continue in future years

‘Anyone who is a regular member of either a Division 1 or Division 2 team playing in the Kendal & District Bowling League or equivalent, should not be allowed to participate as a playing member in any weekly match in the South Lakeland Rural Bowling League. Any week in which a club cannot fulfil a team of 8 from their lesser experienced players, that club should be allowed to play any individual(s) who has already played in that nights match again. If this player(s) wins that match the score should still be counted towards the final result. Up to a maximum of 3 players shall be allowed to play twice; anymore than this then the match should be rearranged’

*Burneside add the comment* ‘There are no individual merits so this ruling should not make any difference to the administration of the League.’

Discussion then ensued during which points ‘for and against’ the proposal were made. Questions about how the Rule would be applied were also brought up and agreed thus:

**16.4.1** An amendment was proposed to **delete** the words ***or equivalent***. This was put to the vote and **Agreed**.

**16.4.2 Agreed:** The new Rule will apply for a one year trial.

**16.4.3 Agreed:** That 'regular member of either a Division 1 or Division 2 team playing in the Kendal & District Bowling League' means regular member in Season 2012. Thus 'regular member' would not be retrospective to players who were regular members of such teams in 2011.

**16.4.4 Confirmed:** The selection of the Players to play twice is provided for in existing Rule 8.5 ('selection made by the opposing Captain by means of a random draw').

The Amended Motion, proposed by **Burneside** and seconded by **Lindale**, was then put to the vote and **AGREED** thus

‘Anyone who is a regular member of either a Division 1 or Division 2 team playing in the Kendal & District Bowling League ~~*or equivalent*~~, should not be allowed to participate as a playing member in any weekly match in the South Lakeland Rural Bowling League. Any week in which a club cannot fulfil a team of 8 from their lesser experienced players, that club should be allowed to play any individual(s) who has already played in that nights match again. If this player(s) wins that match the score should still be counted towards the final result. Up to a maximum of 3 players shall be allowed to play twice; anymore than this then the match should be rearranged’

- 16.5 Motion 5** – Application from **Milnthorpe** to rejoin the League. Their application states they have a number of new bowlers. **Agreed:** That Milnthorpe’s application be approved
- 16.6 Motion 6** – Application from **Netherfield** to join the League. Their letter of application states ‘they have a number of new bowlers who need experience in a League team’. **Agreed:** That Netherfield’s application be approved
- 17. Draw for the Season 2012 David Skidmore Memorial Competition:** The draw was made
- 18. Trophy Presentations –Season 2011:** The Chairperson presented the League Cup to **Kings Arms Hale** and the David Skidmore Trophy to **Windermere**.

**19. Any Other Business:**

**19.1. Vote of Thanks;** A vote of thanks was proposed to **Colin Burrow** for all his work as Chairman on behalf of the League since its inception in 1997 (during which time the League had grown from the seven founder clubs to the present twenty) and unanimously endorsed (applause).

**19.2. Distribution of Agendas and related papers for the AGM:** These had been, in the main, sent out by e-mail. The Secretary asked if Clubs were happy with this method. No Club objected.

**19.3. Cumbria County Crown Green Bowling Association AGM:** The Secretary (in his capacity as one of the League Delegates) reported this would be at Lindal Bowling Club on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7pm. A Motion from the County Committee would propose that a £1.00 levy on each Registered Player per club of which they are a member. The purpose was to create a fund to be used:

- To support clubs to fight a green closure or to support clubs with planning permission for work they may wish to do.
- To part fund the investment in equipment and facilities at our member clubs; this might be a set of bowls that need replacing to maybe the part funding of a new mower.
- To help with the continuing work of John Woodcock MP and Keith Mills are doing on safeguarding the future of bowling green's (see Video Clip of Mr Woodcock presenting his Bill in Parliament on Merseyside County CGBA Website [www.merseysidebowls.co.uk](http://www.merseysidebowls.co.uk)); CCCGBA have helped financially in a small part to fund the work that these two have put in.
- To help the funding of running all three county sides.
- To help the continuing need to attract new blood into the game and the development of players.
- To support county competition winners that are representing the county at national events. Recently some national events have not had full representation from Cumbria due to the financial penalty of attending an event. This has been an issue for the Men, Women and Juniors.

**19.4. Fixture List:** The Secretary proposed that the season start on 13<sup>th</sup> April. The format would be as the previous two seasons (i.e. alternate Home and Away with each Club playing each other Club once). He proposed to redo the fixture list consequent upon Netherfield joining the League and thus could not guarantee that the 2012 fixtures would necessarily be a reverse of the 2011 fixtures (for example if Levens say played Heversham at Heversham in 2011, he could not guarantee that the fixture would be reversed so that Levens played Heversham at Levens in 2012)

**19.5. Referees Society – need for new Referees;** The Secretary reported on a letter received from Bryan Woodburn, Development Officer for the Cumbria Crown Green Referees Society setting out his concerns about the shortage of Referees. If more Referees are not forthcoming then the local (Cumbria) game could be adversely affected. Anyone interested in becoming a Referee should contact Bryan on 01229 463669 e-mail [pat.bryan.woodburn@fsmail.net](mailto:pat.bryan.woodburn@fsmail.net)

**20. End of Meeting:** The Chairperson, Alice Waite thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

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