

## SOUTH LAKELAND RURAL BOWLING LEAGUE

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Present:** In the **Chair Tom Grindey**. Representatives from **Allithwaite** (A Balderstone, G Balderstone, J Tattersall, R Tattersall), **Bowness** (Pam Knowles A Bullock), **Burneside** (E Woodcock, A Slinger), **Burton** (D Raynor), **Crosthwaite & Lyth** (George Herd), **KA Hale** (Ron Birtwhistle, P Knight), **Heversham** (M Bolton, G Coleclough), **Holme** (I Hayton), **Kirkby Lonsdale** (C Gibson, D Gibson), **Milnthorpe** (K Craig, J Ducie), **Netherfield** (M Booker, A Blackman), **Subscription** (M Park, J Kelly), **Victoria** (S Connell, J Dean) (25 delegates from 13 of the 18 League Clubs, resignations having been received from Endmoor and Levens prior to the AGM), together with Mr Mike Tordoff, President Cumbria County CGBA, Mr. K Ashcroft and Mr J D Smith.

- 1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed representatives.
- 2. A minutes silence** was observed in respect of bowlers who had passed away. Mentioned by name were Douglas King, Burneside and Harold Varcoe, Holme.
- 3. To receive apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from **Langdale** (Lynn Smith), **Windermere** (Linda Harrison), **Hawkshead** (Jennifer Butterworth), **Staveley**, Bruce Tyson and Hedley Stephens. **Sedbergh** had been invited but were not represented. The meeting agreed that a message of good wishes should be sent to Hedley who was unable to attend due to undergoing a course of radiotherapy
- 4. To receive Chairman's Report:** The Chairman invited questions with regard to his report which, had been circulated prior to the meeting; none were raised.
- 5. To approve the Minutes of the previous AGM:** The Minutes of the meeting held 20th November 2013 which, had been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and **APPROVED**.
- 6. Business remaining from the last AGM:** None.
- 7. To receive Secretary's Report:** This had been circulated prior to the meeting. Additional points. One club had been found to be playing an unregistered player for 4 games when the list of players playing in the League had been submitted to the County Registrar 6 weeks into the Season; this was something Clubs needed to guard against. A Consultation Document about proposals to be considered at the AGM had been circulated. He invited feedback from Clubs as to whether or not this had been useful.
- 8. To receive Treasurer's Report and year end accounts:** Presenting the Annual Accounts for year ending 31 October 2014 the Treasurer, Ken Ashcroft reported that the year end balance of £305 was £75 down on the previous year. The current League Fee was £15 and the David Skidmore fee of £5.00 had previously been waived (Seasons 2011/12/13/14). He recommended that the fee should be increased to £25 including the Skidmore Competition fee for at least one year to restore the balance to about £375. **AGREED:** That the accounts be approved.
- 9. To set League Fee for Season 2015: AGREED:** Fee to be £25.00 for Season 2015 which includes £5.00 entry to the David Skidmore Competition. Fee to be reviewed at the next AGM.
- 10. To receive report from the League Representative to the Cumbria County Crown Green Bowling Committee:** Bruce Tyson was not able to be at the meeting. The Chairman invited **Mike Tordoff, County President** to speak. The President said: Two major competitions, the Jack and Jean Isherwood and Centenary Pairs Competition from which winners go forward to National Finals had been held. The Cumbria Senior Merit had attracted 92 entrants resulting in Cumbria having 4 entries going forward to the Merit Final. There remained 51 clubs in Cumbria with a further 5 clubs from North Lancashire and Fylde affiliated. New registrations had numbered 162, a net gain of 27 however, the need to encourage new younger players to take up bowling remained; 65% of the current members were over 60 years of age. The Development Fund had been used to fund a Green Keepers course. Tom Dennison, the County Development Officer was endeavouring to arrange a course for 8 to 10 people leading to

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Certification for the Use of Chemical Sprays. The County Team had had their best season; they won 2 of 3 Senior County Championship matches and played in the Supplementary County Championship.

- 11. Election of Executive Officers:** No nominations had been received
- 11.1. Chairman:** Tom Grindey was willing to serve for a further year and was re-elected
- 11.2. Treasurer:** Ken Ashcroft wished to stand down; no one present was prepared to take on this role. Accordingly Ken agreed to serve **for one further year only** and was duly re-elected.
- 11.3. Secretary:** J D Smith was willing to serve a further year and was re-elected
- 12. Election of Press Secretary and Web Site Organiser: AGREED:** Hedley Stephens was willing to serve and was re-elected.
- 13. Appointment of 2 Representatives to serve on the Cumbria County Crown Green Bowling Association (CCCGBA) Committee:** No appointments were made. Bruce Tyson to be contacted to see if he is able/willing to serve a further year (has since been contacted but wishes to stand down).
- 14. Donations: AGREED:** That donations of £25.00 each be made to Cumbria County Juniors and Cumbria County Ladies. Marge Park said the County Ladies very much appreciated the League's donation
- 15. David Skidmore Memorial Competition Prize Money: AGREED:** That the total prize money remain at £100.00; Winner to receive £50.00, Runner-up £25.00, losing Semi Finalists £12.50 each.
- 16. Notices of Motion (Rule C14 Changes to constitution or Rules)**
- 16.1. MOTION 1- Constitution and Rules:** Proposal from Secretary: *'That the Constitution and Rules as amended at the AGM of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be adopted AND that the League Secretary be required to produce and issue a revised set incorporating any changes agreed at the AGM held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014'.* **MOTION APPROVED.**
- 16.2. MOTION 2 – from Allithwaite Bowling Club:** Anyone from the Rothay League Division 1, Kendal & District Leagues 1, 2 and 3 or equivalent Leagues cannot play in the South Lakeland Rural Bowling League. After discussion **MOTION AGREED** by 7 votes to 6.
- 16.3. MOTION 3 – from Allithwaite Bowling Club:** An alternative motion, if motion 2 is defeated is to change the rule forbidding the handicapping of players, and vote on motion 3. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**
- 16.4. MOTION 4 from The Chairman** if Motion 2 and motion 3 are defeated; Players to be ranked by reference to which other Leagues they play in. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**
- 16.5. MOTION 5 from Holme Bowling Club):** That the South Lakeland Rural Bowling League be reorganised on the basis of two geographically divided sections perhaps as follows:-

<u>South</u>		<u>North</u>	
Allithwaite	Holme	Bowness	Netherfield
Burton	K Lonsdale	Burneside	Staveley
Endmoor*	Levens*	Crosthwaite	Subscription
Hale	Milnthorpe	Hawkshead	Victoria
Heversham	Sedbergh	Langdale	Windermere

\*Endmoor & Levens withdrew from the League prior to AGM

**MOTION AGREED** in principle. However, the consequence of approval of Motion 2 means some further Clubs may decide to withdraw from the League. It was **AGREED that** it be left to the Executive Officers to decide whether a 2 group format can be used in 2015; this will depend on the number of Clubs left in the League.

**16.6. MOTION 6** from **Secretary**; modification to suggestion in proposal letter from **Holme Bowling Club**. If Motion 5 is passed: 'The top team in each section to play each other Home and Away, off scratch to determine the League Champion.' **MOTION LOST**. There is to be no playoff to decide the League Champion; there will simply be a Winner of the respective groups.

**16.7. MOTION 7** from **Burneside Bowling Club** to amend **note in Rule R5.4 Postponements** R5.4 states. The teams concerned must arrange to play or complete the match or game within 14 days. A note sets out what is to happen if the game is not completed in 14 days which Burneside propose should be deleted

**Delete NOTE** - *If a scheduled match cannot be completed within the 14-days allowed; the match will be recorded as 3 (128) 5 (144) result. This penalises the home team for failure to fulfil their fixture obligations [The aggregate figures shown are derived from the overall averages for 2007] The Match Report submitted by the home team Captain shall show "Match not played – prescribed result 3 (128) 5 (144)"*

**Substitute the following replacement Note** - 'If a scheduled match cannot be played due to a waterlogged green, the home team should offer 2 dates within the stipulated 14 day period. Failure to accept either date by the away team, the match should be awarded to the Home Team 8 - 0.' Suggestions to amend this proposal were made. **MOTION APPROVED** with period to be 28 days. In the event of failure to play the match shall be recorded as 4-4.

**16.8. MOTION 8** from **Chairman/Secretary**. All David Skidmore Competition matches to be played on a neutral green (as outlined in the Consultation Document SLRBL 14.036 dated 17 October 2014 Item 3 and Appendix D circulated to Clubs). To be trialled for Season 2015; trial to be reviewed at the next following AGM. **MOTION LOST**

**16.9. MOTION 9 Proposal** from **Secretary** to change "**THE DAVID SKIDMORE MEMORIAL COMPETITION**" - **INFORMATION & RULES** as regards **Match fees**. Delete present Rule/guidance

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**17. Draw for the 2015 David Skidmore Memorial Competition:** The draw was made.

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**18. Trophy Presentation – Season 2014:** The Chairman presented the **League Cup** to **Kings Arms Hale**.

**19. Any Other Business:**

**19.1. Chairman:** Heversham Bowling Club have a Christmas Coffee morning in their Clubhouse at Leasgill on 29<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 12 noon.

**20. Close of Meeting:** There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

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