

SOUTH LAKELAND RURAL BOWLING LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held 15th November 2018 in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present: In the **Chair Tom Grindey**. Representatives from **Burneside** (J M Benn), **Burton-in-Lonsdale** (Shaun Wilson, Chris Thompson), **Burton-in-Kendal** (David Raynor), **Crosthwaite & Lyth** (George Herd), **Heversham** (Mark Hutchinson), **Holme** (Ian Hayton), **Kirkby Lonsdale** (Monica Dodd, Hilary Whitfield), **Milnthorpe** (Mike Hughes, William Morris), **Netherfield** (Ian Woof), **Sedbergh** (W Lowther) **Staveley** (Jim Garside), **Subscription** (Colin Howarth, Marge Park), **Windermere** (J A Edgar, D I Edgar) (18 delegates representing 13 of the League's 17 clubs) and J D Smith.

- 1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed representatives.
- 2. Remembrance:** A minutes silence was held in remembrance of bowlers who had passed away in the past year. Mentioned by name were Bruce Tyson, Russ Stevenson, Helen Hayton & Fred Walker Heversham, Rod Sayers, Hazel Walwork Milnthorpe, Bert Hitchin, Jean Postlethwaite Burneside.
- 3. To receive apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from **Langdale** (Lynn Smith), **Allithwaite** (Gillian Yates), **Hale** (Brian Taylor) [note Club now to be known as Hale not KA Hale], Tom Baxter, County President and Andy Blackman, Netherfield.
- 4. To receive Chairman's report:** The Chairman invited questions with regard to his report which, had been circulated prior to the meeting; none raised.
- 5. To approve Minutes of previous AGM:** The Minutes of the meeting held 16th November 2017 which, had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read. Proposed by Subscription and seconded by Burneside and **AGREED** that Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from those Minutes:

6.1 Minute item 9 Cumbria County President report: Request from Windermere that clubs be made aware of County wide contractors with certified operators with regard to application of pesticides'. Action from 2016 This, it was believed, had not happened probably because the then County Development Officer, Tom Dennison was no longer in post..

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7. To receive the Secretary's Report: This had been circulated prior to the meeting. Additional points

7.1 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR); these were came into force in May 2018. Advice received from British Crown Green Bowling Association was that consent needed to be sought from Clubs for agreement to hold personal data such as e-mail addresses. Secretary had still to address this. However, he had removed personal Club Contact details from the League web-site because he suspected that no agreement to show this information on the World Wide Web had been sought when the League web site was created.

7.2 Position of Secretary: This time last year he held 2 posts Secretary and Acting Treasurer. Following last years meeting Jim Garside had come forward and kindly offered to take over the Treasurer's role. He was very grateful to Jim for this. He thought the League should have a younger Secretary and would be very happy if someone came forward to take on the role (no one did – so the Secretary would be pleased to hear from any one who might consider taking on the role from 2020)

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8. **To receive Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ending 31st October 2018:** Tabling the accounts the Treasurer reported that a small surplus of £6.96 had been generated compared to £6.16 in the previous year. The balance held in the League Account with the Cumberland Building Society was £471.20.

Agreed: Proposed by Milnthorpe and seconded by Burton in Lonsdale that the accounts be approved

9. **To receive report from Tom Baxter, President of the Cumbria County Crown Green Bowling Association (CCCGBA).** The following message from Tom was read:

Thank you for the invitation to the AGM. Unfortunately due to work commitments and also a well earned rest after a difficult year, I am unable to attend.

The AGM for the County will be held Red River BC, Barrow-in-Furness at 7.00pm on Monday 10th December 2018. All clubs are invited with a voting power of two per club. A welcome will be given to the new President of British Crown Green Bowling Association, Ken Howarth. There will also be a discussion about how to gain more interest into the game and attract new members.

Hope your meeting goes well and to see as many of you at the County AGM.

10. **To elect Executive Officers for 2018** (Rule C6) No nominations had been received
- 10.1 Chairman: Tom Grindey** was willing to serve for a further year and was elected
 - 10.2 Treasurer: Jim Garside** was willing to serve for a further year and was elected.
 - 10.3 Secretary: J D Smith** willing to serve a further year and was re-elected
11. **To appoint 2 representatives to represent the League on the Cumbria County CGBA Committee;** The Secretary said he had endeavoured to represent the League in the absence of appointments being made last year. No volunteers to serve in 2019 so no appointments again made.
12. **To consider making donations to the Cumbria County Ladies CGBA and Cumbria County CGBA Junior Section (Rule C10):** Proposed by Subscription and seconded by Victoria and **AGREED** that donations of £25.00 each be made to Cumbria County Ladies and Cumbria County Juniors respectively, the latter to support County Junior competitions.
13. **To set the League fee for Season and entry fee for the David Skidmore Memorial Competition (Rule C10.2).** The Treasurer recommended that League fee be set at £25 plus £5.00 for the David Skidmore entry fee; Total £30.00. Proposed by Kirkby Lonsdale and Seconded by Netherfield and **AGREED**.
14. **To set the prize money for the David Skidmore Memorial Competition: AGREED:** proposed by that the total prize money remain at £100.00; Winner to receive £50, Runner –up £25.00, loosing Semi Finalists £12.50 each.
15. **To consider Notices of Motion** (Rule C14 Changes to the Constitution or Rules):
- MOTION 1 DAVID SKIDMORE COMPETITION – COMPETITION MATCHES TO BE PLAYED ON NEUTRAL GREENS.** Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Subscription. After discussion the proposal was put to the vote and **AGREED** (For 8, Against 4, 1 Abstention).

The Secretary to contact host clubs to agree dates of extra nights.

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MOTION 2: DAVID SKIDMORE COMPETITION – That All clubs to wherever possible bring along 2 extra people to assist hosting clubs with marking/measuring for their match. Proposed by The Chairman.

A counter proposal by e-mail from Alan Gilpin, Victoria ‘**That rather than starting one match at 7pm and the other at 8pm, both matches start simultaneously**’ was accepted as an **AMENDMENT**. **Reason for proposal:** Means that you get all players there for 7pm from both games and therefore have sufficient players off the green to mark and measure. After discussion the **AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and **AGREED**.

MOTION 3: DAVID SKIDMORE COMPETITION add to Rule DSR-1 words underlined *This ‘knock out ‘doubles’ competition shall only be open to Clubs participating in the SLRBL and for players who have played at least two League games in the current season*. Proposed by the Secretary, seconded by Sedbergh.

An **AMENDMENT** was proposed by Staveley, seconded by Milnthorpe ‘and for players who have played in 50% of the League games in the current season’. A discussion ensued. It was pointed out by some clubs that this would be likely to lead to clubs withdrawing from the competition. The amendment was put to the vote and **AGREED**.

16. **To make the draw for the 2019 David Skidmore Competition.** Langdale had asked not to be included. A draw was made of 16 clubs, with matches allocated for Rounds 1 and Quarter Final on neutral greens.
17. **Presentation by the Chairman of the 2018 League Cup:** The Chairman presented the League Cup to **Crosthwaite and Lyth** to be held jointly with **Burton in Lonsdale**, respective winners of the North and South groups for 6 months each.
18. **Any Other Business:**
 - 18.1 **Chairman:** Heversham Bowling Club have a Christmas Coffee morning in The Athenaeum, Leasgill on Saturday 24th November from 10am to 12 noon.
 - 18.2 **Colin Howarth:** Cumbria CCGBA are to host the **ALL ENGLAND JUNIOR MERIT COMPETITION** at **Netherfield BC** on **Saturday 17th August 2019** and urged all to support this event.
19. **Close the meeting:** There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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