Minutes of the Belper League AGM held on 21st February 2023 at Belper Meadows 7:00pm

1. Apologies - Received from Littleover, South Wingfield and Ray Bonser all other clubs were in attendance except for Aston & Weston.
2. Chairmans Welcome - The Chaiman asked the delegates to stand for a minutes silence to remember those friends and fellow bowlers that we had lost in the past year.
3. Minutes of the last AGM 15th February 2022 – The Secretary apologised for not sending them out to clubs before the meeting (although they were sent out after the meeting last year ) but he explained that if anyone wanted to view them they could do so on the MB website. He asked if the delegates would like him to read them out but this was declined by the meeting.
4. Matters Arising – None.
5. Election of Committee – The Chairman / Secretary asked the present committee members if they were willing to stand again and all said yes with the exception of Ray Bonser who was not in attendance as he had had a fall at home. It was explained that Peter Wheeldon was at present the Chaiman and also the Secretary but it would be better if the two posts were separated and an appeal for a new Chairman fell on ‘deaf ears’. It was then stated that there were two vacancies on the committee and Peter Cooke of Allestree volunteered to join. This means that Chairman / Secretary is Peter Wheeldon, Treasurer is Dave Sanders and the rest of the committee is JohnDavies, Joy Wood, Ray Bonser and Peter Cooke.
6. Election of Delegates to represent Mid-Derbyshire at County Meetings – Neil Pickering and Peter Wheeldon agreed to carry on and this was accepted by the meeting.
7. Appointment of Auditor – Mick Stacey had not been available to audit the books this year but Dave Redfern of Alvaston & Boulton had stepped in and done them.
8. Treasurers Report – Dave Sanders distributed a copy of the accounts and went on to give a précis of them and explained that we had made a very small profit of £6.63.
9. Secretary’s Report – The Secretary said that 2022 had been a difficult year with the extreme weather conditions and also Covid still being present and this resulted in a lot of games being cancelled but hoped that things would be kinder this year. He also went on to say that the new Rules as agreed in the November meeting were on the MB website and he asked people to read them and also print a copy off for their clubhouses. He also said that there was a new copy of the Ladies League result sheet on the website which takes into consideration the changes to the playing format for this year.
10. Honorariums – These were last increased in2018 and the Secretary and Treasurer said they were happy with them.
11. League Fee’s – No changes were proposed.
12. Prize Money - The Treasurer proposed no changes apart from the two new Handicap Cup’s for the Over 55’s which were agreed at the last meeting. He went on to state that we were the only league in the local area who did not contribute to any charity and he thought that this would be a good idea if we did so. Dave proposed prize money for these two cups of – Winners £80 , Runner Up £40 and losing Semi Finalists £20 this would leave circa £160 (depending on number of entries) to donate to charity which would be left to the committee to decide where it would go. This was agreed by the meeting.
13. County Report – This was read out by Neil Pickering – see separate attachment.
14. League Formation – There had been four withdrawals from the leagues this year and three new teams had entered. The secretary reported that Allestree ‘D’ in the Saturday league would be moving to play on the ‘Old’ green this year. The Secretary also read out a list of start / finish times for the various leagues.

* Saturday League – One withdrawal ( Kings Newton) and one new team ( Codnor)

Kings Newton will drop out of Division 3 and Codnor will go into Division 5.

Promotion and Relegation as normal ( 2 up, 2 down) and will give number of teams per Division of 9, 9, 8, 8, 8.

* Over 55’s – No withdrawals or additions. Promotion and Relegation as normal (2up, 2 down)
* Ladies League – Belper Meadows and Chaddesden ‘B’ withdrawn, 2 x new teams entered ( Chellaston and Littleover) and these to go into Division 2. Belper Meadows should have been promoted so to achieve numbers of 6, 6 only relegate 1 team and promote 1 team.
* Wednesday Doubles – Breadsall ‘B’ withdrawn from Division 3 and no new teams. Number of teams per Division 9, 9, 7. The options to stay with this or ‘even’ up the leagues to get to 9, 8, 8 was discusssed . It was decided to have a vote for the options available- either(1) 9, 9, 7 or (2) 9, 8 ,8. There were a further two options to achieve 9, 8, 8 which were to (a) relegate 3 teams from Division 2 or (b) only promote 1 team from Division 3. After voting option (1) received 2 votes . Option 2(a) received 2 votes and option 2(b) received 20 votes. Therefore it would be 2up and 2 down from Division 1 and 2 and only 1 team promoted from Division 3. Number of teams in divisions will be 9, 8, 8.

15. AOB – Paul Stevens of Holbrook thanked the Committee for their hard work which was much appreciated.

Meeting Closed at 7:35pm