Belper and Mid Derbyshire CGBA

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Minutes of the Belper League AGM held on 2othFebruary 2024 at Belper Meadows 7:00pm

1. Apologies - Received from Kings Newton and Chaddesden Park. Absent without an apology Horsley.
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 21st February 2023 – 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 stated that present committee member Peter Cooke had volunteered to be Chairman and was accepted unopposed by the meeting.

Peter Wheeldon said that he was willing to carry on as Secretary and this was accepted. Dave Sanders also agreed to carry on as Treasurer and again was accepted by the meeting. Committee members Neil Pickering and John Davies were asked if they were willing to carry on and both agreed and were accepted by the meeting. At this point the Secretary stated that Joy Wood and Ray Bonser had indicated to him that they both wished to step down from the committee. This left at least two vacancies and nominations or volunteers were asked for but none came forward.

At this point the new Chairman took over the meeting.

1. 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.
2. Appointment of Auditor –Dave Redfern of Alvaston & Boulton had agreed to carry on as auditor and was accepted by the meeting.
3. Treasurers Report – Dave Sanders distributed a copy of the accounts and went on to give a précis of them and that we had made a small profit of £95.15. The Association had made donations of £80 each to the Air Ambulance and Prostate Cancer from the new Over 55’s Charity / Handicap Cups. A question was asked from the floor whether we could lower our League fee’s but this was not thought to be practicable as we needed circa £4k to be able to run the leagues each year and we had just over £5k in the bank which is just over a years trading.
4. Secretary’s Report – The Secretary said that 2023 had been a difficult year with the extreme weather conditions due to the amount of rain we had had and this resulted in a lot of games being cancelled and re-arranged but hoped that things would be kinder this year. He was also pleased to report that 10 new teams had applied to join in the various leagues with only 1 withdrawal.
5. Honorariums – These were last increased in2018 and the Chairman suggested to the meeting that there be an increase of 10% and no further increase for a minimum of 3 years. The meeting accepted the proposal . This would mean that the Secretary would receive £800 and the Treasurer £330. The Secretary and Treasurer both thanked the meeting.
6. League Fee’s – No changes were proposed.
7. Prize Money - No changes were proposed.
8. County Report – This was presented by Neil Pickering who started off by saying that Ian Wallace had resigned as County Registrar and Ed Furniss had agreed to take on this role. He asked the meeting to not send any new player registrations to Ed at the moment as they were setting up a new bank account for this and will advise when it is OK. Derbyshire County will be implementing a new way of sending invoices out and in the future clubs would receive two invoices in the year – one early in the season and one later in the year. The first invoice would be for club affiliation fee’s and the second for player registration fee’s. He also said that any club requiring an Open Competion Certificate should now apply via the County rather than BCGBA direct. He further went on to say that the County Cup will revert to the previous format of playing on neutral greens rather than the home and away basis.
9. League Formation – There had been ten applications for new teams in the various leagues and one withdrawal. There is also a possibility that Chaddesden Park may withdraw one team from the Saturday League and one from the Wednesday Doubles but will not know until the 29th Feb when they have a meeting. The Secretary also read out a list of start / finish times for the various leagues.

* Saturday League – Three new teams ( Kings Newton , Spondon ‘D’ and Ashbourne ‘B’.

Kings Newton will be placed in Division 4 and Spondon ‘D’ and Ashbourne ‘B’ will go into Division 5.

Promotion and Relegation as normal -2 up, 2 down except for Divisions 3 & 4 where only one team will be relegated - and will give number of teams per Division of 9, 8,

9, 9, 9. This may change if Chaddesden Park drop a team.

* Over 55’s – One new team – Aston & Weston ‘B’ who will go into Division 5. Promotion and Relegation as normal (2up, 2 down). This will give teams per Division of 10, 9, 10, 10, 10.
* Ladies League – Two new teams ( Little Eaton and Rykneld) and one withdrawal (Hazelwood from Division 1).

Little Eaton and Rykneld will go into Division 2 and two teams will be promoted from Div 2 but only one team relegated from Div 1. This will give teams per Division of 6 and 6.

* Wednesday Doubles – Four new teams – Derby Co-op, Alvaston & Boulton, Breadsall ‘B’ and Holbrook ‘B’.

Derby Co-op will go into Div 1, A & B into Div 2 and Breadsall ‘B’ and Holbrook ‘B’ into Div 3. Promotion and relegation as normal ( 2 up, 2 down) and this will give teams per division of 9, 9, 10.This may change if Chaddesden Park drop a team.

15. AOB –

* Clarification of new rules.

The Secretary wanted to make sure that everybody understood the new rules voted for at the last meeting regarding the criteria for the number of players who could play twice and for which teams this applies to. These rules will be added into the Association Rules for 2024.

* It was stated that in view of the two Saturday Cup competitions having very few entries year on year – in 2023 one team played in the final without playing a game- it was thought that we should abandon these through lack of interest and there were no objections.
* The two new trophies for the Over 55 Charity / Handicap Cups were presented as they had not been ready at the previous meeting.

Meeting Closed at 7:45pm