



# Coventry & District Bowling League

## **Secretary & Treasurer – Martin Dobson**

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Minutes of League AGM held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 19 - Newdigate Club at 7.15 pm

### **1. Absent Friends**

- John Kelly – Griff & Coton
- John Daniels – Attleborough
- Fred Summers – Coventry Colliery
- Mick Williams - Wagon

### **2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM**

- Minutes had been approved by Stoke Coventry & Attleborough.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- None

### **4. Secretary/Treasurers Report (Martin Dobson)**

- Secretary had stated that he had now competed 4 years in the role and whilst at times the job is frustrating it has generally been enjoyable.
- Secretary also stated that he is prepared to continue for another 12 months if selected.
- Secretary paid thanks to his fellow committee members for their help and support over the last 12 months, thanks were also given to all Clubs as there had been very few issues to resolve through the season.
- A number of new Secretaries have been identified for the coming season, these are listed as follows – all contact information will be sent to each Club.
  - Coundon – Frazer Cameron
  - Newdigate – Ann Lindon
  - Old Coventrians – Emilie Jones
- The Secretary welcomed the inclusion of the Coventry Sunday League to the meeting and the also Match Secretary Ray Coles.
- The final financial transfer has still to be completed from the Sunday League – it is expected that the transfer value will be around £100.
- With the inclusion of Sunday League we now have an additional 2 Clubs that will be represented – Coronation & Wyken.

- The League has been advised by the current Webmaster that he wishes to resign with immediate effect, this is very disappointing however the League thank the Webmaster for his support over a number of years.
- Mick Proctor has been discussing the way forward with respect to web results and has been in discussion Mike Becket at Bowls Results – Mick had provided a brief summary and this has been attached to these minutes.
- The Secretary has sent out a listing of all Club contacts for verification, please review and return ASAP.
- Email addresses have been requested for Attleborough, Herberts & Wilnecote.
- The meeting was reminded of the North Midlands AGM taking place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February at Newdigate – 10 am start.

**5. Saturday League Match Secretary's Report (Mick Proctor)**

- Report attached.

**6. Midweek League Match Secretary's Report (Dave Haywood)**

- Report attached.

**7. Thursday League Match Secretary's Report (Dave Haywood)**

- Report attached.

**8. Sunday League Match Secretary's Report (Ray Coles)**

- Ray reported that for 2019 Season there would be the same number of Clubs as 2018 – 2 teams promoted and 2 relegated.
- Ray reminded Clubs the Sunday League will now abide by the rules of the Coventry & District League.

**9. Competition Secretary's Report (Len Peach)**

- Competition secretary has urged Clubs to promote competitions within 2019, with dwindling numbers in Jack Hughes and the non-running of the Peter Merchant we need to increase completion entries.
- The League has indicated that they will sponsor the Jack Hughes & Mixed Pairs in 2019 by £50 each to try and increase entries.
- Len thanked all players whom did enter competitions and despite some low numbers there were some very competitive matches.

**10. Treasurers Report (Martin Dobson)**

- Balance Sheets for 2018 had been sent to all Clubs prior to the meeting.
- The current League finances stand at £13,932.60.
- The balance sheet had been completed in early January 2019 and presented to Dave Hyde for review.
- The Treasurer reported that there were no issues with the books and the figures balanced 100%.
- Following review the 2018 balance sheet was approved by Dave Hyde.
- There was an overall turnover of £26,264.80 for 2018 slightly down on 2017.
- The loss over 2018 was £1,059.85, significantly down from the £293.02 loss in 2017.

**11. Report on the Balance Sheet and Accounts (Dave Hyde)**

- Dave reported he had full access to all records and attached is a summary of his findings.

**12. Adoption of Report and Balance**

- The accounts were accepted unanimously (Brian Pearson & Rob Ebbelwhite)

**13. League Fees for 2019 Season (as per Rule 7)**

- With continued losses over the last two seasons the Treasure proposed an increase of £5 per team registration fees – this increases from £5 to £10 for the 2019 season.
- This was seconded by Rob Ebbelwhite and Bob Young.

**14. Honorariums for 2018 (No change from 2018)**

- Secretary Treasure £1,750
- Saturday Match Secretary £750
- Mid-week Match Secretary £750
- Thursday Match Secretary £750
- Competition Secretary £750
- Accounts Inspector £120
- Web Master £250
- North Midlands Delegate Fee £10 per meeting.

**15. Election of Officers for 2019.**

The meeting proceed to the election of officers for 2019 – the following were elected unopposed.

- President – Bob Moss
- Deputy President – TBA
- Secretary/Treasurer – Martin Dobson
- Midweek/Thursday Match Secretary – Dave Haywood
- Saturday Match Secretary – Mick Proctor
- Competition Secretary – Len Peach
- Delegates NMCGBA – Martin Dobson & Dave Hyde
- Trustees – Claude Reid, Bob Young, Martin Dobson
- Auditor – Dave Hyde

**16. Vote of Thanks – Phil Brown (Baddersley)**

**17. Roll Call - Missing**

- Weddington
- Coronation

**Next meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Newdigate Club at 7-15 pm**

*Coventry & District Mid-Week / Thursday*  
*Bowling League*  
Match Secretary  
D Hayward

Annual General Meeting 11 February 2019

Good Evening Gentlemen

2018 was a relatively smooth season with all games being played in both the Midweek and Thursday leagues. Unfortunately we lost one team in division 5 of the Thursday league in the first weeks of the season (Newdigate 'B')

Beginning with the Midweek leagues.

As far as the league tables went in Premier 1 it was the same as with Haunchwood A retaining their crown winning the league with a bit to spare from Newdigate A. Something a bit special is happening as far as the averages are concerned in Premier 1. Darren Plenderlieth (Newdigate A) has now won the averages four years on the spin. In that time Darren has only missed one game. He has played 71 games and lost only 4 this record has been achieved against some of our counties finest. Congratulations to Darren.

Premier 2 was a tight affair with Wilnecote and Lime Tree A fighting it out for top spot. They finished level on points with Wilnecote claiming top spot on shots. Wilnecote have now gained four promotions on the trot securing them a place in the top flight. It was Anton Davis (Foleshill Gas A) who won the averages from the evergreen Ant Wood (Kenilworth A)

In division 1 Coventry Colliery A gained promotion to Premier 2 overcoming Walsgrave B who narrowly edged out Potters Green B on shots. End of an era for Coventry Colliery who are moving from where they have bowled for many a year. They will have to get to terms with their new green as well as promotion. Rich Louth Cov Colliery was their top player and claimed top spot in the averages from Jim Phillips (Copsewood B)

In Division 2 Haunchwood C ran away with the league going unbeaten throughout the season winning the league by a massive 35 points from Walsgrave C. Not surprisingly it was a Haunchwood player (Stuart Harrie) who topped the averages from Matt Allen (Phoenix Foxes)

Division 3 was won by a consistent Newdigate C who pushed Lime Tree B into the runners up spot Lime Tree having won more games than the champions. Dave Thompson had a great season for Herberts becoming the average winner from Stu Gilchrist (Newdigate C)

Division 4 Arguably the most difficult division to bowl in where some of the teams in that division regularly play with six players or even less, play the fewest amount of games, but still fulfil their fixtures. Hats off to those teams. It was Coundon C that won the league quite comfortably from Albany B. Old Coventrians who only just missed out on promotion did have the average winner with Chris Reeve coming out on top from Sam Bradley (Coundon C)

Moving on to the Thursday league. Division 1 saw Stockingford come out on top for the second year running. Stockingford have an amazing record in this division having finished in the top two for the last 5 years winning the division 3 times. It was BBC (A) who ran them the closest on this occasion Bedworth's Steve Pratt winning the averages from Alan Belcher (Stockingford)

With the history that Stockingford have it was very sad to learn yesterday that they are withdrawing their team in the Thursday League for this season. I will come back to this subject at the end of my report

Division 2 saw Attleborough the 'Yo-Yo' team are back in the top division winning the division comfortably. Let's hope they can stay up this season. Taking second spot was Newdigate 'A' Michael Warrington (Attleborough) winning the averages from Ken Weslake (BBC B)

In Division 3 a strong Coventry Colliery won the league by an impressive 20 points seeing off Standard who were runners up. Good luck to Coventry Colliery in division 2 as they move to their new green. I said earlier that Dave Thompson (Herberts) had had a good season in the Mid-Week league he continued his good form on a Thursday coming out top of the averages on a Thursday as well from Rich Louth (Coventry Colliery 'A')

Division 4 A strengthening Lime Tree won the division from Stoke Cov B who both gain promotion. Leon Blakey (Potters Green) won the averages from Matthew Gibbon (Weddington)

In division 5 Lime Tree are showing their 'Club' strength winning the division from Coundon C who shaded out Standard 'B' on shots. Sam Bradley (Coundon) winning the averages from Barry Quirke (Standard)

Sadly year on year division 5 has been dwindling in numbers. Consequently players in this division are only playing 12 games. They are entitled for more! Historically a team will drop out before the season starts. In all probability this will impact on division 5 leaving them with even less games to play. This is unacceptable! Therefore we have somewhat reluctantly decided to go down to 4 divisions giving all bowlers a similar number of games.

The fixtures for 2019 have been completed and went 'Live' on the website on Friday We learned only yesterday that Stockingford who play in division 1 of the Thursday League were dropping out of the league altogether. In normal circumstances if a team drops out at a late stage that position would become a bye. That is the easy option.

A team dropping out of division 1 'Snowballs' down the divisions. We now have 40 teams and ideally we are now looking at having 4 divisions of 10. Sounds simple but this affects the Midweek league also as it will bring up 'clashes' With your agreement I suggest that the fixtures are looked at again to see if there is any way in which we can improve the situation. Moving forward if it is possible to sort the situation without too much anguish that will be done and reported to you at the March meeting. Any team that drops out from now to the start of the season their position will become a bye.

That ends my report

Dave Hayward



# COVENTRY & DISTRICT AGM 2019

11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Good evening,

Not too much to report as we head in to the 2019 season.

Once again congratulations to those who were successful in 2018 be it as a team or on an individual basis. Nothing is given to you so your awards are well earned.

In 2019 we are bucking the trend and we have added 2 more teams to the Saturday league. as a result of this division 4 will have 11 teams as opposed to 10 in divisions 1-3 and they will therefore start 2 weeks earlier and finish 2 weeks later.

My concern is that Easter falls awkwardly this year and division 4 will be playing their 2nd fixture on Easter Saturday. I hope that teams can work with this and get us off to good start to the season.

The fixtures are live on the website for you all to view and make your arrangements for the forthcoming season. Div 1 to 3 27<sup>th</sup> April Div 4 13<sup>th</sup> April

I will be willing to stand next season contrary to my comments a few meetings ago. For me the amendment to rule 10 ensuring that teams come up with a date to play rearranged fixtures before they can be cancelled was a positive move and clubs can no longer moan that they are having to go out with a weakened team just because they tried to help someone else. As ever communication is key and this starts within your own clubs. It is difficult enough being a captain without team members giving you next to no notice that they are unavailable for a forthcoming fixture.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the 2019 season.

Regards

Mick

## Div 1

ATH CONS A  
ATH GROVE A  
ATTLEBOROUGH A  
BBC A  
BULKINGTON A  
COUNDON A  
DUNLOP A  
FOLESHILL GAS  
GRIFF A  
HAUNCHWOOD A

## Div 2

ALVIS A  
BBC B  
COPESWOOD  
COX COLLIERY  
HAUNCHWOOD B  
LIME TREE A  
NEWDIGATE A  
ST COVENTRY A  
WALS GRAVE  
WINDMILL

## Div 3

ATH CONS B  
ATH GROVE B  
BED EX A  
BULKINGTON B  
COUNDON B  
DUNLOP B  
KENILWORTH  
PHOENIX  
POTTERS GREEN  
STANDARD A

## Div 4

ALVIS B  
ATTLEBOROUGH B  
BBC C  
BED EX B  
GRIFF B  
GRIFF C  
LIME TREE B  
NEWDIGATE B  
OLD COVENTRIANS  
STANDARD B  
ST COVENTRY B

## COVENTRY & DISTRICT AGM 2019

Web Report.

Since the Rules Revision meeting in December our web master has resigned. The website is something that was being looked into due to its lack of impact into our league.

We wish to change away from the Coventry & District website and expand on the Mike Beckett Bowling Results site that we currently use to display our results & league tables.

What we plan to do is put all of our leagues into one main button. From this you will be able to see the leagues as they are currently displayed plus other information that you may find useful.

The biggest advantage to this is communication to our members. Currently information is transferred from these meetings through you the delegates and let's be honest on the whole that does not happen for a variety of reasons.

In the new format all current news will be the first thing that anyone viewing the site will see. They cannot go on to view the latest status of tables for example without first viewing that first page.

Additionally, we can put the minutes of our meetings on there, notices of motion for the next rules revision meeting, Coventry & District league rules, names and contact details of our officials. In time we can add a roll of honour tab. We can add a calendar for competitions, blank match sheets, new member forms and we could even have a tab for BCGBA & County news... for those that are interested.

An example of what we wish to achieve can be found on [bowlingresults.co.uk/southderbyshire/](http://bowlingresults.co.uk/southderbyshire/)

We hope to have this up and running in the next week or so in plenty of time for the start of the new season.

Regards

The Committee

## AUDIT REPORT ON DISTRICT LEAGUE BALANCE SHEET 2018

Members of Management Committee and fellow delegates

I had full access to all the leagues paperwork and I am satisfied that the accounts before you are a true record of the league financial activities during the year. Based on information provided I am happy that all clubs have been correctly charged for league and competition commitments.

The books were well maintained and fully balanced with a couple of small errors which have been adjusted for. I would to thank the treasurer for his assistance during the course of this audit and all questions were answered to my satisfaction. The main reasons for the increase in loss is primarily due to 4 factors namely a reduction in registrations in all leagues but primarily on the Midweek and Saturday leagues, a reduction in the attendance at the prize presentation from 214 down to 155 and also the paying out of prize money re the uncompleted Jack Hughes 2016 competition and additional honorariums.

Without adjusting fees it would seem likely that a loss will again be incurred next year but I feel that given the Leagues healthy financial situation we can leave the question of price increases to next year to see whether the situation has improved re registrations, presentation attendance etc. The treasurer may have his own views on this question.

Gentlemen. This concludes my report and would recommend these accounts for your approval.

Dave Hyde . Accounts inspector for District League 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

*Dave Hyde*