



Coventry & District Bowling League

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Minutes of League Meeting held on Mon 2nd October 2023 - Newdigate Club at 7.15 pm

1. Absent Friends

- William (Bill) Petty – Bedworth Ex-service
- Terry Dewis – Griff & Coton

Secretary/Treasurers Report (Martin Dobson)

- The Treasurer reported the financial status as £7681.40
- Presentation Evening will take place on Saturday 4th November at Newdigate Sports & Social Club.
- The support for the presentation evening has been outstanding and we now have a reserve list.
- Clubs who have been allocated Complimentary tickets need to confirm they will use these tickets as they could be re distributed.
- Numbers are tight at present as currently oversubscribed but the Secretary is working with the Newdigate Club to confirm numbers.
- Payment requested for all reserved tickets by 20th October or these will be redistributed to the reserve list.
- There will be no entry without a ticket.
- We will be presenting all trophies on the evening and cash payments for all Merit & Average winners – all League prizes will be paid directly to each Club but not on the presentation night (takes too long)
- Clubs are requested to be seated by 7 pm, bar will closed at 11.30 pm.
- Trophies – these should have been returned to the Secretary by tonight's meeting, however for those that are missing have until Wednesday 4th October or will receive a fine as per the Leagues agreement (£10)
- League Bills, these are all formatted and the bills will be produced this week, Clubs will be allowed 30 days to make payment, however it is requested that these please be paid by the end of September.
- The next meeting is the Rules Revision and League formation meeting on Monday 4th December, any Club wishing to submit a proposed change to the current rules should have them submitted to me by no later than Friday 3rd November 2023.

2. Match Secretary's Report (Damon Naile)

- Damon thanked all Clubs for the timely update of the results web site for the season.
- Damon congratulated all Clubs whom have won the League and all players whom have been successful in the individual averages.
- A number of fines has been identified through the season these have been provided to the Treasurer whom will include in the Bills.
- It was stated that there has been some unsavoury incidents this season which need to be managed better by clubs & players "if you can't say anything nice don't say anything"
- Damon confirmed that he will be standing down as Match Secretary after this meeting, a number of reason behind this but primarily that he is based in Birmingham is a W&W player and has 2 hour round trip to support any meetings etc.
- Damon confirmed that he would support the League in the short term until a replacement can be found, this can be combined with the work that Damon supports with Bowling results.
- Both the Coventry & District President and Secretary thanked Damon for his support over the years and wished him well for the future.

3. Competition Secretary's Report (Len Peach)

- Len provided a summary of all the League competitions that have been completed this season and congratulated all Winners.
- The Secretary made a comment that 3 Competitions has been sponsored by the League to try and encourage entries – unfortunately some of the entries had disappointed numbers.

4. North Midlands Report (Dan Peach)

- Dan Peach provided an update of North Midland Issue.
- Pitch Strategy – Kenilworth will be contact directly to discuss this subject
- Social Prescribing, Dan has met with the representatives and if Clubs can confirm they can support this activity by offering social bowling sessions then Clubs could receive support.
- Calendar of events – it has been agreed that going forward a full list of Calendar events will be pulled together by all North Midlands Leagues & Competitions – this will be available to support the 2024 season.
- Copsewood & Haunchwood will representing North Midlands in the World Championship qualifier on Sunday 8th October.
- All North Midlands Bills will be released this week
- Amalgamation Discussion – a white paper has now been prepared to support these discussions – the intention is that this will be sent to Clubs in the next few days with a meeting to be held on 6th November to answer any questions or concerns before this goes in the vote procedure within the respective Leagues.
- All Clubs are urged to discuss the details within their Clubs and ensure that questions are presented.
- Again it was stated that this is a step forward in securing a better future for the North Midlands hopefully both on & off the Green.

5. **AOB**

- None

6. **Roll Call - Missing**

- Weddington, Herberts, Wilnecote

Next meeting – Monday 4th December 2023

Rules Revision & League Formation

Newdigate at 7-15