



# Coventry & District Bowling League

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

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Minutes of League AGM held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 23 - Newdigate Club at 7.15 pm

### **1. Absent Friends**

- Kit Kitlinski – BBC, Walsgrave
- Lol Cole - Bulkington

### **2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM**

- Minutes of 2022 AGM where approved unanimously by vote.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- None

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

- Secretary had stated that he had now competed 8 years in the role and whilst at times the job is frustrating it has generally been enjoyable and declared that he was prepared to stand for another year.
- The League Welcomes Wagon Load Lime to the Saturday League.
- Lime Tree advise new Secretary – Max Jefferson.
- The Secretary reminded Clubs that if they run any open Competitions they need to obtain an Open Certificate from BCGBA – this will be requested through North Midlands Secretary, Dan Peach from North Midlands has recently sent out a copy of the form. Clubs should also note that Open Competitions cannot be played on any scheduled League fixture date as per the Coventry & District and North Midlands Rules – if you have any questions PLEASE ASK !
- Disappointingly we did not run the combined Coventry & District and North Midlands end of season Presentation this year, with only 100 players from the 900 who had played in the season where interested – this is not enough to run a function.
- The League has been approach by the Coventry & District Ladies League to run a combined function for 2023 – this will be considered if logistically possible.
- The subject of Clubs providing refreshments after both Mid-Week & Thursday League matches was discussed, whilst most clubs had re-introduced refreshments in 2022 a number of Clubs had decided against this, the Committee are recommending a return to all Clubs providing refreshments Clubs need to confirm what approach they would like to take – Secretary will contact all Clubs to ascertain their decision.

- Return of Trophies – Clubs are responsible for returning trophies by the October League Management meeting – over the last few years some trophies have been returned late or not at all, this is unfair to the Clubs and players whom would receive the newly engraved Trophy at the Presentation evening. It was proposed by the Management Committee that if Trophies are not returned by the October meeting then Clubs will be fined £10 per month until they are returned – this was unanimously accepted by the meeting delegates.

#### **5. Match Secretary's Report (Damon Naile)**

- Congratulations to all the winning Clubs last year, and thank you to all those Captains and Secretaries who ensured, that the season was completed.
- The Match Secretary reminded all Clubs to ensure that all Club Jacks are checked and re-dated where necessary – it was noted that during 2022 season a number of Clubs had been using out of date Jacks.
- Following the December Rules and Revision and formation meeting a number of Clubs had advised of Changes to their League Structure.
- Walsgrave & Stockingford had advised they would be withdrawing from the Sunday League.
- Baddesley had informed the League during the meeting their intention to withdraw their team from the Mid-week League – this unfortunately resulted in Premier 2 now fielding 9 Teams.
- Griff & Coton had requested entry of an additional team in the Saturday League.
- The AGM decided on the following League formation for 2023.
  - Midweek – 10, 9, 8, 8, 8, 8
  - Thursday – 10, 8, 8, 8, 8
  - Saturday – 10, 9, 9, 9
  - Sunday – 8, 8
- All League fixtures are now live on [bowlsresults.co.uk](https://bowlsresults.co.uk)

#### **6. Competition Secretary's Report (Len Peach)**

- The Competition Secretary declared the intention to run a full suite of Competitions for 2023, the proposed dates are as below:  
 CARTER CUP – ROUND 1 SUNDAY 30 APRIL  
 BRANDISH ROUND 1 18 & 20 APRIL  
 TH MERIT PRELIM 18 MAY  
 MW MERIT PRELIM 24 MAY  
 PETER MERCHANT 18 JUNE \*\*\*  
 MW/TH MERIT FINAL 28/29 JUNE  
 SAT MERIT 8 JULY  
 SUND MERIT 30 JULY  
 JUB PAIRS 11 AUG \*\*\*  
 J HUGHES 27 AUG \*\*\*  
 SUNDAY PAIRS 10 SEPS  
 MX PAIRS 17 SEPT
- The Treasurer also advised that the League would be sponsoring 3 competitions for 2023 at £75 each, these are as marked above \*\*\*.
- All Competition entry forms will be sent to Club Secretaries.

## **7. Treasurers Report (Martin Dobson)**

- The current League finances stand at £13,463.92.
- All Clubs have been paid their Prize money for 2022.
- Balance Sheets for 2022 had been completed and submitted to Auditor, subsequently these have been approved & a copy sent to all Clubs prior to the meeting.
- Whilst the Auditor approved the Balance sheet a minor issue was identified which will be reverted in the 2023 accounts.
- It was identified that a number of small errors had been noted with the Registration charges, 7 Clubs were undercharged and 1 overcharged on the Balance sheet totalling £12.25, it was agreed with the auditor that these would be wiped out and not rectified on the 2022 Balance Sheet.
- There was a discrepancy in the Prize Fund as Newdigate were undercharged by £18 & Lime Tree overcharged by £18, the error was identified in the spreadsheet relating to the allocation of a Mid-week Team, this will be reverted within the 2023 accounts and agreed by the Auditor.
- For 2022 the League only Billed Clubs in October, the intention would be to keep this the same going forward (i.e. no May Bills)
- Two questions had been raised by Bedworth Ex relating to the Finances:
  - 1.) Could you explain the increases in fines for 2022 ?

The Treasurer had advised that fines had gone up from £10 in 2021 to £142 in 2022, the honest answer is that the League had not been implementing fines fully in accordance with League rules, more due diligence by the committee in 2022 has now rectified this oversight and fines implemented as per the League Rules – all Clubs that received fines had paid them accordingly.

2.) Could some of the Money in the current account be used for future Junior Development?

Junior Development is run through the North Midlands Committee via the Development Officer, Coventry & District League as a member of the North Midlands County will support any development of Juniors as deemed necessary by the North Midlands Committee.

## **8. Report on the Balance Sheet and Accounts (Matt Allen)**

- I have been provided with full access to the financial paperwork and records of the Coventry and District League. Having reviewed all of this information, and been provided with answers to any questions I had, by Martin, I am happy that the accounts presented show a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation at 31st December 2022.
- All income and expenses were reviewed in detail and no major problems were recognised. I did find some small errors on registration numbers charged to clubs but as the clubs have actually underpaid and the total error is only around £12 I have discussed with the treasurer and we have agreed that no adjustment is necessary. There was also a small error in the invoices issued to Lime Tree and Newdigate which contra with each other. There is no error in the accounts and amounts will be resolved between the treasurer and clubs involved.

- Overall I believe the accounts are very healthy and show a small profit which is ideal for an organisation of this type. The profit is lower than last year but the accounts for the previous year were heavily impacted by the lack of honoraria as a result of the covid impact in 2020. I do not feel that any major changes to charges are necessary.
- It is also pleasing to see general increases in both teams and players registered. This is very promising for the future of the game and league. Let's hope to see this continue in the coming year.
- Finally I would like to thank Martin for his work throughout the year and support provided during the audit. The records provided are very well kept and accounts were prepared to a high standard. I would therefore recommend acceptance of the accounts by the delegates representing their clubs here tonight. I had full access to the leagues financial paperwork and I am satisfied that these.

## **9. Adoption of Report and Balance**

- The accounts were accepted unanimously by the room.
- Proposed – Bob Young (Dunlop)
- Seconded – Trevor Pettifier (Baddesley)

## **10. League Fees for 2022 Season (as per Rule B2)**

- The Treasurer has proposed the following changes for the 2023 Season.
- League Prize Fund will increase from £1.50 to £2.00, thus generating an increased Prize Fund for League and average winners.
- The following competition entry fees will be increased
  - Thursday Merit £5 (was £4)
  - Midweek Merit £5 (was £4)
  - Saturday Merit £5 (was £4)
  - Peter Merchant £5 (was £4)
- All the above increases were unanimously accepted by the delegates.
- All other League Fees remain unchanged from 2022.
- As reported above the Treasurer also advised that the League would be sponsoring 3 competitions for 2023 at £75 each, Peter Merchant, Jubilee Pairs, Jack Hughes.

## **11. Honorariums for 2022**

- Secretary Treasure £2,500
- Saturday Match Secretary £450
- Mid-week Match Secretary £650
- Thursday Match Secretary £450
- Sunday Match Secretary £200
- Competition Secretary £300 (4 x £75 comps)
- Accounts Inspector £150.
- North Midlands Delegate Fee £12 per meeting.

## **12. Election of Officers for 2022.**

The meeting proceed to the election of officers for 2023 – the following were elected unopposed.

- President – Bob Moss
- Deputy President – Bob Young (post meeting agreement)
- Secretary/Treasurer – Martin Dobson
- Midweek/Thursday Match Secretary – Damon Naile
- Saturday Match Secretary – Damon Naile
- Sunday Match Secretary – Damon Naile
- Competition Secretary – Len Peach
- Delegates NMCGBA – Martin Dobson & Bob Moss
- Trustees – Bob Moss, Bob Young, Martin Dobson
- Auditor – Matt Allen

## **13. Vote of Thanks – Keith Masters (Newdigate)**

## **14. Roll Call – All Clubs Present**

**Next meeting – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Newdigate Club at 7-15 pm**