



Coventry & District Bowling League

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**Minutes of Rules Revision & Formation Meeting - Monday 9th December 2019
Newdigate Club at 7.15 pm**

1. Absent Friends

- Eric Williams (Dunlop)

2. Minutes of the 2018 Rules Revision & Formation Meeting

- Unanimously accepted by all delegates.

3. Matters Arising

- None

4. Secretary/Treasurers Report

- During the last few meetings we had discussed the resignations of both Dave Hayward & Mick Proctor and had opened up the position to all Clubs as the new match secretary will need to be in place to work with both Dave and Mick to ensure a smooth transition.
- We had one person put his name forward – Damon Naile whom will now take ownership of both Saturday & Midweek match secretary roles – welcome on board Damon and good luck.
- Ray Coles continues as Sunday Match Secretary.
- Current League finances stand at £13,860.49.

5. North Midlands Report

- Dave Hyde provided a brief overview of the November meeting, a copy of minutes are attached.

6. Notice of Motions – as per Rule 4 – for alteration to League Rules

- The following list of notice of motions had been provided to all Clubs - the results of the voting are listed below, all carried motions will be introduced into the 2020 rules.

Rule 9

• Proposer – BBC & Old Coventrians

- Bedworth bowling Club & Old Coventrians wish to propose a change of rule.
- Rule 9 where it says a team shall consist of 12 players, Delete 12 insert 10.

Proposal Defeated 12 in favour & 25 against

Rule 9

• Proposer - Walsgrave

- Delete - "In Saturday League matches a team shall consist of 12 players" and replace with "In Saturday League Matches teams will play 8 single games and 4 double games".....(if carried rule 9 will require amending)

• Background

Teams have regularly struggled to consistently get 12 players out on a Saturday, this proposal of playing 8 singles and 4 doubles still results in 12 matches, however Clubs have the option to play with either 8 or 16 players within their Saturday team. It may also give Clubs the option to submit more teams.

Proposal defeated unanimously – only 5 in favour

Rule 10

1. Proposer - Walsgrave

Delete Rule as written and replace....."All matches must be played on or before the date in the handbook. The exceptions being if the green is unplayable or through exceptional circumstances with full agreement from the League Management Committee. If postponement of all or any part of a match is necessary due to green being unplayable, teams must agree and must complete the fixture within 28 days of the original date or within seven days following the end of the season for any matches cancelled during the last 4 weeks of the season. Should fixtures not be played as scheduled within the handbook then the NON-OFFENDING TEAM must send in a match sheet to the match secretary explaining why the match has not been completed. The non-offending team will then be awarded appropriate points by the League Committee and their players given scores of 21-11 at home and 21-15 away.

A re-occurrence in the same season may result in a team being expelled from the League. Coventry & District League matches shall take precedence over all Cup competitions and any outside League matches. Clubs with more than one green must inform the League by the formation meeting which green is being used throughout the season by each of their teams.”.

Proposal was accepted 27 in favour & 15 against

Rule 11

1. Proposer - Albany

- **Rule Revision Motion:** Cov & District Thursday league **Proposer:** Albany [SEP]

- **Proposal**

Change rule 11 to change the words "MALE only for the Mid-Week leagues" to "male only for the Premier/Mid-Week league". [SEP]

New rule to read "All players must be separately registered by name and BCGBA number for each league (male only for Premier/Mid-week league), and may not be registered by more than one club for the same league. [Continues unchanged]" [SEP]

- **Background:**

The Thursday league has shrunk dramatically over the last decade (by a third; only Sunday fairs worse). Without protecting existing teams and encouraging new teams the Thursday League is likely to shrink to three divisions within five years. We enjoy playing in this league and we want it to be strong and vibrant.

Warwick & Worcester, operate only mixed gender leagues and this has had no detrimental effect on the standard of bowling. The change has increased membership, revenue, protected existing 'B' sides and also increased the number of teams.

Albany believe we should not divide players based on gender, but allow them to compete based on ability. However we recognise that there is a strong feeling that at least one league should be gender restricted. Therefore our proposal is that only the Thursday league is changed.

Proposal Defeated 13 in favour & 18 against

Rule 11

2. Rule Revision Motion: Sunday league

Proposer: Albany

- **Proposal**

Change rule 2 to delete the words "(male only)". New rule to read.

All players must be separately registered by name and B.C.G.B.A. number to the League and may not be registered by more than one club. All registrations must be in the hands of the match secretary 7 days before playing a match. Players may only play for one club and no player may play for more than one team on the same fixture date."

- **Background**

Since 2000, across all the North Midlands league, the Sunday League has struggled to maintain team numbers and has seen by far the largest decline (nearly 50%). We must protect existing teams and encourage new teams or else the Sunday League could become unviable in the next few years. We enjoy playing in this league and we want the Sunday League to be successful.

- By allowing all to play equally in the league, the following benefits will be brought to all our clubs:
- It will improve our chances to be able to maintain existing teams and field additional teams
- Our women bowlers would be able to play more often
- Allow couples and families to compete in Sunday matches and boost junior membership
- The inclusive nature will have a positive benefit

Proposal was accepted 9 in favour & 6 against

Rule 11

3. Proposer: Management Committee

- **Proposal**

For clarification purposes add in "Thursdays" into the paragraph..... All players must be separately registered by name and B.C.G.B.A number for both Saturday, Mid-Week, Thursday and Sunday Leagues – same applies to Rule 14

Proposal accepted unanimously

Rule 12

1. Proposer - Walsgrave

Delete "No transfers in the last 4 weeks of the season", replace with. "No player transfers or players not North Midland affiliated shall be signed within the last 4 weeks of the season, however players that are newly BCGBA affiliated can sign during this period.

Proposal accepted unanimously

7. Applications for admission to the League

- No formal confirmation has been received by Clubs but with the acceptance of Ladies within the Sunday League, Albany, Coundon & Old Coventrians will confirm by end of the year their intention of putting teams into the Sunday League.
- Weddington had previously indicated that they would be interested in entering a team in the Saturday League – as there was no representation at the meeting Martin Dobson will contact Weddington direct.

8. Applications for Withdrawal from the League

- Foleshill Gas confirmed they will be pulling out a Sunday team.
- BBC confirmed they will be pulling out their Saturday "C" team.

9. Formation of the Mid-Week & Premier League for the 2020 Season

- Dave Hayward has confirmed the provisional league structure for 2020 a copy of which is attached.

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12. Formation of the Saturday League for the 2020 Season

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13. Formation of the Saturday League for the 2020 Season

- Ray Coles confirmed that Foleshill Gas will withdraw a team on Sunday and also acknowledges that with a change to the rule to open the league for ladies that clubs such as Coundon, Old Coverts & Albany are likely to submit teams – Clubs are requested to inform Ray by the end of 2019.

14. AOB

- None

15. Roll Call

- Coventry Colliery, Pheonix Fox & Weddington where not present.

**Next meeting – Monday 11th February 2019 - AGM at
Newdigate Club at 7-15 pm**

County Meeting at Foleshill Gas on 8th December 2019

Present Phil Brown, Danny Peach, Len Peach ,Dave Chapman, Mick Proctor, Dave Hyde and Martin Dobson.

Appeal received from a club in membership of the Coventry League. Appeal committee will consider when club pays appropriate fee to County Secretary.

Finance. Present bank balance £15736.56 as at this morning . Cheques not yet banked £691.50. Outstanding November bills £610 for 8 clubs. All overdue bills paid. Will send out reminders on Tuesday re outstanding accounts . Intend to give out receipts to all clubs who have paid by cheque or cash at District meeting tomorrow night and to send emails to all that have paid by direct payment also on Tuesday.

Discussion on 2020 Handbook production.

Amalgamation of Ladies Counties BCGBA intention..

2020 County fees .

2020 AGM probably at Newdigate date and venue to be confirmed. No notices of motion received.

Looking at working closer with Leagues in the County. Officer turnover. Meeting to be held next year.

Considered rule revision items from BCGBA

Decision on County attendees for BCGBA AGM on 18th January 2020.

Discussion on Junior Bowls both Nationally and Locally. Proposed eligibility date change and also replacement needed for our retiring Junior Secretary Dave Chapman. Understand some interest shown but no applications received by County as yet.

MIDLAND MASTERS - NORTH MIDLANDS 2020

MID-WEEK 2020 PROPOSED FORMATION

Premier Division 1	Division 2
Haunchwood 'A'	Walsgrave 'C'
Atherstone Cons 'A'	Foleshill Gas 'B'
Copsewood 'A'	Lime Tree 'B'
Haunchwood 'B'	Bulkington 'B'
Newdigate 'A'	Standard 'A'
Coundon 'A'	Potters Green 'B'
BBC 'A'	Phoenix Foxes
Walsgrave 'A'	Griff & Coton
Baddeley	Herberts 'A'
Foleshill Gas 'A'	
Premier Division 2	Division 3
Wilnecote	Dunlop 'B'
Lime Tree 'A'	Newdigate 'C'
Dunlop 'A'	Stoke Cov 'B'
Stoke Cov 'A'	Albany 'A'
Ye Olde Knowle	Dunlop 'C'
Walsgrave 'B'	Bulkington 'C'
Kenilworth 'A'	Kenilworth 'B'
Bulkington 'A'	Cov Colliery 'B'
Newdigate 'B'	Alvis 'B'
Atherstone Cons 'B'	
Division 1	Division 4
BBC 'B'	Bedworth Ex-Service
Cov Colliery 'A'	Coundon 'C'
Haunchwood 'C'	Old Coventrians
Copsewood 'B'	Walsgrave 'D'
Coundon 'B'	Standard 'B'
Potters Green 'A'	Stoke Cov 'C'
Alvis 'A'	Albany 'B'
Attleborough	Herberts 'B'
BBC 'C'	Gas 'C'

THURSDAY PROPOSED 2020 FORMATION

Division 1	Division 3
Attleborough	Standard 'A'
BBC 'A'	Alvis
Foleshill Gas 'A'	Coundon 'B'
Haunchwood 'A'	Herberts 'A'
Stoke Cov 'A'	Stoke Cov 'B'
Coundon 'A'	Cov Colliery 'B'
Lime Tree 'A'	Dunlop 'B'
Dunlop 'A'	Albany 'A'
Bulkington	Lime Tree 'C'
Potters Green 'A'	Walsgrave 'C'
Division 2	Division 4
Walsgrave 'A'	Potters Green 'B'
Newdigate 'A'	Foleshill Gas 'B'
Phoenix Foxes	Bedworth Ex-Service
Cov Colliery 'A'	BBC 'C'
BBC 'B'	Coundon 'C'
Walsgrave 'B'	Standard 'B'
Copsewood 'A'	Copsewood 'B'
Kenilworth 'A'	Stoke Cov 'C'
Lime Tree 'B'	Herberts 'B'
Weddington	Albany 'B'

Dates Required

Week	Date
1	Sat 18/04/20
2	Sat 25/04/20
3	Sat 02/05/20
4	Sat 09/05/20
5	Sat 16/05/20
6	Sat 23/05/20
7	Sat 30/05/20
8	Sat 13/06/20
9	Sat 20/06/20
10	Sat 27/06/20
11	Sat 11/07/20
12	Sat 18/07/20
13	Sat 01/08/20
14	Sat 08/08/20
15	Sat 15/08/20
16	Sat 22/08/20
17	Sat 29/08/20
18	Sat 05/09/20
19	Sat 12/09/20
20	Sat 19/09/20
21	Sat 26/09/20
22	Sat 03/10/20

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Saturday 1

No	Team
1	Atherstone Cons A
2	Attleborough Sports A
3	Bedworth B C A
4	Coundon A
5	Dunlop A
6	Foleshill Gas
7	Griff & Coton A
8	Haunchwood A
9	Haunchwood B
10	Lime Tree A

Saturday 3

No	Team
1	Atherstone Cons B
2	Attleborough Sports B
3	Bedworth B C B
4	Bedworth Ex-service A
5	Coundon B
6	Dunlop B
7	Kenilworth
8	Newdigate B
9	Standard A
10	Windmill

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Saturday 2

No	Team
1	Alvis A
2	Atherstone Grove A
3	Bulkington A
4	Bulkington B
5	Copsewood
6	Coventry Colliery
7	Newdigate A
8	Potters Green
9	Stoke Coventry A
10	Walsgrave

Saturday 4

No	Team
1	Alvis B
2	Atherstone Grove B
3	Bedworth B C C
4	Bedworth Ex-service B
5	Griff & Coton B
6	Griff & Coton C
7	Lime Tree B
8	Old Coventrians
9	Phoenix
10	Standard B
11	Stoke Coventry B
12	Weddington ????