

# Minutes of North Midlands Ladies Bowls

06<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**1. Roll Call** – All present

**2. Minutes of 2020 AGM** – Via MB Bowls agreed/signed as true record

**3. Matters arising** – None

**4. Secretary's report**

A fantastic season. A couple of results still to go in but we can see our division 1 winners are Windmill and Haunchwood A runners up. What a fantastic achievement for Windmill as a newly promoted team to win the Division. I know next year will be an exciting tussle for the top spot, so I look forward to watching this division unfold.

In Division 2, Dunlop Lightening has a clean sheet of wins. As their first season in the North Midlands League, they have conquered this division in style and both they and Newdigate B gain promotion next year. Newdigate B as a new mix in terms of team players have grappled hard to just pip 2nd place from Wagon.

~~In terms of averages, division 2 has a clear winner with just 12 games but 100% record, Aly Evans and in second place with 4 players on the same score of 30 points we have Erin Riley from Newdigate B taking 2nd.~~

Minutes updated as one result was remaining – apologies for the error. Division 2 averages winner remains the same with Aly Evans winning all of her 13 games – 100% record and in second Wendy Smart dropping just one game all season. Congratulations ladies on a closely fought contest.

Division 1, it is all about one lady, top of the table and not one single loss which is a phenomenal achievement in Division 1. She must have bowled the season of her career - Kate Curry. 2nd place goes to Sonia Robson with just two games dropped all season, well done.

I want to say though a big well done to every player in every team for playing. Without a full complement of players, we cannot have winners and promotions, so you are equally brilliant, and I hope you have all had an individual success either with your team averages or it was your first win of your bowling career, or just getting back out there on the green after a tough 2 years.... Whatever your success... well done!!

It has been a pleasure to watch some of these games and I have loved hearing about the competitiveness but overall, the fantastic, good spirit these games have been played in.

Thank you all for completing your game results so promptly and for once again making this a pleasurable and smooth league to manage.

A couple of notices please for action and feedback to all league players;

**Names and contact numbers.** You need a log in on MB Bowls using your log in code to see the details for the contact information on MB Bowls. It is a captain's jobs to review the details and advise me of any errors.

**Food and club support etiquette** to be reinforced. If cannot attend club or provide food must give sufficient notification. It is the expectation of the league that we continue to support our clubs and also to socialise with our teams and opponents.

**Dates and important news** will be conveyed on North Midlands Facebook page and on MB Bowls site. The MB Bowls site alone does not flag to users there is "news" so I will ensure I use both platforms.

**Team formation** – The delegates were asked to advise if there was any team news that we are gaining or losing teams for next year. We will ask for full confirmation of teams being entered at the AGM please.

It was noted that Baddesley are hoping to come back to the league which is a welcomed addition.

Kersley as a team are moving from their current club and where they are moving to is TBC. It may be there is no ladies team going forward at Kersley but thankfully we won't lose a team as a league.

**County News** – The county have made the final of the supplementary which is a fantastic achievement. They play on the 18<sup>th</sup> September with the home venue of Haunchwood. 2pm start. The support in the semi finals at Atherstone Cons was amazing so the more the merrier to support please on the 18<sup>th</sup>.... See if the ladies can bring it home! County AGM date not yet confirmed.

## **5. Treasurers Reports**

Bills sent – all paid.

## **6. Competition Secretary's Report** - No secretary in post.

Summer Bash 2022 .... what a day!! 64 entries 12 reserves. Jill Gibbon and Aly Evans winning having bowled superbly all day and finishing the competition with a crucial last end. Amy Evans and John Philbin Runners up beating excellent opposition through the day. A fantastic day. Youngest supporter 8 days old. We even had Batman on the green at one point. 465 ends played; 1,860 bowls bowled. 34 raffle bottles, 100 summer square blackout. £370 prize money paid out plus £100 blackout paid all out. I am all about the numbers and the feedback has been nothing but positive regarding the format and the general feel of the day – I hope this can be supported again next year.

Next year we need a club to host, I am keen to sort date asap so need to secure venue. Only Griff, Piv and Dunlop are viable as need two greens and floodlights. I would like any interested club to text me or email their interest by end of September so I can work with fixture secretary to secure a date for next year. We are hoping to host from the morning to enable us to host for more than 64 players if the demand is there.

## **7– Presentation night**

Combined, Nuneaton Ladies, North Warwickshire County (40-year anniversary) and North Midlands Ladies

The Piv

6.30pm start prompt

£15 per ticket

Live Band

Hot food and dessert

Fabulous raffle and a couple of cheeky games

Notify me of any dietary requirements.

A great number of tickets have been secured – please ensure you get your numbers and cash to Nuneaton Ladies meeting next week.

£2 sticker fund raiser – sheets were handed out and will be more available at next week's meeting.

## **Charity nominations**

1 - Roots to Branches Autism Network (information below minutes)

2 - Pass the Smile – previously supported by our league to support the Crowthers fund raising effort in memory of their son Ben #forever7

3 - Doorway in Nuneaton – a Nuneaton charity helping young people made homeless through no fault of their own to set up in new accommodation.

The delegates agreed to have a main charity chosen at random – Roots to Branches and we would also give a donation to the other two charities. For Doorway there are also physical donations that can be made to help young new home starters with items such as crockery (not typical fine bone china), cutlery, towels, bedding, kitchen utensils etc. We will post more information on this.

#### **8. AOB**

None

#### **9 - Next meeting**

AGM Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Start @ Griff and Coton –

(Nuneaton Ladies AGM 17<sup>TH</sup> Jan)

Team entries to be confirmed at AGM so fixtures can be generated.

Notices of Motion to Kate Williams by text or email by 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

## ROOTS TO BRANCHES:

To whom it may concern

Thank you for taking the time to consider our charity Roots to Branches Autism Network for funding this year.

Firstly, I would like to explain to you about Autism Spectrum Disorder. ASD as it is known is a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them.

It is a spectrum condition which means all those with a diagnosis share certain difficulties, but they will also be affected in separate ways, some will have learning disabilities, mental health issues and other conditions meaning they all need different levels of support. All people on the autism spectrum learn and develop and with the right support all can live a more fulfilling life of their own choosing.

There are around 700,000 autistic people in the UK, that is more than 1 in 100 and if you include their family's autism is a part of the daily life for 2.8million people in the UK.

Without understanding, autistic people and their families are at risk of being isolated and developing mental health problems. Our charities primary aim is to prevent isolation for children with autism and their families.

We run two support groups within the Bedworth area, and these are accessed by families from Bedworth, Coventry, Nuneaton, Bulkington and Shilton. Our sessions are developed to improve the social interaction and communication of our young members.

Our Family session is held once a month at Exhall Old School Community Centre and along with our sessions we organise day trips for the families on a regular basis.

Our 11years plus youth club, which is held at the United Reformed Methodist Church, Bedworth is held twice a month with lots of games and activities.

In both our sessions the emphasis is on having fun and all activities are organised to encourage social interaction with their peers. It is important that these children learn how to make friends and are happy in doing so, but more importantly that they can

carry these relationships into their own personal life outside of group – and so many of our young people and their families do this.

Our team are all volunteers, and we all work hard to ensure that the charity continues to run in these challenging times. We run the charity with donations and fundraising throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to Covid we have been unable to raise sufficient funds to continue with all the extra activities we schedule annually. We have had to increase admission costs to cover the costs of the room hire on both buildings.

A donation by your members would be appreciated not only by our board of trustees but also our members who have seen a huge change in the services that we would normally offer. The young people have had to miss so many of their exciting experiences with us due to Covid and we believe that your donation would assist in

bringing those experiences back. We would be able to hire more trained professionals to bring structured activities into our sessions or we would be able to organise some of our trips again. We believe that these types of activities are crucial to make the young people more capable, more independent, and creative. As a parent of a young man with Autism, watching and seeing him participate in these interactions give me hope for his future and I know the parents in group feel the same way.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards

Kelly Mills

Chair.