



Flintshire Midweek Bowling League



MINUTES OF AGM HELD 6th December 2021

Venue: Northop Hall Cricket and Hockey Club, Smithy Lane, Northop Hall.

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2 Clubs Present

The majority of clubs were represented. The Chairman advised that under the circumstances no fines would be issued for non-attendance.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dave Brodrick, Vic Davies, Eryl Jones, Tom Lowndes and Tom Roberts.

4 Deceased Members

A minute's silence was observed as the meeting remembered friends that had passed away in 2020/2021 among them:

Pete Roberts, Diane Langford, Peter Griffiths, Ian Coppack, Geoff Hopwood, Sid Morris, Eifion Hughes, Roger Guest, Paul Oliver, Bryn Jones, Tony Martin

5 Selwyn Roberts Charity Nomination

The nominated charity for 2022 will be 'Shooting Star'

6 Minutes of 2019 AGM

A point was raised by Pete Bennett in relation to full club proposals and outcomes not being recorded in the minutes. The comments were noted and they will be included as an addendum in the 2021 minutes. Based on this Chris Jones then proposed the 2019 minutes as a true record and they were seconded by Pete McCann.

7 Matters arising from the previous minutes

See point 6 – see addendum 2

8 Chairman's Report

The Chairman explained that the reason the Committee had agreed that only club representation and not individual teams was required to attend the AGM was based entirely on the continuing Covid issues and the safety of all members and the venue staff.

The Chairman thanked everyone on the Committee for their support over the last two years and to the Committee Officers who still continued with the administration and communication to all FMBL members during the difficult and strange times due to the pandemic. Special thanks were

offered to the two retiring Officers, Anne Brackenbury & Pete Hughes for their time on the Committee.

The Chairman also thanked all the clubs and members in the midweek league for understanding the issues we had to comply with and the decisions we had to make. He advised that sadly a few clubs had folded due to their own internal club issues, while others, due to the pandemic struggled, or didn't feel comfortable participating in the 2021 shortened season. However, he felt the league remained strong and enthusiastic to start the 2022 season with hopefully less turmoil and a return to full participation.

9. Secretary's Report

The secretary reiterated the Chairman's comments. It hadn't been an easy two years and we knew we couldn't please everyone but felt communication was key. To keep everyone informed, minutes were updated on the website for everyone to view.

10. Fixture / Competition Secretary's Report

Pete advised that he was standing down from the role of fixture / competition secretary.

11. Treasurer's Report

Rob Jackson presented the financial review on behalf of Anne Brackenbury who has stepped down from the position of Treasurer. Anne was thanked for her assistance in keeping everything up to date.

Rob handed out the financial review to members at the meeting, he explained that the only income into the FMBL account for 2020 was from club / team affiliation receipts.

No income was received in 2021, but some outgoings still had to be made e.g affiliations and insurance.

For the 2020 and 2021 seasons the committee members agreed to reduce honorariums for the roles of Secretary, Treasurer and Fixture Secretary for work carried out. As no competitions took place, no honorarium was paid out for the Competition Secretary role.

The payment to the charity 'Junior Diabetes' was honoured

For the start of 2022 Rob advised the available balance will be £3851.14

Rob proposed the following for 2022:

1. Proposed fees £70 per team which includes a £10 donation to the Selwyn Roberts Cup charity
2. Based on 50 teams at £60 this would mean £3000 in prize plus FMBL will add an additional £500 to this amount. Total prize money in these circumstances will be £3500. The total figure could differ depending upon the number of teams affiliating to the league.
3. With estimated running costs and honorariums totalling circa £2200 this will mean that the total available for 2023 will be circa £1151.00

12. Honorariums

Honorariums agreed for 2022 season were as follows:

Secretary: £425

Fixture Secretary: £425

Competition Secretary: £250

Treasurer: £300

13. Applications to Join the League

No new applications received.

14. Election of Officers / Committee Members

Martin advised that he had been Chairman for a number of years now and asked that the role be circulated to all clubs to enable others to apply if they wished. The Secretary will send an email to all clubs

Trudy Ellis agreed to remain as Secretary for the coming season

Simon Walker was proposed and accepted the position of Fixture Secretary with a caveat that due to work commitments he would be unable to produce the weekly press report.

Rob Jackson was proposed and accepted the position of Treasurer

Vacancies still to be filled / confirmed are:

Vice President / Chairman / Vice Chair / Safe Guarding officer / Press officer– no volunteers were recorded

15. Proposed Changes to the FMBL Constitution and Match Rules

See addendum 1 – 2021 Proposals / Decisions

See addendum 2 – 2019 Proposal / Decisions

16. Date and Location of the League Pairs Competition

Date and venue to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 8.45

Addendum 1:

Club Proposals / Decisions - 2021 AGM

1. Proposed by Penyffordd BC – Seconded by Aston BC

Reference: - Existing Rule 1 para 1.4 reads as follows:

‘Teams cannot play any member who is registered with any other team in the league’

Proposal: - Rule 1 para 1.4 to be replaced with the following:

‘Each League Club to forward to the League Secretary before the first fixture is played, the names of players who are eligible to play in the League for that club. No further registrations will be accepted after 15th June.

Where a club has more than 1 (one) team playing in the league, teams are to be listed separately. A player may play for a team (within the Club) in the same division or a higher division if that team was short.

Players from a higher division team cannot drop down to a lower division team.

Each team to register at least 10 players. All players to be bona fide Club Members.

PLAYERS NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY MORE THAN ONE LEAGUE GAME IN THAT WEEK'S FIXTURE

Proposal Failed

2. Proposed by FMBL Committee

Reference: - Match Rule 10 point 10.6 reads as follows.

Prize winnings (cheques) will be presented to clubs in each division as follows:

Winner (£150), Runner Up (£95), Third (£75) and Fourth (£40)

Proposal: - Match Rule 10 point 10.6 to be replaced with the following:

Prize winnings will be determined by the Committee and be dependent on the number of teams competing in the league.

Proposal carried. Rule 10.6 amended

Website Updated

3. Proposed by FMBL Committee

Reference: - Constitution Point 4 Affiliation Fees and Fines reads as follows:

Affiliation fees are determined by the League Committee and presented at the AGM for approval.

Proposal: - the above statement remains the same, but the Committee for the 2022 season are seeking approval to reduce the affiliation fee from £120 per team to £70 per team, this amount includes the contribution towards the Selwyn Roberts competition.

Additionally, the prize money for the 2022 season will be £500 more than the League receives in affiliations.

Proposal carried for the 2022 season only.

Addendum 2

Club Proposals / Decisions - 2019 AGM

1. Proposed by: Penyffordd - Seconded by: Treuddyn

Proposal 1:

Match Rule 10 / Rule 10.8

Add the following: "Merit Winner/Nominee from each team must be sent to the Competition Secretary no later than seven (7) days after the last fixture has been finalised. The draw for the Competition will be made prior to the day of play and notified to Clubs via website and/or e mail".

Reason for proposal:

So that players knowing their match time can turn up at a reasonable time before they are due to play rather than having to wait for 2 or 3 hours or more.

Proposal carried. Rule 10.8 amended to include proposal

Website Updated

Proposal 2:

Match Rule

Rule 10.9 to be re-numbered 10.10

Reason for proposal:

To insert a new Rule 10.9.

Proposal Failed

Proposal 3:

Match Rules.

Insert new Rule 10.9

"Each competitor will receive a handicap as shown but with the following proviso:- The handicap allocated to a lower division player (ie lower than Division One) may be adjusted by the League Committee if they feel it is appropriate; (for example, taking into account the status of the player in another League). Home player/s -3 handicap to be taken into account".

Handicaps to be as shown and adjusted yearly if thought necessary.

Div 1 Scratch

Div 2 + 2

Div 3 + 3

Div 4 +4

Div 5 +5

Reason for this proposal:

To encourage the lower Division players to participate and give them a chance against the top players.

Proposal failed.

2. Proposed by: Gladstone - Seconded by: Penyffordd

Proposal 1

Current match rule 2.3

2.3 All teams registering players after the commencement of the season and before June 15th must do so in writing to the League Fixtures Secretary

Replace current Match Rule 2.3 with

2.3 All teams registering players after the commencement of the season and before June 15th must do so in writing or via electronic communication to the League Fixtures Secretary.

Reason for Proposal

This will allow new registrations to be sent via email or SMS

Proposal carried Rule 2 - 2.3

Website updated

Proposal 2.

Delete Match Rule 2.

Reason for Proposal

Original rule was based on postal requests to register players. Registrations can now be sent by email or SMS therefore the 48 hours window to set up registrations or movements between clubs is not required.

Proposal Failed

3. Proposed by Ken Parry – Hawkesbury - Seconded by: Hawkesbury B

Proposal 1

Add a rule in the event of a draw at the end of a Divisional Cup Match

If a match is drawn then both captains nominate any player who had already played in the match to return to the green and play FIRST TO SCORE ELEVEN. They toss for the jack.

Proposal carried Rule 12 – 12.3

Website updated

4. Proposed by Mike Commins – Connahs Quay - Seconded by: C/Quay B – Ken Hughes

To allow visiting team captains participating in a league fixture to participate in the first half of practice along with the home team, as opposed to practise with their team in the second practice time.

They will only be allowed one session i.e 1ST session or 2ND session

Reason for Proposal

This would allow the captain of the visiting team more time to select their team and complete the necessary paperwork prior to the match start time.

Proposal carried – Rule 4 – 4.7

Website updated