



Flintshire Midweek Bowling League

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 4th December 2023



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

1 Opening Remarks

John Sparks acted as emcee for the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2 Clubs Present

All clubs were represented.

3 Apologies for Absence

All clubs were represented

4 Deceased Members

A minute's silence was observed as the meeting remembered friends that had passed away in / 2022/2023

5 Selwyn Roberts Charity Nomination

By a majority decision, Nightingale House was selected as the Charity for 2024.

6 Minutes of 2022 AGM

Minutes of the 2022 AGM were proposed as a true record.

Proposed by: Ken Roberts

Seconded by: Rachael Hawker

7 Matters arising from the 2022 minutes

The matter concerned the Committee proposal in 2022 to stop running the Selwyn Roberts Cup in 2023. The proposal was carried at the meeting (see 2022 minutes - Proposal 3) with the premise that it would be reviewed at the 2023 AGM.

The Secretary advised that the Committee would be happy to run the competition again, as long as clubs committed to completing the fixtures.

The membership voted by a majority to no longer run the competition.

The Secretary did however reaffirm that the league remained committed to the principals of the Selwyn Roberts Competition and will continue each year to support a charity chosen by the league members.

8 Emcees Overview.

In the absence of an elected chairperson, John Sparks raised concerns about the unfilled vacancies of both officials and committee members. He wanted it noted that the 2023 season was basically run by three people who, without their commitment, the league would have collapsed. He hoped the positions would be filled at this meeting

9. Secretary's Report

The Secretary also raised her concerns about the committee vacancies, and that the situation couldn't continue as the League would be in breach of its Constitution without a working quorum.

Additionally, the Secretary felt that whilst a full complement of Officials was obviously essential, it was equally important, to have a Committee that included full representation, a voice, from teams in the membership.

The Secretary reported that one issue arose where the Committee had to become involved. Appropriate action was taken.

The Secretary finished her report with a gentle reminder that on a weekly basis we all played bowls within our communities / villages and asked that we continue to respect each other.

She hoped that in the coming season that the Committee wouldn't have to intervene in any incidents, but was clear that if they had to, they would take the appropriate action.

10. Fixture / Competition Secretary's Report

Simon firstly thanked all the captains for getting the results in so quickly on Wednesday evenings and the committee for their support during the 2023 season.

He congratulated Broughton A (Div1) Cunliffe (Div2) Fron Park (Div3) Castell Alun (Div4) for coming top of their leagues

The pairs winners at Gresford Village were Mike Riley / Jordan Riley

Simon was pleased to report that teams playing in the 4 cup finals organised by the league all followed the dress code.

He thanked the clubs who hosted the finals and he was pleased to see a lot more spectators at the events.

At the end of season merit, Paul Roberts retained his title for the third time.

Check website for details

11. Treasurer's Report

Rob Jackson presented the financial review and handed out the financial report to members at the meeting.

Rob proposed the following for 2024:

1. That the 2024 subscriptions should revert to the pre covid costs of £120 per team.
2. 2023 Prize money will be the same as 2022

No queries were raised.

The financial review was unanimously accepted by the membership.

Proposed by: Peter McCann

Seconded by: Martin Richardson

12. Honorariums

Honorariums for 2024 remained the same as 2023

Secretary: £425

Fixture Secretary: £425

Competition Secretary: £250

Treasurer: £300

The proposal was carried by a majority vote

13. Applications to Join the League

Trefnant – was approved, but they decided to decline the offer.

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14. Election of Officers / Committee Members

Dave Walker was elected as President

Pete Mcann was elected as Vice President

Trudy Ellis agreed to remain as Secretary for the coming season

John Sparks was elected as Chairman

Dan Blackwell was elected as Vice Chairman

Simon Walker agreed to remain Fixture Secretary for the coming season

Tom Lowndes was elected as the Competition Secretary

Rob Jackson agreed to remain as Treasurer for the coming season

15. 2023 AGM Proposals for 2024 Season.

Proposal 1 - Amendment to Constitution Rule 8 – Annual General Meeting

Proposed by FMBL Committee

Current Rule

fine of five (5) pounds shall be imposed on any Club that does not send a representative(s) to the AGM

Proposal to read:

A fine of **ten (10) pounds** shall be imposed on any Club that does not send a representative(s) to the AGM.

Passed

Proposal 2 - Amendment to Match Rule 2. 2.3 & 2.6

Proposed by FMBL Committee

Current Rule

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 (See Rule 1 and Rule 2)

2.6 No new registrations can be accepted after June 15th.

Proposal to read:

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 (See Rule 1 and Rule 2)

~~2.6 No new registrations can be accepted after June 15th.~~

Passed

Proposal 3 – Amendment to Match Rule 6 / 6.8 & 6.10

Proposed by FMBL Committee

Current Rule

6.8 In the event of any such postponement the match must be played within 14 days of the original fixture.

6.10 Failure to play the match within 14 days or the agreed extended timeline will result in a fine of ten pounds (£10) and have 21 points deducted from their overall seasons points score

Proposal to read:

- 6.8 In the event of any such postponement the match must be played within **21 days** of the original fixture.
- 6.10 Failure to play the match within **21 days** or the agreed extended timeline will result in a fine of ten pounds (£10) and have 21 points deducted from their overall seasons points score

Passed

Proposal 4 – Match Rule 12 /12.8

Proposed by FMBL Committee

Current Rule

12.8 In both the Selwyn Roberts Cup Final and the Divisional Cup Finals all participating players must adhere to the BCGBA dress code of **Collared Shirt and Tailored Black Trousers / Black Shorts**. It is the responsibility of Team Captains /Acting Captains to manage the dress code match rule and not the FMBL management Committee present at the final. However, the FMBL Management Committee member will have the authority to decide whether the player has breached the dress code rules and whether to allow play or not.
See Dress Code

Proposal to read:

12.8 In **ALL** finals including League Pairs, the Selwyn Roberts Cup Final, the Divisional Cup Finals and Champion of Champions Final i.e. League Merits Final, all participating players must adhere to the current BCGBA dress code of ~~Collared Shirt and Tailored Black Trousers / Black Shorts~~. It is the responsibility of Team Captains /Acting Captains to manage the dress code match rule and not the FMBL management Committee present at the final. However, the FMBL Management Committee member will have the authority to decide whether the player has breached the dress code rules and whether to allow play or not.

See Dress Code on FMBL Website

Passed

Proposal 5 – New Rule 13.5

Proposed by FMBL Committee

13.5 If a team fails to send a representative to the League Merit, they will incur a fine of £20

Failed

Proposal 6 – Amendment to Match Rule 6 / 6.2

Proposed by Penyffordd B.C

Seconded by Sychdyn B.C

Current Rule

6.2 A team must consist of a minimum of 5 players, each player only eligible to play one game per match.

Proposal to read:

6.2 A team must consist of a minimum of 7 players, each player only eligible to play one game per match.

Passed

16. Date & venue for League Pairs Competition

Tbc

17. Presentation of Cups & Prize Money

The Treasurer advised winners of their prize money but FMBL are still waiting for changes to mandate signatories' to be finalised with the Bank. Rob apologised for the delay and advised that cheques would be sent out as soon as confirmation was received from the bank.