



Flintshire Midweek Bowling League



MINUTES OF AGM HELD 5th December 2022

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

Non attendees were: Bradley Park, Coed Talon, Cunliffe, Esclusham, Fron Park, and Llay

Under point 8 of the Constitution, the Secretary will issue fines to the above clubs.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Peter Bennett, Joyce Grimshaw, Eddie Reeves, Kath Rogers, and Francis Penlington.

4 Deceased Members

A minute's silence was observed as the meeting remembered friends that had passed away in 2021 / 2022

5 Selwyn Roberts Charity Nomination

No nominations were raised in the meeting. Should a late nomination be received by the Secretary, the membership will be advised.

6 Minutes of 2021 AGM – (for review)

Minutes of the 2021 AGM were proposed as a true record.

Proposed by: Shaun Williams

Seconded by: Chris Beer

7 Matters arising from the 2021 minutes

There were no matters arising.

8 Chairman's Report

Martin thanked everyone on the Committee not only for their support to him but their support running the organisation on behalf of the members throughout the year.

Martin stated that whilst problems around the pandemic still lingered, there had been very few issues involving the member teams. Even the contentious issue of dress code for the League Finals hadn't caused any problems this year.

Martin offered his congratulations to all the successful clubs and the individual merit winners.

Whilst it is always sad to see Clubs leave the league, he was pleased to see that two clubs had re-applied to join us for the 2023 season – Penyffordd & Castell Alun.

Martin finished by advising that he felt that his tenure as Chairman of the FMBL had reached its conclusion and that he would not be accepting the position (Agenda Item 14) but hoped that the membership would select a new Chairman at the meeting.

9. Secretary's Report

The secretary reiterated the Chairman's comments.

Only one issue arose where the committee had to become involved due to a breach of rules, but generally speaking the season ran smoothly.

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 2022 season.

He congratulated Broughton A (Div1) Mold Rec (Div2) Hoole Park (Div3) Bradley (Div4) for coming top of their leagues

The pairs winners at Gresford Village were Pat Richardson and Chris Williams

Simon was pleased to report that teams playing in the 5 cup finals organised by the league all followed the dress code, unlike some British County matches he attended where there were dress code issues at most of the events.

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

The Selwyn Roberts Cup was won by New Brighton

At the end of season merit, Paul Roberts retained his title 21-12 against Elfyn Jones from Caerwys A.

The main issue Simon had in the 2022 season was that not only after the draw had been completed, but DURING the season 19 teams dropped out of the Selwyn Roberts Cup.

This resulted in some teams playing three games to get to the quarter finals whereas others got through on byes – this was unsatisfactory and time consuming.

The Committee have raised a proposal regarding the Selwyn Roberts Cup (see Proposal 3)

The 2023 season will run for 22 weeks – from April 12th to September 6th

The merit competition will be held on September 10th

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 2022:

1. Proposed fees £110 per team.
2. 2023 Prize money will be the same as 2022

No queries were raised.

The financial review was proposed as a true record by Ken Roberts and seconded by Nic Sinclair.

12. Honorariums

Honorariums agreed for the 2023 season are as follows:

Secretary: £425

Fixture Secretary: £425

Competition Secretary: £250

Treasurer: £300

Proposed by: Barry Vernon

Seconded by: John Sparks

13. Applications to Join the League

Penyffordd and Castell Alun (re-Joined)

14. Election of Officers / Committee Members

Martin (see Agenda point 8) advised that he was stepping down as Chairman.

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 are as follows:

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

15. 2022 AGM Proposals.

Proposal 1 - Amendment to Match Rule 10 / 10.8 (Paragraph 1)

Proposed by: Penyffordd B.C.

Secoded: by Aston B.C

Current Rule (Paragraph 1)

The League will run a Champion of Champions Competition on the second Sunday in September
Paragraphs 2 & 3 remain unchanged

Proposal (Paragraph 1)

The League will run four separate merit competitions – one for each division.
The four separate divisions to have a preliminary round, to be held at 2 or 4 different locations,
playing down to the final four players in each division.
four semi-finals and finals to be played in one location on a separate date
Paragraphs 2 & 3 of original rule will remain unchanged

Proposal Failed

Proposal 2 - Amendment to Match Rule 6.1

Proposed by: Penyffordd

Secoded by: FMBL Committee

Current Rule

Matches must be played on the specified dates in the League Handbook.

Proposal

Delete the word 'Handbook' and replace with the following:
Matches must be played on the specified dates shown on the League Website

Proposal carried – Match Rule updated

Proposal 3 – Selwyn Roberts Cup.

Proposed by: FMBL Committee

The FMBL Committee are proposing to stop running the Selwyn Roberts Cup in 2023.
The proposal is based on the number of clubs / teams dropping out of the competition in 2022.
However, the Committee remain committed to the principals of the Selwyn Roberts
Competition and will continue, each year to support a designated charity chosen by the league
membership.

It was agreed that this proposal would be reviewed at the 2023 AGM for possible inclusion in
2024

Proposal Carried

Note:

The representative from Penyffordd B.C advised that a further proposal had been sent to FMBL, but had not been presented at the meeting.

The Secretary advised that was correct. A proposal had been received but without a seconder. A slightly heated conversation ensued.

The Secretary pointed out that she had asked the club to provide a seconder in accordance with point 10 of the Constitution.

The Club member, put out a message himself via email to ALL the FMBL club secretary's (the FMBL secretary was copied in) asking for a seconder to the proposal.

No seconder came forward therefore the proposal was not presented to the meeting.

16. Date and Location of the League Pairs Competition

Date and venue to be confirmed – check website.

17. Presentation of Cups and prize Money

Cups and prize money were presented by the Chairman.

Note:

The Secretary was advised by Amanda Nicholas that Gresford Colliery never received the Sid Hall Cup in 2022

The meeting ended at 8.35