



## NORTH YORKSHIRE BOWLS LEAGUE

### MINUTES OF THE 88th AGM OF THE ABOVE LEAGUE HELD ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, AT NORTHALLERTON B.C.

The Chairman L. Oakley welcomed all present and chaired the meeting.  
All Clubs were represented at this meeting.  
An apology on behalf of L. Russell was accepted.

Additional Obituaries since the March 2023 meeting included the following;  
T. Young (Hutton Rudby); B. Pears / A. Blower (Borough Park); A. Cross / M. Smith / H. Harrington & P. Marsh (Jack Hatfield); D. Wooton (Nunthorpe); B. Pittam (Cochranes) A. Solomon (Brotton); A. Richardson (Skelton) and D. Turnbull ( K.G.V.).  
The customary one minutes silence was observed for the above mentioned deceased players.  
Minutes of the previous AGM for 2023, which took place in December 2023 were proposed by J. Selley and S. Forrest. There were no matters arising.  
The Honorary Secretary indicated that his report for the meeting would be short as most of his comments regarding the 2024 season had been documented in the minutes of the previous Management Meeting in October 2024 which all Clubs had been issued with. He then went on to explain that he had participated in a Disciplinary Committee along with 2 other bowlers in June 2024 at the request of Guisborough Priory B.C. which eventually led to a member of that Club being 'Temporarily Suspended' from participating in any Bowls England or Indoor Bowling Association Clubs and an appeal to rescind this was subsequently rejected by a YBA Safeguarding Committee and that all Clubs in the NYBL should have been notified of this outcome regarding the person in question. After this Andy Baxter, representing Guisborough Priory at the meeting told the meeting that the person involved was now able, with suitable chaperoning, to bowl indoors at Borough Park as the IBA had cancelled the suspension. This revelation came as a surprise to the Honorary Secretary as no communication from BE or YBA had been brought to his notice regarding this matter. **The Honorary Secretary intends to investigate this situation prior to the next Management Meeting in February.**

The Treasurer S. Forrest then gave his report regarding the finances over the past year by referring to the accounts spreadsheet provided at the meeting and pointed out that due to the healthy state of the accounts in 2025 the Club affiliation fee will drop back to £10 and the Competition entry fee remains at £2 / entry. He thanked Rose McNulty for once again auditing the accounts prior to the meeting.

**The following Officers were elected:**

**President:** No Club nominated anyone for the Presidency in 2025.

**S.V.P.:** no nomination to date; **J.V.P.:** no nomination.

**Chairman:** Les Oakley (K.G.V.)

**Hon. Secretary:** Malcolm McNulty (Hutton Rudby)

**Asst. Secretary:** John Selley (Borough Park)

**Treasurer:** Stuart Forrest (Middlesbrough)

**Auditor:** Mrs R A McNulty; **CPO:** situation vacant at present

**Fixtures & Results Secretary, Press Officer and & Web site Organiser, J. Selley (Borough Park)**  
was also re-elected.

**Election of Management Committee:**

Re-elected were F. Williams (Marske); D. Wood (Skelton); L. Russell (Nunthorpe); R. Walker (Skelton), W. Peirson (Middlesbrough); J. Selley (Borough Park).

Suggested dates for meetings / events in 2025 were proposed and accepted with the usual caveats regarding weather etc.

As there was to be no Presidency, Jack Hatfield B.C. has offered to host the Champion of Champions event in June and Finals Day in August with other Clubs, Thornaby, Northallerton and Marske hosting the semi-finals. The Secretary thanked all Clubs that had hosted events during the summer of 2024.

The place of the 2025 AGM was set to be at Marske B.C. and the date has yet to be finalised but as the recent AGM was carried out very successfully on a Sunday morning with a full attendance it was suggested we repeat this in 2025 on a suitable Sunday probably in early December.

Members of Northallerton B.C. helped sell Raffle tickets and £95 was collected for the League.

The 3 proposals put forward by the Management Committee regarding necessary minor changes to the recently revised 'Constitution and Rules' were all accepted with no objections.

The proposal initially put forward by Guisborough Priory B.C. to change the format to 2 Leagues followed by a Top 12 Competition was defeated by **13 votes to 10.**

The proposal to change the playing format from 3 rinks of 4 to 4 rinks of Triples proposed by Nunthorpe and Guisborough Priory Clubs was carried by **12 votes to 11.**

The proposal to change the scoring system when four Rinks are involved in a match proposed by Nunthorpe and Guisborough Priory Clubs was carried by **15 votes to 8.**

**This means that for the season 2025 there will be a single League of 16 teams playing each other Home & Away with 4 sets of Triples in each Team.**

**Each winning Rink will be awarded 2 points and the overall winning score will now be also 2 points. A drawn rink means each Team is awarded 1 point.**

Under A.O.B. firstly a discussion took place, once again regarding playing matches on Bank Holiday Mondays and it transpires that in the coming year only one of these in early May will be required for matches to be played as the later one in May will be a bye due to the NYBL TOUR, as usual, and the August Monday there will be no fixtures.

**Secondly at the request of Guisborough Priory their representative asked that all Captains of Teams remind their players that they should not walk up the green following a wood until that wood has stopped at the far end of the green.**

**Thirdly it was suggested that the Constitution ought to be amended such that proposals once agreed at an AGM should not be brought forward for change until 3 years have elapsed and that voting could involve something like a 60/40 majority rather than a marginal one.**

**Before the meeting was closed the Secretary congratulated Northallerton B.C. on their success in 2024 in winning the Douglass Cup and presented the Trophy to representatives of the Club. He then presented Middlesbrough B.C. with the League Runners up Trophy and pennant for 2024 and Redcar Borough Park B.C. with the League Winners Trophy and pennant for 2024. Finally he thanked the Northallerton Club and its members for their efforts in hosting the event including the ladies who prepared the drinks and bacon butties for us to enjoy on our arrival.**

**The meeting was closed at around 12.00pm and the Chairman thanked all those for attending and the Northallerton Club for hosting the event and wished all present a Happy Xmas and New Year.**

**Malcolm McNulty Hon. Secretary November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**