



NORTH YORKSHIRE BOWLS LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE 87th AGM OF THE ABOVE LEAGUE HELD ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 14th, 2023, AT JACK HATFIELD B.C.

The Chairman L. Oakley welcomed all present and chaired the meeting. He thanked the members of the Management Committee for all their work over the past year and specifically regarding the revision of the Constitution / Rules proposed at this meeting. All Clubs were represented at this meeting.

Additional Obituaries since the March 2023 meeting included the following;
E.Ruddick (Hutton Rudby); C.Parvin / R.Joyce (Borough Park); O.Rossi / D.Arblaster (Jack Hatfield); B. Leonard (Nunthorpe);

The customary one minutes silence was observed for the above mentioned deceased players.

Minutes of the previous AGM for 2022, which took place in January 2023 were proposed by W.Pierson and L.Russell, there were no matters arising.

The Honorary Secretary then gave a report on the 2023 season which he indicated was far more controversial than the 2022 season;

Firstly he pointed out that there had been problems with etiquette on the green during some matches which thanks to the respective Clubs had been amicably resolved between themselves. He suggested that all Clubs should make players aware of the standards expected on the green during NYBL matches.

Secondly he reflected on postponed matches not being rescheduled according to the Rules set out by the League. Captains & Secretaries need to be fully aware of the Rules, they are on the website, not the fixture lists, and he suggested they be on every Club notice board so they can be referred to if needed during or immediately after a match. Not applying the Rules correctly can lead to points deductions. These Rules have been set out in great detail in the revisions proposed at this meeting.

Thirdly he explained why difficulties occurred in completing the NYBL Finals this summer, this was due to:

- (a) National Championship dates at Lemington clashing with the NYBL date.
- (b) A request by the NYBL to a Club to have a Final played earlier which was declined and then the Club would not allow their green for use the following weekend, which they had agreed with months before with the NYBL.

He outlined that in the coming year the 'Finals Day' was being brought forward by at least one week to try and avoid clashes assuming entries will be similar to the current trend.

The Secretary then thanked all the Clubs that had offered to host all the events in the past year and said that as Clubs are not coming forward to nominate a President the current trend of asking Clubs to host will need to continue in the future. He then went on to congratulate Middlesbrough 'A' for winning the League, Brotton for being Runners-up and Jack Hatfield for winning the Douglass Cup and John Selley again for his excellent efforts in collating the results and producing the League Table so quickly after each set of results.

Finally he acknowledged the efforts throughout the year by the Management Committee and in particular Les Russell for his commitment in redrafting the Constitution / Rules over this past year.

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 he had achieved his aim to reduce the money held in the accounts to less than £1000 and that as a consequence in 2024 the Club affiliation fee will go back to £20 and the Competition entry fee to £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 2023;

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 2024 were proposed and accepted with the usual caveats regarding weather etc.

As there was to be no Presidency, Guisborough K.G.V. offered to host the Champion of Champions event in June and Finals Day in August with other Clubs, Borough Park, Northallerton and Hutton Rudby hosting the semi-finals.

The date and place of the 2024 AGM was set to be at Northallerton and the date later agreed as being Sunday the 24th of November at 11.00am.

Members of Jack Hatfield helped sell Raffle tickets and £100 was collected for the League.

The first proposal for accepting the newly revised Constitution / Rules was carried unanimously.

The second proposal regarding the format involving 3 rinks of 4 players instead of 4 rinks of Triples, proposed by Brotton B.C. and seconded by Borough Park B.C. was carried by 13 votes to 12.

The third proposal regarding the League being split into 2 Leagues followed by a similar Team Tournament Competition was defeated by 16 votes to 9.

As a result of these votes the NYBL for 2024 was set up as a single League with each Team playing the other Teams both at home and away with 3 rinks of 4 players.

Under A.O.B. a discussion took place regarding playing matches on August Bank Holiday Mondays with no final conclusion.

The meeting was closed at around 8.15.pm and the Chairman thanked all those for attending and the Jack Hatfield Club for hosting the event.

Malcolm McNulty Hon. Secretary September 2024