

# KENDAL AND DISTRICT BOWLING LEAGUE

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

held on  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007**  
at the  
Kirkland Hall, Kirkland, Kendal

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also congratulated Ken Brookshaw on his efforts to get the facilities at Abbot Hall up and running including the new Pavilion which was a pleasure to visit.

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Secretary and President, together with representatives from Abbot Hall, Allithwaite, Arnside, Bowness, Burneside, Crosthwaite & Lyth, Endmoor, Hale, Holme, Ingleborough, Kirkby Lonsdale, Levens, Lindale, Lower Holker, Milnthorpe, Netherfield, Sedbergh, Subscription and Victoria.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from John Scargill, the Treasurer (due to family commitments) Ambleside B.C and Staveley B.C.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST**

**MEETING:** The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006, which had been circulated previously, were accepted as a true record.

3. **MATTERS**

**ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

4. **REVIEW OF THE 2007 SEASON:**

**Fixtures:** These had been done geographically as usual this year with teams playing the ones nearest to them at the beginning of the season. Combined fixtures only had been sent out again which had seemed acceptable to everyone and no club had reported any problems with the fixture lists.

**Divisions:** This year the divisions were 12, 12, 12, 10 and 10, but this would probably change next year.

**Merits:** The Secretary hoped that clubs would keep the merit scores for each of their players, but he should be informed if there was any variation.

**Knockout Competition:** Notice of motion for Rule change: *"The Knockout will be played on specific Wednesdays throughout the season and not on an 'on or before' basis"*. The Secretary had encountered major difficulties in trying to find neutral venues for the semi-finals and finals as it was not known who the qualifying teams would be until the last minute. The availability of "neutral" greens had been a big problem with one semi final having to be moved to Netherfield at short notice - this meant that very few people were aware of this. Proposed by Bowness B.C. and recommended by the Secretary. This would be put on the agenda for the AGM.

**Players' Championships:** The Secretary said that it had been a major disappointment this year that Div. 1 was a bit of a shambles owing to the number of players who withdrew from the draw owing to there being another competition on the same day. Four additional people also failed to turn up, without a substitute which meant that some players got through to the quarter finals without having played a game. The Secretary pointed out a contact telephone number was always given for the Tournament Director on the competition sheets which players should ring if they were unable to attend. It was also very unfair to the host clubs who put a tremendous amount of effort into making the day a success.

Two clubs queried whether this competition was really necessary as the top two merit players seldom took part. They felt that being the top merit player in each individual division was more worthwhile as it had been achieved by playing well throughout the season and not just on one day. The Secretary expressed the view that the competition gave a chance for lower division players to play in a proper competition with a referee in attendance which could only be a good thing. The Chairman agreed with the Secretary that he would like to see the competition continue as all clubs with the exception of Windermere had entered which proved that it was strong enough to continue. A Notice of Motion should be submitted to the AGM if clubs wanted to abandon this competition.

**League website:** The website currently consists of 17 pages which clubs have found very useful. There had been over 18,000 hits on the site between 23 April to the end of the season on 11 Sept. and 19,508 hits up to the present time. The Secretary thought that it was worthwhile keeping the website going.

#### 5. **PREVIEW OF THE 2008 SEASON:**

**Resignation from the League** – no resignations had been received.

**Applications from new clubs to join the League** – there had been no applications for new clubs to join the League.

**Applications for new teams to join the League:** Applications had been received from Bowness C, Allithwaite C and K.A.Hale C. If these were accepted, the League would consist of 59 teams. As the League can only accommodate 60 teams in its present format, the last date to apply for the remaining place would be 31<sup>st</sup> October. Arrangements of the 59 teams into divisions will be based on the way teams are relegated and promoted and would be as follows:-

**Div. 1-** K.A.Hale A , Holme A, Abbot Hall A, Netherfield A, Windermere A, Victoria A, Bowness A, Levens A, Netherfield B, Staveley A, Burneside A, Crosthwaite A.

**Div.2 -** K.A.Hale B, Ambleside A, L. Holker A, Holme C, Victoria B, Kirkby Lonsdale, Ingleborough A, Subscription A, Arnside A, Burton, Netherfield C, Milnthorpe A.

**Div. 3** – Windermere B, Levens B, Endmoor A, Holme B, Abbot Hall B, Allithwaite A, Lower Holker B, Netherfield D, Heversham, Holme D, Bowness B, Ingleborough B.

**Div.4 -** Burneside B, Levens C, Arnside B, Lower Holker C, Staveley B, Victoria C, Sedbergh, Endmoor B, Crosthwaite B, LindaleA, Lower Holker D, Subscription B.

**Div. 5** – Burneside C, Milnthorpe B, Allithwaite B, Heversham B, Ambleside B, Subscription C, Endmoor C, Lindale B, Bowness C, Allithwaite C, Hale C.

Netherfield C would play their home matches on a Thursday, Endmoor A will play on a Tuesday, L. Holker B, will play their home matches on Tuesday and Allithwaite C will play their matches on a Tuesday instead of a Thursday in Div. 5.

#### **Applications to host Players' Championships in 2008.**

Applications have been received from Lindale, Sedbergh, Holme, Crosthwaite and Ingleborough

**Budget for 2008:** In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary handed out a copy of the preliminary budget to each club. He pointed out that the Secretary's and Treasurer's expenses will be less than last year. Communicating more by e-mail had saved money. He also requested that clubs send in their results by e-mail if possible as these are received much quicker than a 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp. It was envisaged that there would not be a need to change the subs for 2008, but the Treasurer would clarify the position at the AGM.

#### 6. **NOTICES OF MOTION FOR RULE CHANGES**

Allithwaite suggested that Rule 9 should be re-written as it was quite difficult to understand. The Secretary agreed that this particular Rule was quite complicated and needed some attention but as

it would require a lot of time and thought, it was best left at the moment due to the danger of something important being omitted.

#### **7. LEAGUE SECRETARY**

The Chairman informed the meeting that despite his best efforts, our current Secretary could not be persuaded to carry on next season. A new Secretary was therefore urgently required to ensure the survival of the Kendal and District League. He congratulated Steve for the excellent job he had done over the last few years. At last year's AGM Steve informed the meeting that he would not be doing the job after the 2007 AGM and that it was imperative that someone should come forward as quickly as possible. Despite sending out a job description to all clubs, only two people, Denise Noble and Alan Gilpin, had contacted him. He realised that the job description sounded rather daunting, but he thought it was only fair that any interested party should know the full extent of what was entailed before committing themselves. Denise Noble had declined to do the job as a whole, due to working full time and Alan Gilpin, who could be interested in compiling the spreadsheets, did not have access to a computer at home at the present time. Over 800 individual player records are kept and approx. 450 need to be updated each week and this means that whoever takes on this task must be conversant with Microsoft Excel and have Internet and e-mail facilities if the current system is to be used. Various suggestions were forthcoming from the clubs, including job sharing with a Secretary plus assistants if this would be possible. It was generally agreed that in order to keep the Kendal League viable next season, compromises by clubs would have to be made which may include "going back to basics" i.e. no write-ups in the Westmorland Gazette, except possibly the League tables, no website, no competitions and no merits e.g. the League could be run on the same lines as the Seniors League until a suitable person could be found. As the League cannot function without a Secretary it was proposed that an additional Executive meeting should be arranged which would take place before the AGM and which Denise and Alan would be invited to attend.

#### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was unanimously agreed that the new venue was a great success and the Chairman was thanked for arranging this.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.