

## **The Kendal & District Bowling League**

### **2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Held at Netherfield Cricket Club on Thursday, 25 November from 7:30pm**

#### **In Attendance / Apologies**

Officers of the league attended the meeting as follows: Colin Haworth (Chairman), Steve Cornell (Vice-Chair) and Alan Gilpin (Treasurer).

Of the 29 clubs subscribed to the league, 21 were present. Apologies were received from Burton-in-Kendal, Crosthwaite, Hawkshead and Langdale. Arnside, Lower Holker, Sedbergh and Silverdale did not send anyone to attend.

#### **Chairman's Welcome / Address**

Colin Haworth thanked those in attendance for representing their clubs tonight and asked that we start the meeting with a minutes' silence be held in remembrance for those who we have lost since our last AGM in 2019, which Alan Gilpin read out as follows:

Abbot Hall:	Colin Baines and Brian Clark
Allithwaite:	Geoff and Hilary Seed
Arnside:	Ann Milligan
Burneside:	Peter Fell, Jessie Greenop and Arthur Walker
Crosthwaite:	Barbara Cleasby
Endmoor:	Kath Gaiskill
Hawkshead:	Tony Butterworth and Gordon Wilkinson
Heversham:	Barbara Casey, Doreen Head and John Lane
Kirkby Lonsdale:	Jim Campbell, Eddie German, Gerald Hodgson and Antony Wakefield
Langdale:	Bob Burgin, Vic Cousins and Ernie Rigg
Lower Holker:	Allan Oldcorn
Milnthorpe:	Tony Fisher and Diana Langstaff
Netherfield:	Bryan Nicholson
Staveley:	Terry Clancy, Noel Mackereth and Gerald Seddon
Subscription:	Molly and Derek Summers
Victoria:	John Hodgson and Mike Wilson
Windermere:	Peter Dixon and Chris West

Colin went on to give a special thank you to Denise Noble for her work on the league executive for the past two decades – Colin asked Martin Scarborough (from Abbot Hall Bowling Club) to collect and pass on a retirement gift to Denise, then suggested that members give a round of applause to recognise the effort Denise has put in for the league, which was duly obliged.

#### **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Colin Haworth explained that minutes of the previous AGM and the recent Executive Meeting have been sent out by email with the agenda for this meeting and asked whether we can accept them as true records of those meetings. This was proposed by Heversham, seconded by Victoria and agreed by all.

## 2021 League Prize Presentation

- a) League winners –the usual prizes (£20 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, £30 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and £50 for 1<sup>st</sup>) were presented to clubs, with trophies as appropriate, as follows::

Division 6:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Milnthorpe B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Subscription C	1 <sup>st</sup> Springfield
Division 5:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bowness	2 <sup>nd</sup> Burton-in-Lonsdale	1 <sup>st</sup> Langdale
Division 4:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Levens C	2 <sup>nd</sup> Windermere C	1 <sup>st</sup> Netherfield D
Division 3:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Burneside B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sedbergh A	1 <sup>st</sup> Windermere B
Division 2:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lindale A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kirkby Lonsdale A	1 <sup>st</sup> Burneside A
Division 1:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Levens A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Holme A	1 <sup>st</sup> Windermere A

- b) The Knockout Cup was retained by Victoria A, who defeated Arnside A 6-1 in the final, while the Ernie Woodcock Trophy was won by Springfield, who defeated Subscription B 6-1 in the final. Winners were presented with cheques for £50, with runners-up receiving £25 each.

- c) Individual merits – prizes were presented as follows:

Division 6:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cliff Park (Springfield) £10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tom Davies (Springfield) £15
	1 <sup>st</sup> Andrew Cross (Springfield) £20	
Division 5:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bob Proctor (Bowness) £10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Simon Bray (Langdale) £15
	1 <sup>st</sup> Colin Knipe (Langdale) £20	
Division 4:	3 <sup>rd</sup> John Baines (Windermere C) £10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Joan Loveland (Windermere C) £20
	1 <sup>st</sup> James Duffin (Levens C) £25	
Division 3:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Graeme Smith (Arnside A) £15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chris Goodwin (Windermere B) £25
	1 <sup>st</sup> Graham Molloy (Windermere B) £40	
Division 2:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Graham Barnes (Burneside A) £25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Martin Wilson (Crosthwaite A) £35
	1 <sup>st</sup> David Heness (Burneside A) £60	
Division 1:	4 <sup>th</sup> Daniel Edmonds (Levens A) £30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Steve Carruthers (Windermere A) £50
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alan Gilpin (Windermere A) £75	1 <sup>st</sup> Martin Gilpin (Netherfield A) £100

Colin Haworth asked clubs to make sure that they have trophies engraved, as the league had to pay for several missing engravings this year.

## Future League Placings / Teams Expected for 2022

Alan Gilpin stated that no clubs have come forward to change their number of teams for next year following the graphic presented at the Executive Meeting last month, and so that will be pencilled in as the league structure for 2022. However, he warned that fixtures would not be generated until all clubs have paid their 2022 subscription fees (ideally by the end of January) and that the league rules allow the executive committee to tweak division structures if it needs be, should any club make a retrospective decision to withdraw a team.

## Treasurer's Report / Financial Accounts

Alan Gilpin reported that the league had made a small deficit this year, which is not an issue in the short-term but cannot be done year-on-year. However, he did state that there were sufficient reserves not to be concerned and that the new Treasurer would need to review costs next year and, if necessary, make recommendations for subscription levels to come into effect for the 2023 season. For now though, levels paid would remain at £20 per club and £24 per team and if anyone has brought their cheque books they can come and pay after the meeting is closed.

Colin Haworth asked whether the accounts could be accepted by member clubs, which was proposed by Victoria, seconded by Ingleborough and passed unanimously.

## **Election of League Officers**

President – Denise Noble wishes to step down, no nomination was received so the post would remain vacant. Alan Gilpin explained that while the league can continue without a President (as it was a non-executive position), it was preferable to have one, as they provided oversight to the Executive Committee, and he hoped that someone could be elected in 2022.

Chairman – Colin Haworth happy to continue, and with no other nominations the post was carried.

Vice-chair – Steve Cornell happy to continue, and with no other nominations the post was carried.

Secretary – Vacated by Chris Hill, covered by the League's Executive Committee and Alan Gilpin was nominated by Ingleborough, seconded by Victoria and agreed by all.

Treasurer – Mary West was nominated by Alan Gilpin, who commented that Mary had agreed to take on this role if nobody else came forward, but unfortunately could not attend the meeting this evening. This was seconded by Heversham and approved unanimously.

Alan Gilpin informed member clubs that the rules of the league state that funds should be held in a building society account, with monies being withdrawn on the signature of the Treasurer. He added that because it is a non-profit account, building societies now need two signatures on the book and this has previously been himself and Denise Noble. Therefore, the new Treasurer would need to set-up a new bank account for the league with signatures being herself and Alan Gilpin (as secretary) as back-up / second signature. This was agreed, and Mary West was given authority by member clubs to open a new building society account for league funds to be moved into, with the old account being closed. This was proposed to be accepted by Victoria, seconded by Milnthorpe and agreed by all.

Online Administrator – Alan Gilpin stated that after the Executive Meeting, Helen Cross from Springfield was going to go back to their member, Danny Conroy, but unfortunately he had not been able to speak with him yet. Danny is a retired IT teacher with website experience, so would be qualified to run the online presence for the league, if he was willing, but we also have an offer from Malcolm Booker, of Netherfield. Andy Blackman (Netherfield) stated that Malcolm offered if we had nobody else, so the league should go to Danny first and fall back on Malcolm if it doesn't come off. Alan Gilpin explained that the league rules do not include this position, and it was added by the League Executive Committee to fill a role they are lacking, so members could give authority for the League Executive to appoint Danny or Malcolm after the meeting as a "probono" consultant, with the position given more consideration if successful, at the 2022 AGM. This was agreed unanimously, and Alan Gilpin was asked to contact Danny Conroy and arrange.

County Representatives – Alan Gilpin agreed to take Denise's place, with Colin Haworth, which was agreed by member clubs.

## **Notices of Motion for the Annual General Meeting**

Received from the league executive committee, suggesting replacing rule C13 from:

[C13 The Divisional Championships will be held on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in September annually. Selection of Greens to host this events are decided at the AGM - only teams which play in each league can vote on the proposed venues for their league. Any Club who is selected for hosting becomes second category when selection takes place the following year. Games will be 21 up and commence at 10.00a.m. Organiser's decision to be accepted on playing if conditions are exceptional. Each Club to notify the League Secretary at the end of the season the names of their top two players from their team\(s\). The draw will be made by the Executive.](#)

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C13 The Divisional Championships will be held on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in September annually. Selection of clubs to host these events will be decided by the league executive committee, with preference given to volunteer clubs who have not hosted a championship event for the longest time – clubs to volunteer their venues by the AGM and notification of greens to be used the following year to be announced when or before the league fixtures are published.

Games will be 21 up off scratch and first jacks to commence at 9:30am and limited to 32 entries. Each team to nominate (to the league secretary) up to 4 players each for the event by 12<sup>th</sup> September and preference be given to teams finishing higher up the league table, for example, if a league with 12 teams has every team nominating at least 3 players then all receive 2 entries and the top 8 receive their 3<sup>rd</sup> choice to make up the 32. Any players nominated but not in the initial 32 draw will make up a reserve list. If there are less than 32 players nominated in a division then byes will be given. Once the draws are made, only players in the draw or on the reserve list can compete.

There will be a league representative or match official at each venue (so nominated by the league executive prior to the weekend of events) with authority to make decisions on postponement due to adverse weather conditions, or to add chalks to the card for games in later rounds, to finish the competition at a reasonable time.

This was seconded by Victoria and approved unanimously. Colin Haworth then asked if there were any more clubs wishing to be added to the list of venues willing to host a 2022 championship event: currently Ambleside, Bowness, Crosthwaite, Heversham, Kirkby Lonsdale and Netherfield, but there were not and Bowness withdrew their offer, as they will be hosting a similar event for the Rothay League the week before. Alan Gilpin explained that with only five host clubs and six divisions, one club may have to host two different divisions, and therefore be used on both the Saturday and Sunday that (fourth) weekend (in September), and of the volunteer clubs only Ambleside said they wouldn't mind doing both days.

Alan Gilpin said that he would ask clubs when he sends out these minutes if there were any other venues willing to host an event (\*), with the final decision on hosts for September 2022 being approved by the League's Executive Committee in February, when the fixtures are generated.

\*Since the meeting Ingleborough and Levens have volunteered their venues, so this is no longer necessary.

**Colin Haworth asked whether anyone had any further business:**

Alan Gilpin reminded clubs that there was a separate meeting to arrange 2022 open competitions, to be held at the Ivy Leaf Club in Kendal on Monday night, and anyone planning on holding an event next year should aim to send a representative. Colin Haworth commented that any club wishing to host an open competition needs to gain permission from the BCGBA, by contacting the Cumbria County Secretary (currently Violet Dennison), and obtaining in the process an "open competition certificate", which usually costs around £6.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:15pm.**