

Kendal & District Bowling League

Agenda / Minutes for the Executive Meeting

Tuesday, 8 February 2022 from 7:30pm at Romneys, Kendal

1. In Attendance / Apologies

Colin Haworth (Chair), Steve Cornell (Vice-Chair), Alan Gilpin (Secretary), Mary West (Treasurer) were all present, and were joined by Danny Conroy (Online Administrator).

2. Website

Danny commented that the old website is hard to update and simply a document holding site, whereas most current websites are done using the more flexible WordPress. He has set-up the new site and transferred across information from the old one. When we go live, this new site will take over our existing domain name, and keep the same web address. Danny stated that he has put more pictures/videos and wants to add more of these to make the site more appealing to viewers. He asked that all members of the executive committee send him a picture of themselves to add, and Alan Gilpin said that he'd ask clubs to send anything direct when he shares the new site at a later date.

Danny was thanked for his work on the new website and he left the meeting to allow the executive committee to deal with the other agenda points.

3. Financial Update

Mary confirmed that all subscription fees had been received from clubs, as well as the FMB sponsorship. The balances in the two Skipton accounts were £3,079 in the new and £696 in the old, which Alan was going to use to pay for the new Super 32 top and engraving then transfer the balance to her leaving £100 to take out as cash for the Super 32 to close the account at the end of March. The first other expense would likely be the insurance, due in April. Alan asked that the committee consider what honorarium package should be given to the committee members, noting that it used to be £200 to the secretary and £50 to the treasurer + expenses whereas £75 was paid to each member of the executive for their work over the two years to the end of 2021 (during the pandemic), with no expenses paid. It was agreed that we would review the surplus position at the end of the season, and agree what to pay then.

4. League Season

Alan produced the proposed league structure for the 2022 season and noted that since the AGM, Endmoor B and Silverdale had withdrawn. This left 67 teams, which were best split 12 in division 1 then 11 in divisions 2-6 and to achieve this, one team needed to be demoted from divisions 2, 3 and 4 from the original list. Alan gave two options to the group, and it was unanimously agreed that Ambleside B, Allithwaite B and Bowness A be demoted in the respective divisions – the first two coming back after coronavirus breaks and Bowness no longer promoted being promoted as a third placed side. Alan said that he'd email those three clubs separately to explain before emailing everyone with the new structure and let them know that fixtures will be done next week.

5. Super 32

Alan noted that Dave Grisedale and Liam Baxter (both Holme) had withdrawn, as they were both attending the former's wedding the day before the event, and have been replaced by Billy Harding (Levens) and Adrian Steele (Hale).

Colin asked if referees were still to be used, and it was agreed that they would be, with Colin to arrange.

It was agreed that Alan can arrange the draw, which will be done live on Facebook sometime in March.

6. KDBL Cup / Ernie Woodcock Trophy

Alan informed the executive that no entries had been received for these competitions yet, and he will be chasing clubs this week. Deadline end of March, with the draw to be done on Sunday, 3rd April (before, during or after the Super 32 event at Crosthwaite).

It was agreed that the finals could be held on the same night, and Steve was asked to approach Victoria Bowling Club to host this year on Monday, 15th August (Rothay League finishes in July).

Colin asked if referees could be included for the finals, which was agreed and Colin is to sort.

7. Championship Events

This year will be the debut of the new format, with each team being able to nominate up to 4 players each and a full 32 for each division being drawn. Alan to email clubs nearer the end of the season to remind them of the change and ask for entries. Colin is to arrange referees for each event and we will aim to have a league representative at each event too, if possible.

It was agreed that the hosts for each division would be Ambleside, Ingleborough, Kirkby Lonsdale, Netherfield, Heversham and Levens respectively, with Sedbergh then Crosthwaite held in reserve (this was decided based on past hosting of the events, availability and the fact that Crosthwaite are also hosting the Super 32 this year).

8. Executive Meeting / AGM

Alan asked if there was any need for an executive meeting of league members this year, as there have been a few grumbles in the past about having two meetings when one will suffice. Colin thought that the executive meeting was a good idea and should be kept for this year, at which we can ask clubs if they would prefer just having an AGM in future. Alan was asked to approach Netherfield Cricket Club nearer the time to have the meetings on Thursday, 20th October (Executive Meeting) and Thursday, 24th November (AGM).

9. Any other business

Alan asked whether it would be a good idea to draft new amalgamated rules for the league, as at present there are rules for each individual event as well as our constitution and match order / play rules separately. Colin said that he thought the rules were difficult to follow and find what you are looking for, so thought this was a good idea. Alan said that he would work on a new set of amalgamated rules, to incorporate everything that the Kendal & District Bowling League does, for approval by members at the next AGM.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by Colin at 8:40pm.