

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

### **2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Held at Netherfield Cricket Club on Thursday, 24 November from 7:30pm**

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

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

Representatives from all 28 member clubs attended the meeting.

#### **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 2021 AGM, which Alan Gilpin read out as follows:

Abbot Hall:	Gary Cooper and Tony Ridding
Allithwaite:	Janice Watson and Sandra Slater
Bowness:	Hilary Holliday
Burton-in-Lonsdale:	Connie Kaulbarsch
Crosthwaite:	Eric Bowman
Heversham:	Ruth Finley
Holme:	Alice Thomas
Ingleborough:	Hilda Doyle
Kirkby Lonsdale:	Richard Dickenson, Mary Mortimer, Russ Taylor and Les Thompson
Lindale:	Dario Mendez
Lower Holker:	Alan Curwen, Chris Hill and Kath Salisbury
Netherfield:	Keith Hogarth
Sedbergh:	Eileen Craven
Staveley:	John Carr
Victoria:	Ian Stanley

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

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were proposed to be a true record of that meeting by Heversham, seconded by Ingleborough and accepted by all. There were no matters arising from those minutes that will not be covered elsewhere in this meeting.

#### **2022 League Prize Presentation**

A schedule of prizes won by clubs and individuals has been prepared (appendix 1), with prizes presented to those represented at the meeting.

### **Future League Placings / Teams Expected for 2023**

Alan Gilpin stated that he was pleased that no teams have had to disband and that he hoped that the league structure would become more stable now we appear to be out of the uncertainty of the pandemic era.

Kirkby Lonsdale have applied to add a C Team, which was proposed to be accepted by Levens, seconded by Sedbergh and agreed unanimously.

A graphic was presented showing the expected league structure for 2023. Alan Gilpin warned that fixtures would not be generated until all clubs have paid their 2023 subscription fees and that the league rules allow the executive committee to tweak division structures if needs be, should any club make a retrospective decision to withdraw a team.

### **Volunteer Host Clubs for 2023**

Lindale are set to host the Super 32 on Sunday, 2 April 2023, and a list of initial qualifiers was given to each club. Alan Gilpin stated that it is up to clubs to make sure that their players attended, or let him know if they cannot or do not wish to take part.

Ambleside, Bowness, Burneside, Burton-in-Kendal, Crosthwaite and Sedbergh have put themselves forward to host a Championship Event at the end of 2023, and with no further volunteers, Alan Gilpin confirmed that the League's Executive Committee will discuss and agree which club will host which division once the fixtures have been produced.

### **Treasurer's Report / Financial Accounts**

Mary West has prepared the financial accounts for 2021/22, which were duly reviewed by Alan Gilpin, and proposed no change to subscription fees from clubs for 2023. Each club has already had their fee notices and cheques can be accepted after the meeting.

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

### **Election of League Officers**

President – position to remain vacant, and Colin Haworth asked member clubs to go back to their respective committees to try and find someone willing to take this position on next year.

Colin Haworth stated that he was happy to continue as Chair, with Steve Cornell as his Vice, Alan Gilpin as Secretary and Mary West as Treasurer. These positions were re-elected on mass by unanimous vote (proposed by Lower Holker and seconded by Heversham).

Online Administrator – Danny Conroy had not indicated that he wasn't happy to continue, and the Springfield representative texted him to check, which later came back with a positive confirmation and so his position was unanimously re-elected.

County Representatives – Colin Haworth and Alan Gilpin are both happy to continue representing our league at County meetings, which was agreed by all (proposed by Burneside, seconded by Levens).

## Notices of Motion for the Annual General Meeting

### 1) Received from the league executive committee, suggesting replacing rule C8:

The Annual General Meeting will be held annually on the fourth Thursday in November

#### with the following:

The Executive Committee should arrange a Presentation Evening at the end of each season in early October.  
The Annual General Meeting to be arranged for a weeknight at the end of January.

#### If the above is accepted, then all the **dates** in the following rule C6 should be changed to **31<sup>st</sup> December**:

Applications for membership of the League will be considered from any Club. Such applications to be received on or before **30th September** in each year; applications for additional teams or deletion of teams from existing clubs or resignation of clubs to be received on or before **31st October** in each Year. All notices of motion covering changes of rules to be given to the League Secretary by **31st October** in each year, and will not apply until after the Annual General Meeting. No Club to have more than 4 teams in the League per green.

This was seconded by Heversham and approved by majority, with one vote against.

Alan Gilpin added that it was his intention to fundraise during 2023 to provide funds to pay for the first ever Presentation Night for the league, to make sure that there would be no cost to member clubs. He expected that it would be self-financing from there, with some contribution to league funds each year to help keep club subscriptions at the same level and help cover ever-rising costs for the league.

### 2) Proposed by Heversham Bowling Club

#### Cup Competitions:

The finals of the KDBL Cup and Ernie Woodcock Trophy both to be played on the second Wednesday in September at the same neutral venue with floodlights.

Alan Gilpin stated that the League Executive Committee set this date pre-season in 2022 and that the clash with Seniors League fixture at the same venue that day was unfortunate, and that they would learn from this for next year. He was concerned that setting a date in the rules could create its own problem, with the date becoming rigid, rather than flexible.

Windermere proposed that the proposal be amended to become the **third** Wednesday in September, so as to avoid the Isle of Man week, which Heversham accepted and as such the proposal had a proposer and seconder under the amended terms.

Allithwaite expressed concerns that moving further into September would create a disadvantage to clubs who do not play under floodlights. Alan Gilpin countered that the finals in recent years have all been contested under floodlights, albeit during August.

Springfield argued that players might be on holiday in September, with the main season having come to a close, so setting a date after the league season finishes could cause selection problems for the finalists.

A vote was taken, with 11 in favour of setting the cup finals date as the third Wednesday in September, 7 against and 10 abstainers. The motion was therefore carried.

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

Heversham asked whether there is knowledge of a County AGM being set and Alan Gilpin indicated that this would be in January, with the County Secretary to confirm by email once a date has been agreed. This was confirmed by Steve Greenway (from Levens, and current County Treasurer).

Colin Haworth reminded clubs that those of us who use the BCGBA insurance through Endsleigh will have their policies come up for renewal at the end of December this year, with the date having changed from the usual April time. However, the portal was not yet open to do this.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:17pm.**

**Appendix 1: 2022 Prize Summary**

**Team/Club Awards**

Division	1 <sup>st</sup> Place (£50)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (£30)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (£20)
1	Windermere A	Holme A	Levens A
2	Windermere B	Netherfield B	Milnthorpe A
3	Lower Holker A	Ambleside B	Subscription A
4	Burton in Lonsdale	Heversham A	Lindale B
5	Bowness A	Springfield	Kirkby Lonsdale B
6	Arnside B	Heversham B	Bowness B

The KDBL Cup was won by Windermere A (£50), runners-up Abbot Hall A (£25).

The Ernie Woodcock Trophy was won by Springfield (£50), runners-up Heversham B (£25).

Total Prize money to be presented at the AGM:

Windermere Bowling Club	£150
Heversham Bowling Club	£85
Springfield Bowling Club	£80
Bowness Bowling Club	£70
Lower Holker Bowling Club	£50
Burton in Lonsdale Bowling Club	£50
Arnside Bowling Club	£50
Holme Bowling Club	£30
Netherfield Bowling Club	£30
Ambleside Bowling Club	£30
Abbot Hall Bowling Club	£25

Levens Bowling Club	£20
Milnthorpe Bowling Club	£20
Subscription Bowling Club	£20
Lindale Bowling Club	£20
Kirkby Lonsdale Bowling Club	£20
<b>Total</b>	<b>£750</b>

### **Individual Merit Prizes**

Division 1:	Paul Kissock	Holme A and B	£100
	Ian Nicholson	Netherfield A	£75
	Martin Gilpin	Netherfield A	£50
	Alan Gilpin	Windermere A	£30
Division 2:	Colin Slinger	Netherfield B and C	£60
	Simon Bray	Ambleside A	£35
	Martin Wilson	Crosthwaite A	£25
Division 3:	Gareth Jones	Lower Holker A	£40
	Wayne Walker	Ambleside B	£25
	Robin Bamber	Arnside A	£15
Division 4:	James Duffin	Levens C	£25
	Colin Knipe	Langdale	£20
	Marc Luscombe	Levens C	£10
Division 5:	Tom Davies	Springfield	£20
	Helen Cross	Springfield	£15
	Ray Postlethwaite	Bowness A	£10
Division 6:	Andrew Foster	Bowness B	£20
	Tom Grindey	Heversham B	£15
	Charles Ellis	Heversham B	£10
<b>Total</b>			<b>£600</b>