

# Kendal & District Bowling League

## Agenda / Minutes for the Executive Meeting

Monday, 13 March 2023 from 7pm at Romneys, Kendal

### 1. In Attendance / Apologies

All members of the Kendal & District Bowling League Executive Committee were present, being Colin Haworth (Chair), Steve Cornell (Vice-Chair), Alan Gilpin (Secretary) and Mary West (Treasurer).

### 2. Website Update

Mary asked whether Danny Conroy (the league's online administrator) had been able to upload photos of all clubs and Alan said that clubs were asked to send them, but not many had. With Danny unable to attend the meeting, there was no further discussion, other than for all to acknowledge what a good job Danny had done porting the website across last year.

### 3. Financial Update

Mary confirmed that all subscription fees had been received from clubs, as well as the FMB sponsorship (£200) and £30.49 interest. Insurance (£51.12), engraving (£20) and Cumbria County affiliation fees (£50) have been paid out. The balance in the Skipton account is £3,472.26.

Mary said that she had received several emails asking for payments in respect of website renewals, but they were mostly spam, and Danny had advised that there should now just be one fee payable in May time.

Alan asked Mary to withdraw £100 in cash for the Super 32 prize money, before the event on 2 April. Alan also asked that the committee confirm £25 each in honorarium, to be paid at the end of the season to those from the Executive Committee that complete the year in their respective role, which was agreed. Colin said that he intended to donate his honorarium fee back to the league.

### 4. Comprehensive Rules and Constitution

Alan explained that the league has always had several documents for various rules of different aspects of the league's events and affairs, with the main document being the Rules and Constitution that can only be changed at an AGM, but other documents that were sometimes tweaked by the executive and sometimes changed at the AGM. He has amalgamated all rules into one document, which has been sent to the executive committee by email just over a month ago, with the intention that we adopt them for use in the coming season, then ask member clubs to formally adopt them at the next AGM in January 2024.

Colin asked that there be tweaks to the wording of rules 4 and 18, which were agreed.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt these rules, which Alan can send to clubs by email and Danny can add to the league website, taking off any old ones. Colin added that because these have not been adopted by member clubs yet, if there are any disputes in 2023 then we must refer to the original rules.

## 5. 2023 Season

Alan has already released fixtures for the coming season, which will commence on Tuesday, 4 April. Colin asked whether Allithwaite were back at their home venue (they played at Leven Valley last year), which was confirmed to be the case as far as we know.

Alan produced a list of participants for the Super 32, due to be held at Lindale Bowling Club on Sunday, 2 April. He also noted that he'd been sent some information on parking, refreshments etc. by Maggie Moseley at Lindale, and will share this with clubs once the draw has been done. Colin noted that Alan Anderson and Cliff Etherden had been booked to referee on the day, with Charles Ellis and Lorna assisting. Colin added that the charge will stay at £20 for this event, but will increase to £25 for future events (the referee's first increase in fees for many years).

Alan stated that with the new rules being adopted for this coming season, there will only be 8 ranked players pre-written in the draw, rather than 16 previously. He has a draw sheet with these players pre-populated and the names of the other 24 qualifiers ready to draw out, which we will do after the meeting live on Facebook.

Colin added that he has the Super 32 trophy, and will bring it along to the event.

Mary asked whether she needed to be there; attendance is not mandatory for the League Executive Committee, but any help she could give would be appreciated. Steve said that he should be there to help run the sheet, and Mary suggested that she could get there for the start and sort the money but may not stay until the end.

Alan stated that there have been 11 entries in the KDBL Cup, and 17 in the Ernie Woodcock Trophy, which was an improvement on the previous year. Therefore, the KDBL Cup first games will not be scheduled until June, and only 1 preliminary game in the Ernie Woodcock Trophy would need to be played before June. It was agreed that the draw to the quarter final stage be done after the meeting. Last 8 draw (to follow through to the final), will then be done at the end of June, once the quarter finalist teams are known.

Colin said that he thought that the reason some clubs do not enter is because games are not at a neutral venue, to which Alan replied that he had reviewed the winners of ties in recent years and only a small amount above 50% was won by the home team, so there was no real advantage of playing at home with the handicapping. It was agreed that adding a second leg to the cup competitions would be too difficult to ask, with so many teams playing in so many different leagues.

Alan to email clubs at the start of August regarding Divisional Championships. Venues have already been set as Bowness (division 1), Burneside (2), Ambleside (3), Sedbergh (4), Burton-in-Kendal (5) and Crosthwaite (6). Alan to email these clubs in July to re-confirm their intention to host. Colin to sort referees at a similar time.

## 6. Presentation Evening

At the last AGM, it was agreed to trial a Presentation Evening, which Alan has provisionally booked at Netherfield Cricket Club on Friday, 6 October. This would give us an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the league, it's member clubs and players therefrom shortly after the season comes to a conclusion. It is also an opportunity to make some money for the league, which will help keep subscription levels down when costs are only ever increasing. Alan said that he intended to run two Last Bowler Standing competitions this season, and passed around his summary of how this would work, as well as generating funds for the Presentation Night. It was agreed that Alan should run these competitions to generate funds, and that he also confirm the booking with Netherfield CC.

Alan suggested that tickets for the Presentation Night could be pre-sold at £5 each, and even if we only sold 50, that would generate £250. He expected that he could also raise around £100 from the

fundraising competitions. The cost of hiring the venue is £40 and Alan suggested that the ticket fee should include one raffle ticket and that we could spend £100 on 5 or 6 decent prizes to be drawn on the night. Colin added that we could ask clubs to donate a prize each for the Presentation Night raffle, but that we should not expect every club to give one.

The only other cost potentially would be entertainment, but as we do not know how much we will make at this time, Alan suggested that we try and keep the cost of this to a minimum and asked if he should see whether Billy Caldwell would DJ the event for a nominal fee this year, then if we make profits from 2023, we could splash out on a band next year. This was agreed, and Alan should feedback as soon as possible regarding Billy's availability and costs.

Finally, Alan had suggested that as part of the Presentation Evening, we could possibly start a Hall of Fame. It was agreed that this would be a good thing, and that the Executive would select up to four players to make up the inaugural hall of fame this year, then we could ask clubs to nominate players for future years, to be discussed and decided by the League's Executive Committee each year. Alan said that he thought we should start with one person who has done a lot for the league behind the scenes, one legend on the green (possibly still playing), one female player who has impacted the game in a positive way with regards to our league and the women's game in general, plus one former player with significant league/local achievements in the sport. Alan said that he has brainstormed in 10 minutes and came up with almost 40 names, and that when clubs start putting names forward, we would not be short of people easily justified to join the Hall of Fame in future years. Colin said that one sprang to mind straight away, but that a lot of names on Alan's list would be fully deserving of a place. Steve said that his only concern would be who we picked and how that might be perceived, but if we asked for nominations for future years then there would be no problems in his eyes.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee would go away and each think carefully of who would deserve a place in the Hall of Fame for this first year, and that we would make a decision in June. Mary asked what would be presented, and Alan suggested a laminated sheet detailing what that person had done in and/or for the sport, with a picture and brief history of who they had played for and when. Alan said that the Isle of Man do the same and he would base his write-ups on what they do, which looks very good. Colin asked whether the inductees to the Hall of Fame would be invited to the Presentation Evening, and Alan said that he would prefer to speak to someone close to them to encourage them to come and make it a surprise on the night, but if they weren't there then it would not be a problem, as we could send the laminated paper to them later.

Danny will be asked to add a Hall of Fame section to our website after the Presentation Evening, to keep track of those inducted over the years.

## 7. 2024 Annual General Meeting

At the last AGM, it was agreed to move future AGM's forward to January. Alan was asked to book Netherfield Cricket Club, ideally on a Thursday evening towards the end of January 2024.

## 8. Any other business

Alan said that he had four trophies with him, which were passed to Colin. Colin has a list of where all trophies should be and will get them back in before the Presentation Night at the end of the season.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by Colin at 8:15pm.