

The Kendal & District Bowling League

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held at Netherfield Cricket Club on Thursday, 23 January 2025, from 7:33pm

In Attendance / Apologies

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

Representatives from 23 member clubs attended the meeting, with apologies being received from Bowness. Crosthwaite, Holme and Langdale were not represented.

Chairman's Welcome / Address

Steve Cornell 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 2024 AGM, which Alan Gilpin read out as follows:

Allithwaite:	Patricia Banks, Frank Jordan, Gordon Roberts and Lyn Slater
Ambleside:	Brian Elleray
Bowness:	Bill Burgess and Stan Halesworth
Endmoor:	Audrey Cason
Kirkby Lonsdale:	Susan Auger and Joe Tomlinson
Lindale:	Dave Archer, John Coward and Glenise Heywood
Milnthorpe:	Paul Mason
Netherfield:	Barry Holmes
Sedbergh:	Pamela Wilson
Springfield:	Peter Harold, Marie Knowles and Cliff Murphy
Staveley:	Hilda Bell
Subscription:	Sue Brearley, Brian Graveson, David Llewelyn and Frank Longstaffe
Windermere:	Denis Blair

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous AGM can be found on our website, and a link was provided with the agenda for clubs to review before this meeting. It was proposed that they be a true record of that meeting by Heversham, seconded by Victoria and accepted by all. There were no matters arising from those minutes.

Treasurer's Report / Financial Accounts

Mary West has prepared the financial accounts for 2023/24 and proposed no change to subscription fees from clubs for 2025. Each club has already had their fee notices and cheques can be accepted after the meeting. It was asked whether the accounts could be accepted by member clubs, which was proposed by Levens, seconded by Burneside and passed unanimously.

Election of League Officers

President – Colin Haworth, Chairperson – Steve Cornell, Secretary – Alan Gilpin, Treasurer – Mary West were all prepared to stand again, and were therefore appointed (unopposed).

Vice chair – John Scott had stood in this role unofficially for 2024, after nobody was appointed. He is willing to take the role on officially in 2025, which was proposed by Heversham, seconded by Abbot Hall and agreed by all.

Online Administrator – Alan Gilpin stated that Danny Conroy had not said he wanted to step down, and Springfield confirmed they understood he was happy to continue, so this post was reappointed unopposed.

County Representatives – Alan Gilpin stated that it would be good to have other members on board for the KDBL and becoming one of our two county representatives is an opportunity to do that, without too much commitment. Nobody volunteered, so Alan Gilpin and Colin Haworth agreed to continue this position on behalf of the league.

Super 32

Sedbergh are set to host the Super 32 on Sunday, 30 March 2025, and a list of initial qualifiers has been emailed each club. Alan Gilpin stated that 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 – so far only Matthew Brotherton (Ambleside) has withdrawn, and Marilyn Shuttleworth (Crosthwaite) is due to take his place. Burneside added that Gary Bingham was on holiday, so would be missing for the event.

Championship Events

Ambleside (preferably Sunday), Bowness, Endmoor, Hawkshead, Levens (D5 or 6 only), Netherfield (Saturday only) and Sedbergh have put themselves forward to host a Championship Event at the end of 2025 (weekend of 27/28 September). Alan Gilpin confirmed that the League's Executive Committee will discuss and agree which club will host which division once the fixtures have been published, but that they had spoken beforehand and agreed that Bowness would be the reserve venue, as they were the only one of the volunteers to have hosted 3 of the past 4 years.

Future League Placings / Teams Expected for 2025

Lower Holker have requested to add a C team and this was agreed unanimously.

Alan Gilpin stated following the above, the league will have 65 teams in 2025; 12 in divisions 1 & 2, 11 in division 3 and 10 in the lowest three divisions, which will start 2 weeks later and end 2 weeks sooner.

Notices of Motion for the Annual General Meeting

None received.

Steve Cornell asked if there was any other business (Staveley asked about the BCGBA development fund levy, which was answered by Denise Noble and Steve Greenway), then closed the meeting at 7:53pm.