

**WEST SOMERSET BOWLS LEAGUE**  
**Minutes of AGM Friday 11 September 2015**

**Present**

Roland Bath	Chairman ( RB )	Wellington
Bob Toller	Treasurer ( BT )	Taunton Vivary
Alan Wood	Secretary ( AW )	Taunton Deane
Charles Furzeman ( CF )		North Petherton
Terry Pope ( TP )		North Petherton
Jeff Capon ( JF )		Bridgwater
Jean Murrell ( JM )		Minehead
Don Bridges ( DB )		Burnham
Derek Sully ( DS )		Williton
Mike Dunne ( Md )		Taunton Vivary
Mike Beale ( MB )		Taunton Deane

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm with a warm welcome to everyone present and thanked North Petherton for kindly letting us use the club premises once again.

**In Memorium** Before dealing with the Agenda the Chairman asked everyone to stand for a minutes silence to pay our respects to all those bowlers who had died this year.

**Apologies for absence:** John Hill Victoria, Ian Trunks Watchet, Mike Groves Wellington, Tony Whitehead Bridgwater

**Minutes of AGM Thursday 18 September 2014 :**

Copies available and Members had been sent copies by email prior to the meeting.

**Matters arising:**

AW mentioned that the question of starting time had been raised by some players at matches this year if matches not started by 6.15 pm. The generally accepted start time is 6.15 but acknowledging that in the case of players who worked 6.30 might be preferred. Agreed to stick with the adhoc arrangement of 6.15 if at all possible and in any event no later than 6.30 and if all players present then start as soon as possible. Aw asked MD if there was a problem at Vivary because of the parking but was advised that there was no problem and most matches started at 6.15 .

In trying to piece together past winners DB had provide AW details of past winners in Div2 and we now had a record from 1995 of winners and runners up in Div 2 and from 1995 runners up in Div 1. It was pointed out at last years AGM that Div 1 Runners up Shield an Div 2 shields were only inscribed from 2002. therefore there were shields missing the obvious enquiry being the clubs who won them in2001. Vivary and Donyatt. Aw had enquired of both clubs but drawn a blank.

The Div 2 trophy shield had been refurbished as suggested at the last meeting and Roland had offered to bear the cost. This had been done at a cost of £48 and we are most grateful to Roland for his generosity.

**Secretary's report AGM 2015**

Our Chairman in his report last year commented how nice the weather had been and hoped for the same this year. Well I hope he hopes for the same tonight and pulls it off again next season.

All 90 league matches were played in glorious evening sunshine in nigh perfect bowling conditions on excellent greens with enjoyable company. For a men's night out it couldn't be bettered.

In the WSL all games are keenly contested in a friendly sporting manner and there were a number of extremely close matches. I have picked out a few worthy of mention.  
By week 4 there were no unbeaten teams in Division 1 and only Bridgwater B were unbeaten in Division 2 a situation that remained throughout ; an outstanding performance.  
Wellington A were still without a win by week 6 and since they were playing league leaders Minehead A they seemed likely remain so, but came away with 10 points – that's bowls .

Quite a number of matches went to the wire . TD A v NP A where the last wood on the last end determined the overall winner .

There were 4 matches won/lost by 1 shot ; 4 by 2 shots and 4 by 3 shots; no doubt those of you who participated in those matches remember them well.

One match which stands out as perhaps the most exciting was Watchet v Victoria where the home side leading by 14 shots on the last end were home and dry but dropped a 2, a 3 and a 6 to scrape through by 1 shot on each rink. Nail biting stuff. ♣

The leader board in Div 1 was not unlike musical chairs played out by Williton , Minehead A and Bridgwater A who interchanged each week. Going into the last match on week 9 they all had 68 points each with the championship within the grasp of all 3.

The outcome was that Williton won 12 nil to become Div 1 Champions and Bridgwater A with a 10-2 win are runners up for the second year. Minehead lost and ended up 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Well done too to Bridgwater B for a brilliant unbeaten performance and only losing on 4 rinks and ending with 100 points.

Watchet must be well pleased and rightly so in gaining promotion in their second season.

That said it was a close run thing as they only had a 4 points lead over Taunton Deane B going into the last match,

However Victoria put paid to any hopes TD B had by beating them 10 points to 2 while Watchet managed an 8-4 win at Vivary.

Newcomers Taunton Vivary C had a baptism of fire losing all their matches . I was concerned, unnecessarily as it turns out, that they may not enter next season. They can take heart that they scored more shots than each of the 4 teams above them.

High scores statistics Bridgwater B 82 v Burnham B 25 and 84 – 31 v Taunton Vivary B .

However these were bettered by Williton who Wellington B 87- 26.

Interestingly there were 11 matches with scores of 8 points to 4 emphasising the importance of rink points and big margins for winning rinks .

Thank you all for reporting the match results so promptly

I hope you enjoyed my little summaries but unless you report the rink scores I cannot do this which is why I do like to have the details of the rink scores please.

I have no doubt that your members thoroughly enjoyed their 9 Thursday evenings , long may they continue. Thank you.

Alan Wood League Secretary

11 September 2015

**Hon Treasurer's Report:** BT was pleased to report that the finances of the club were very healthy and how pleased he was that everyone responded quickly to subscription requests sent out in February. He congratulated the winners and wished everyone good bowling next season

**BT's full report and Statement of Accounts is attached**

# WEST SOMERSET BOWLS LEAGUE

## Annual General Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Treasurers Report & Statement of Accounts

Well the 2015 summer weather seemed to have been confined to Thursday nights as far as I can remember and with 10 teams in each division it was a very good season and made for good bowling. An entry fee of £30 per team made a total income of £600.00. and the expenditure consists of paying the prize winners and the secretary's expenses. I am pleased to report that we are in the healthy position with £1265.52 in the bank going forward to the 2016 season. Congratulations to all the winners and I would like to thank the clubs for their good response to my reminders I sent out at the end of February, and wish you all a very good bowling and a successful 2016 season.

### Statement of Accounts for the Outdoor Season at September 2015

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening balance from 2014 season	1290.52	Div 1 Winners Williton B C	300.00
Subscription from 12 Clubs a total of 20 teams @ £ 30	600.00	Div 1 R/Up Bridgwater B C A	100.00
<b><u>Total income for 2015</u></b>	<b><u>£1890.52</u></b>	Div 2 Winners Bridgwater B C B	150.00
		Div 2 R/Up Watchet B C	50.00
		Secretaries Expenses	25.00
		<b><u>Total expenses 2015</u></b>	<b><u>625.00</u></b>
		2015 Income	£1890.52
		2015 Expenses	<u>625.00</u>
		<b>Total going forward to 2016 in Bank</b>	<b><u>£1265.52</u></b>

T.A.R. Toller  
Hon. Treasurer  
West Somerset Bowls League

#### **Chairman's Report.**

Bowling conditions this season as far as the WSL matches were concerned had been ideal and everyone had enjoyed their Thursday evenings most of which had been sunny. Congratulations to Williton in winning Division 1 and to Bridgwater A in the runner-up position once again. Congratulations too to Bridgwater B who won every match and scored 100 points to top Div 2 and also to Watchet gaining promotion to Div 1 in their second season.. May you both enjoy next season in Div 1.

Let us hope that next season will be as enjoyable in this popular competition and the favoured triples format. Hopefully all the teams that competed will do so again next year.

So let us proceed with the presentation of trophies and cheques.

#### **Presentation of trophies and winnings**

<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>WILLITON</b>	<b>Trophy and £300</b>
	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Bridgwater A</b>	<b>Trophy and £100</b>
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>BRIDGWATER B</b>	<b>Trophy and £150</b>
	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Watchet</b>	<b>Trophy and £50</b>

#### **Election of Officers.**

DS moved to elect enbloc but the post of Vice Chairman had been vacated by the present incumbent. Tony Whitehead had contacted AW to say he did not wish to stand.

In the event Don Bridges intimated that he was prepared to stand and was duly proposed and seconded and installed as Vice Chairman.

The posts of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were elected enbloc in the light of all 3 being prepared serve next year. Viz;

Chairman	Roland Bath
Vice Chairman	Don Bridges
Hon Treasurer	Bob Toller
Secretary	Alan Wood

#### **Any other Business.**

With regard to Roland's mention of next years competitors everyone except Eastover had been in touch to confirm their participation. AW will try and confirm their intention one way or another.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm and concluded by thanking North Petherton once again for their hospitality and in particular Barbara and Mike Pyne for running the bar and wished everyone a safe journey home.