



West Somerset Bowls League

The 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at **North Petherton Bowls Club** on **Thursday 5th September 2019**.

The Chairman, Roland Bath, opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

We stood for one-minute silence to remember friends and fellow bowlers who had passed away during the previous 12 months.

In attendance-

Roland Bath (RB), Chairman – Wellington BC
Don Bridges (DB), Vice-Chairman- Burnham on Sea BC
Bill Warnett (BW), Treasurer- Wellington BC
Mark Reeve (MR), Secretary – Taunton Deane BC
Jay Merrell (JM), Assistant Secretary- Wellington BC
Ken Powls and Royston Ball – Minehead BC
Nigel Maggs and Tony West – Taunton BC
John Hill and Les Snow – Victoria Park BC
Jeff Capon – Bridgwater BC
John Swayne – North Petherton BC
Derek Sully – Williton BC
Steve Peasland – Ilminster BC

1. **Apologies for Absence – none**
2. **Minutes of AGM Friday 07 September 2018**
Proposed by John Swayne and seconded by Don Bridges as being an accurate account.
3. **Matters arising- None**
The minutes were approved as a correct record and will be duly signed by RB, Chairman.
4. **Secretary's report –**

Having nearly completed a year in my position I can say although time consuming there has been plenty of reward in this role. I inherited a very comprehensive as well as a superbly functioning position from the then co-opted secretary Jay Merrell. I must thank him for all the time he took in my introduction to the role and for the training on the website management. I'm sure you will all agree with me that the WSBL.org.uk website is very informative. It's a well-oiled machine that runs efficiently and with little hassle and I'm indebted to those who set it up.

We ended 2018's season with 21 teams and increased this number to 22 for the season just gone. Watchet had received a reprieve and stayed in Div 1 whilst Eastover dropped out of the WSBL due to lack of members. Taunton and Taunton Deane entered a D team and C team respectively, both starting in Div 2. So both Div 1 and Div 2 had 11 teams. The first matches were played on May 23rd and the last on August 1st, with fixtures arranged across that duration so that every team had one bye.

Thank you to all club contacts for sending results through on the same night or the day after. In many weeks the results

were able to be published on the Friday.

Congratulations to all teams for completing their fixtures. There were I think just a couple of occasions when a full side was not possible, the matches all went ahead and were played within the rules.

Congratulations in league Div 1 to winners Taunton A and runners up North Petherton A, a repeat of last year. Div 2 winners were Taunton B and runners up Bridgwater B. Just two points separated the top three teams in Div 2. Final league tables were published on the website. There will be discussion on the WSBL divisions and numbers of teams in AOB.

Finally a thank you for all the monies that were raised at WSBL matches and given to the Andrew Sully fund. In total the WSBL were involved in raising £899, a special mention to BOS who contributed £540. I'm pleased to notify the meeting that there has been an improvement in Andrew's situation and he is determined to make progress. If you would like more information then go to gofundme.com/andrewsully where there is an update on his recovery.

5. Treasurer's report –

West Somerset Bowls League							
Accounts 2019							
Income				Expenditure			
Date	Who	Details	Amount	Date	Who	Details	Amount
07/09/2018	Victoria Park Bowling Club	One Team Subs	£ 30.00	24/01/2019	Jay Merrell	Web Site Costs	£ 11.99
29/01/2019	Minehead Bowling Club	Two Team Subs	£ 60.00	05/09/2019	Taunton Vivary A	Div 1 Winners	£ 300.00
03/02/2019	Taunton Bowling Club	Four Team Subs	£ 120.00	05/09/2019	North Petherton A	Div 1 Runners Up	£ 100.00
06/02/2019	Taunton Deane Bowling Club	Three Team Subs	£ 90.00	05/09/2019	Taunton Vivary B	Div 2 Winners	£ 150.00
14/02/2019	Wellington Bowling Club	Three Team Subs	£ 90.00	05/09/2019	Bridgwater B	Div 2 Runners Up	£ 50.00
25/02/2019	North Petherton Bowling Club	Three Team Subs	£ 90.00				
25/02/2019	Bridgwater Bowling Club	Two Team Subs	£ 60.00				
04/03/2019	Burnham-on-Sea Bowling Club	Two Team Subs	£ 60.00				
09/03/2019	Williton Bowling Club	One Team Subs	£ 30.00				
03/04/2019	Watchet Bowling Club	One Team Subs	£ 30.00				
Total Income			£ 660.00	Total Expenditure			£ 611.99
Balance Carried Forward from 2018							£ 1,314.18
Income							£ 660.00
Expenditure							£ 611.99
Balance Carried Forward							£ 1,362.19

6. Chairman's report – RB thanked all the officials for the smooth running of the league.

7. Presentation of Trophies

Division 1 WINNER Taunton (Vivary) A Trophy & £300
 Runner-up North Petherton A Trophy & £100

Division 2 WINNER Taunton B Trophy & £150
 Runner-up Bridgwater B Trophy & £50

8. Election of Officers – the following were duly elected

Chairman	Roland Bath
Vice Chairman	Don Bridges
Treasurer	Bill Warnett
Secretary	Mark Reeve

8.1 Election of Assistant Secretary

The Executive Committee placed on record the league's gratitude to JM for supporting MR with the Secretaries role. JM is to continue.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 The WSBL Executive Committee proposed the following additions or changes to the constitution and rules -

9.2.1 Additional teams – The following was approved

Rule 3 states that the maximum number of teams in the league is 24. Where the league is below that number if an existing or previous member club wishes to rejoin or add a team then this can be agreed without the need for an AGM vote. In the event that a new club wishes to join, or a team wishes to join to take the number of teams above 24, then this will be referred to an AGM or Special General Meeting. This motion was carried.

9.2.2 There was a proposal to increase the number of teams to either 26 or 28. This was voted on and was not carried.

9.2.3 Bridgwater C team will enter Div 2 for next season. As things currently stand Minehead A will be given a reprieve and stay in Div 1. To be confirmed around November 17th.

9.2.4 Eastover may be rejoining. They will be asked to make a decision by an agreed deadline on Nov 17th so that clubs can be informed and fixture lists prepared.

9.2.5 There was much discussion on the request from **Ilminster** to join the league. Concerns were raised about mileage, travel time, light, delays, home and away parity and what team Ilminster would be fielding. A vote was taken on the proposal that Ilminster be invited if the number of teams for next season was below 24. This was carried by 5 for and 3 against. Ilminster will be informed after Nov 17th.

9.2.6 Rule 5 change – Time of games

There was discussion and agreement that the constitution and rules be changed to allow captains to agree, when delay and light would affect the match, that (a) trial ends would not be played and instead 1 shot scored on the first two ends and/or (b) The total number of ends be reduced to 16.

9.3 Derek Sully addressed the meeting and passed on Andrew Sully's thanks for the donations received from WSBL clubs.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. JS was thanked for the kind permission of North Petherton to once again play host to the proceedings.

Mark Reeve
Secretary
WSBL