



West Somerset Bowls League

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was at North Petherton Bowling Club on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.30pm.

The Vice-Chairman, Don Bridges, opened the meeting approx.7.30pm.

In attendance -

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
Rod Stoodley (RS), - Eastover Park BC
John Davies (JD), - Bridgwater BC
John Swayne (JS), - North Petherton BC
Derek Sully (DS), - Williton BC
John Hill (JH), - Victoria Park BC

1. Apologies for Absence -

Roland Bath (RB), Chairman - Wellington BC
Andy Williams - Taunton Deane BC
Paul Kelly- Wellington BC
Rod Somerfield - Watchet BC
Royston Ball - Minehead BC

2. Minutes of last AGM held in 2019 and EGM held in 2021 -

2019 minutes were proposed JS and seconded JH
2021 minutes were proposed JS and seconded MR

3. Matters arising – none

4. Secretary's report -

How wonderful it was to be able to see the League running this season, albeit in re-organised format. All eleven clubs that took part need to be congratulated and thanked for keeping going in what has for everyone been a difficult year.

Jay Merrell has once again done a sterling job as Assistant Secretary, he really is fulfilling two positions as I see it, as he makes my life a lot easier with all the administration he seems to relish. In particular, I thank him for all his endeavours and hard work.

I hope the Clubs will entertain once again the proposal for the League to be Open. Making numbers up with Ladies playing will to my mind keep the League going successfully and could well lead to increased teams taking part.

I've heard from Ilminster that they do not now want to join the League as they have entered another. For me a sense of relief as I think that resolves one of the concern's I had about the travel time for the clubs at the farthest outposts.

Congratulations to Taunton A who won 6 of their 7 matches and topped the Division 1 table.

To North Petherton B who were top of Division 2 with 5 wins out of 6.

And well-done Eastover on their return to the League in Div. 3 with a 100% record of 6 wins. They only ever lost on one rink which is very impressive.

I wish all clubs every success with their membership and hope 2022 will be a good year for us all.

5. Treasurer's report -

WSBL Accounts 2020/21

Balance Carried forward from 2020 _____	£2055.81
Income (Williton sub) _____	£30.00
Expenditure (Donation to A. Sully) _____	£300.00
Balance as of 12/10/21 _____	£1785.81

BW reported that due to the carrying over of subs and no prize money there had only been two entries.

The meeting agreed the accounts were in a healthy position.

6. Chairman's report - none. JM had informed the meeting that RB had resigned. DB asked for thanks to RB for over 20 years of service to be put on record. DB also thanked the other executive and non-executive officers for all they had done. North Petherton were also thanked for hosting the AGM. DB was very pleased matches were played albeit with a shorter season and 3 leagues due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

7. Presentation of Trophies – none

8. Election of Executive Officers—the following were duly elected

Chairman: Don Bridges

Vice Chairman: John Swayne

Treasurer: Bill Warnett

Secretary: Mark Reeve

8.1 Election of Non-Executive Officer

Assistant Secretary: Jay Merrell

9. Proposals

9.1 All emergency rules agreed at this year's April EGM will be carried forward to next year, this is principally that the League remains "Open" to both men and ladies.

Vote carried

9.2 After the match meals will return. Any club which is unable to offer after match catering should inform the visiting club beforehand.

NOTE: Before voting, discussion took place and there was agreement that visiting clubs could also inform the home club that no meals were required. With this amendment the vote was: **Carried**

9.3 Team numbers to be confirmed by Thursday 27th January with the fixture list published by Thursday 10th February: **Carried**, just Wellington preferring a 5th May deadline.

Discussion then took place and most clubs said that they already knew how many teams they would be entering. JM was asked to request clubs inform him asap of team numbers and to produce a fixture list as early as possible.

9.4 There was agreement to not have a fixture on the Bank Holiday Thursday 2nd June and to start the season on the 19th May, ending 4th August.

The meeting was closed by DB around 20.13hrs