



West Somerset Bowls League

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at North Petherton Bowling Club on Monday 26th September 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman, Don Bridges, opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

In attendance -

Don Bridges (DB), Chairman - Burnham on Sea BC
John Swayne (JS), Vice Chairman - North Petherton 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
Chris Mitchell (CM), - Bridgwater BC
Peter Walker (PW), - North Petherton BC
Derek Sully (DS), - Williton BC
John Hill (JH), - Victoria Park BC
Paul Kelly (PK), - Wellington BC
Mike Kennedy (MK), - Taunton Deane BC
Ken Powls (KP), - Minehead BC
Royston Ball (RB), - Minehead BC
Alvin Affleck (AA), - Taunton BC
Mike Dunne (MD), - Taunton BC
Rod Sommerfield (RSo), - Watchet BC

1. Apologies for Absence - none

2. Minutes of last AGM held in 2021 -

2021 minutes were proposed JS and seconded PK

3. Matters arising – none

4. Secretary's report –

Congratulations and thanks to all the Clubs on their victories, their participation and their support. To the Executive and Non-Executive Committee members I extend a vote of thanks for all contributions made. In particular thanks to our Treasurer Bill Warnett for his diligence and efforts and once again a massive thanks to Jay Merrell whose work has been invaluable.

Before the season got underway Bill with Jay's help developed a spreadsheet table which has improved the collation of results. In the main the Clubs have returned results on Thursday evenings and Jay has updated and published the weekly tables on Friday. A very smooth operation, I think you will all agree.

In May the WSBL became an associate member of Bowls England and we can now turn to them for any required advice. All the information about the benefits of this are in their booklet and we have a link on our website should you wish to explore further.

I think the Clubs are all doing their best once again to outdo each other with after match catering. It seems the competitiveness is both on and off the green.

Whatever the outcome of the AGM proposals to be voted on, I'm confident our League is in good hands and fair play, conviviality and enhanced development will always continue.

Finally, thanks to John Swayne and North Petherton for hosting tonight's AGM.

5. Treasurer's report -

This is the first year since 2019 that we have played a full competitive season with the award of prizes. It is good that we are in that position again and it is with great joy that I can tell you I will, in the spring, be chasing your clubs for entrance fees for the 2023 season.

Also (and I am not running for National Office) I can tell you that we will not be raising taxes (or in our case fees) which will stay at £30 for each team entered.

I present below the Accounts for 2022. The only income being the prepaid subs For Burnham-on-sea for the 2023 season. We have the normal web site costs which this year were £14.39 and for the first time an expenditure of £30 to become an Associate member of Bowls England. The remaining £600 being the prizes awarded for the season just completed.

This leaves us with a healthy balance carried forward to 2023 of £1201.42.

Income

Income from subs £60.00

Total Income £60.00

Expenditure

Web Site Fees £14.39

Bowls England Subs £30.00

League Prizes £600.00

Total Expenditure £644.39

Balance Brought Forward £1,785.81

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Expenditure £644.39

Balance Carried Forward £1201.42

6. Chairman's report – DB welcomed everyone and applauded both the good attendance and the first time in memory that all Clubs were represented. DB thanked the other executive and non-executive officers for all they had done and reiterated MR's comment that JM does a substantial amount of organising for the League. The meeting concurred.

DB said he was happy to continue as Chairman unless anyone else was willing to take on the role.

North Petherton were thanked for hosting the AGM.

DB wished all Clubs the best for the coming season.

7. Presentation of Trophies –

Division 2	WINNER	Williton A
	Runner-up	Wellington B
Division 1	WINNER	Taunton A
	Runner-up	North Petherton A

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

Chairman Don Bridges

Vice Chairman John Swayne

Treasurer Bill Warnett

Secretary Mark Reeve

Non-Executive Officer

Assistant Secretary Jay Merrell

9. Proposals – After discussions took place all proposals were carried with voting that was unanimous.

9.1 The League will be Open to both men and ladies.

9.2 Roland Bath will be offered the position of Non-Executive Honorary Vice-President

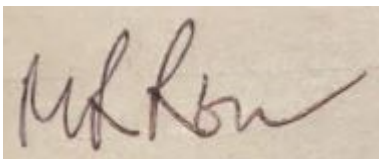
9.3 Both divisions in the League can be increased to a maximum of fourteen (14) teams.

Further discussion and action points under AOB

9.4 All Clubs expressed their intention to enter the same number of teams with Eastover also entering a second team.

9.5 MD explained how a member of Taunton BC had proposed they raise the feasibility of a play off between the various Somerset Leagues at the end of the season. The consensus of the meeting was this was not practical due to the different league rules.

All matters dealt with the meeting was closed by DB at 7.55pm.

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Mark Reeve

Secretary

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