

West Somerset Bowls League

Minutes of AGM Friday 26 October 2012 at North Petherton B. C.

Present; Richard Milton(RM) Chairman, Alan Wood (AW) Secretary ;
Bob Toller (BT) Treasurer :Gary Oliver (GO) & David Court (DC) Bridgwater;
Gerald Checketts (GE) and Colin Littlechild (CL) Donyatt
Chales Furzseman (CF) North Petherton:Roland Bath (RB) Wellington:
Graham Lewis (GL) BCL:

Apologies for absence Don Bridges Burnham; John Ware Minehead: Mike Beale Taunton Deane
John Hill Victoria.

Minutes AGM Friday 18 November 2012. were approved as a correct record.
Proposed CL & seconded GC . Signed by RM

Matters arising: AW informed the meeting that the proposal to change the playing night to Wednesday's – Leon's letter dated 29 Dec with return slip refers- had not found support. Other than Taunton no one else was for it. So playing evenings remain as Thursdays.
Nothing else was raised.

Secretary's Report; AW expressed his thanks to those who had wished him well on taking up the post of league Secretary. It had been an exceptional induction with the atrocious weather raining off all matches in 3 of the opening weeks necessitating rearranging 25 matches with only 3 weeks of the scheduled playing season left. In the event a decision was taken to extend the season to the end of August and all matches were played before this deadline.Well done.

This year saw a radical change in the communication of match results which were almost entirely reported by email. Only 8 cards were sent the remainder,74 , were emailed. The new system worked very well and the feedback was all positive.

The fixture list has been modified to display all the fixtures Div 1 & 2 all on one sheet. Where clubs have 2 teams in the league the request to schedule both of them to play at home on the same evening has been achieved in most cases. The fixtures will be reversed next season so that whoever you played at home this season you will play away next, subject the relegated & promoted changes .

Treasurer's Report; BT tabled his report and statement of accounts which showed a vey healthy position with a bank balance of £1706.02 forwarded to 2013.

It was suggested that AW remind clubs at the end of February that subscriptions are due or provide BT with club treasurers/ representatives contact details so that he could remind them himself. The latter seems the better choice and this will be arranged.
Acceptance proposed by GA & CF and carried with thanks to BT from the members present.

Chairman's Report: RM expressed the concern that everyone had about the rained off matches. Thankfully in spite of the weather everything turned out aright in the end all credit to the clubs and respective greenkeepers . It was a sad affair with BCL and he hoped that Graham and all his club members would settle in at new clubs soon. He was pleased to know that Bridgwater had raised another team to replace the loss of BCL thereby maintaining a complement of 10 in Div 2. He complimented and thanked BT for his continued service as Treasurer and AW for his first year as Secretary long may it continue. On that note declared that he had decided to step down this year as Chairman and was extremely grateful for the support that he had had over the years .
Everyone joined in to thank RM for his dedication to The WSL during his long spell as Chairman.

Constitution and Rules:AW felt that a number of revisions were necessary to the existing rules .

To explain the revisions he tabled the existing and proposed sets of rules.

Rule 2 Typographical error- omit “the laws of ” which was written twice.

Rule 4 “ Teams in each division may play a minimum of nine games”

AW could not see the point of this and neither could anyone else-
agreed to leave it out.

Rule 5 Start time, Day & Date – consolidated

Rule 8 The **league** to provide all fixtures..... altered to The **Secretary** to provide

Rule 9 Additional wording to cater for emailing results.as follows;

.....game played **or alternatively by either club emailing the results as soon as possible but in any event within 24 hours.**

Rule 12 In the light of this years events and the interpretation of “ end of season”
suggested amendment “ **by end of August**”

Rule 15 e AW considered this rule rather draconian and deducting 12 points etc OTT.
Following discussion no alteration to be made..

The above approved by the meeting . Proposed by RB Seconded GC

Presentation of Trophies and Prize Monies.

RM presented the following.to

Taunton A team	Div 1 Champions Shield and £300
N Petherton A	Div 1 Runners up Shield and £100
BCL	Div 2 Champions Shield and £150
Donyatt	Div 2 Runners up Shield and £50

Election of Officers Chairman. The holder RM stood down.

AW nominated Roland Bath who agreed to stand.

AW then formally proposed Roland Bath

RM enthusiastically seconded the Proposal.

RB then took over the Chair and asked if anyone was standing as Vice Chairman.

AW was aware that Tony Whitehead would be prepared to stand but he was not present.

GO & DC confirmed his nomination by Bridwater club and proposed him as Vice Chairman

AW seconded the proposal and Tony Whitehead was duly elected.

AOB CL had observed that some A team players were playing for the B Teams and he thought this to be out of order. It was pointed out by AW that as the rules stood there was nothing to prevent A team players playing in the B team. The remedy would be to make a proposal to effect what he wanted to achieve. RM pointed out that it was all well and good making such a proposal the difficulty would be administering it moreover RM considered AW had enough to do without having to keep records of players at every match.

BT pointed out that if all the teams played on the same night there was little scope for interchange of players. In answer to BT's comment AW pointed out that in Div 1 every team had a bye at some stage so as the rules stood it would be possible to substitute the A team players for the B team that week if the club's team manager or selectors had a mind to do so.

GO & DC considered that ethically no club would do this.

Despite AW saying he agreed with CL and would back him CL was swayed by what RM and GO had said and opted not to pursue the matter.

RB thanked RM and N Petherton club for their hospitality and use of their premises.

RM said WSL were welcome to use the club for future meetings.

Meeting Closed