

# **ROTHAY BOWLING LEAGUE**

## **MINUTES OF THE ROTHAY LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7pm AT AMBLESIDE BOWLING CLUB**

### **Present**

Sue Todd, Peter Milner, Bernard Tebay plus representatives from Allithwaite, Ambleside, Burneside, Coniston, Crosthwaite, Hawkshead and Levens

### **Apologies**

Received from Bowness, Lindale, Staveley and Windermere, Joanne Stonehouse

### **Chairman's Remarks**

Sue Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ambleside for hosting the AGM. Asked those present to stand in memory of those bowlers who had passed away since the 2024 AGM, namely: Norman Richardson, Crosthwaite; Mark BurrIDGE, Lindale; Teddy Thomas and Steve Carruthers, Windermere; Bernard Metcalfe, Allithwaite

Reported that at the start of the 2025 season, there was a very wet Monday early in the fixtures and those games that were cancelled were played after the scheduled last game.

Unfortunately, one team, Lower Holker did not turn up to play their last game at Windermere on 4 August. No explanation was given other than the forecasted inclement weather which in the event did not happen so the Management Committee (Chairman, Treasurer, President) decided to impose a fine of £30 (under rule 3). Definitely do not want to see a repeat of this in 2026.

The Chairman couldn't remember when 3 players were equal on points at the end of the season. This year, the Management Committee decided to reward all 3 bowlers. Whether this will happen in the future is not guaranteed.

Finally, the Chairman thanked Hawkshead for hosting the Merits Competitions on 31 August and commented that the use of a microphone was a bonus and also thanked all team captains and secretaries.

### **Minutes of the 2024 AGM**

Read

### **Matters arising**

None

### **Treasurer's Report**

A copy of the accounts was available to all members present. The loss for this year was around the £100 but not too concerning at the moment.

There were no questions from the floor.

### **Adoption of the minutes/reports**

Proposed by Andrew Wilson and seconded by Steve Greenway

### **Election of Officers**

Chairman – Sue Todd

Secretary – no nomination

Treasurer – Peter Milne

MB Administrator – Joanne Stonehouse

All the above were propose, seconded and agreed by the meeting

### **League Structure**

The Chairman reported that Windermere have withdrawn from the Rothay League for 2026. Promoted to the first Division are Lindale A and Allithwaite. Relegated to the second Division are Ambleside A and Burneside.

This then leaves the leagues with 6 teams in Division 1 and 7 in Division 2. Unfortunately, too many for just one league. The Chairman will therefore email all clubs in January to ascertain how many teams they will have and to see if anyone wishes to increase to 2 teams or if there are any who wish to return, eg Langdale

In the email, the Chairman will also ask if any clubs are interested in playing in the Team Competition, consisting of 3 pairs and these games could be played on Monday nights at the end of the league games.

The Chairman also commented that it seems to be the same people who are playing in the various leagues and relevant competitions with little new players coming through.

### **Date of League Events**

Agreed to leave the league start date(s) until the final number of teams has been confirmed.

The Merit Competitions will be held on Sunday 6 September 2026 at Ambleside with Crosthwaite hosting in 2027.

### **Presentation of Awards**

Bernard Tebay, President made the following presentations, although many of the recipients were not present:

**Division 1**

Winner – Lower Holker  
Runner up – Levens

**Division 2**

Winner – Lindale A  
Runner up – Allithwaite

**Merit Winners**

**Division 1**

Sam Brannon – Lower Holker  
Rueben McPake – Lower Holker  
Russell Cannon, Staveley  
All finished on 22 points

**Division 2**

Winner – Bill Keating – Lindale  
Runner up – Isobel Williamson – Lindale

The President also congratulated the Merit Competition Winners;

Division 1 – Aidan Millard  
Division 2 – Simon Bray

**Any other business**

None

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm