

# Malpas Seniors Bowling League. Minutes of the AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Malpas Farmers BC.

## In attendance:

Jen Roberts, John Hogan, Ann Mitchell, John Mitchell, Les Nield, Roger Done (President), Gill Chesters, Chris Nevitt, Maureen Gell, Bob Charlesworth (Vice Chair), Colin Jones, Trevor Roberts, Anthony Glover, Peter and Sheila Lacey, B Ankers, John Smith, Richard Sheasby (Treasurer), Delia Sheasby, Brian & Sylvia Jones, Gerard Brooke-Bennett, Barbara Pritchard, Margaret Rigby, Christine Quinlan (Secretary).

1. The meeting was opened by the Acting Chairman, Bob Charlesworth, at 2pm.
2. **Apologies:**  
John Dixon, Pauline Geran, Richard Johnson, Roy Davies, Roland Gell, Julie Thorburn.
3. **Remembrance.**  
A minute's silence was held for members who had passed away in the last year. These included: Ron Walsh, Ken Green, Barbara Edwards, Wally Williams & Ron Jones.
4. **Minutes and Matters Arising from 2023.**  
Proposed as a true record by Gerard Brook-Bennett and seconded by Chris Nevitt. Passed.  
There were no matters arising.
5. **Chairman's Annual Report.**  
John Dixon had left a brief report which the Acting Chair read out.
6. **Treasurer' Annual Report.**  
Richard circulated a statement of accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. We are showing a planned loss in the region of £250. Assets have reduced to Approx., £3,200.
7. **Secretary's report.**  
Christine advised that she had nothing particular to report other than that she had enjoyed her first year in the job and thanked everyone for being so friendly and welcoming.
8. **Election of Officers.**  
It was noted that John Dixon had come to the end of his 3-year term as Chair. There was a brief discussion as to whether the Vice- Chair automatically steps up. It was concluded that whilst this is normal custom and practice it should not be written into the Constitution.  
Chris Nevitt nominated Bob Charlesworth as Chair and this was seconded by Gerard Brook-Bennett. This left a vacancy for Vice Chair, after a number of abortive proposals, the offer made by Jim Quinlan was accepted and he was proposed by Chris Nevitt and seconded by Gerard Brook-Bennett and appointed *in absentia*. Other officers were willing to stand again.  
The Officers for 2024 will be:

President: Roger Done.  
Chairman: Bob Charlesworth.  
Vice Chairman: Jim Quinlan.  
Treasurer: Richard Sheasby.  
Secretary: Christine Quinlan.  
Safeguarding Officer: Ann Mitchell.  
Competitions Secretary: Chris Nevitt.

9. **No. Of teams in the League and bowling format for 2024.**

There was a lengthy discussion about whether we should accept more than 2 teams per green. Apparently the Barlows League had tried it last year and run into some difficulties. However, Garden Village are keen to enter a 3<sup>rd</sup> team and given that we will only have 24 teams including the new Garden Village team it was thought to be worth trying at least for 1 year with a review at the next AGM.

There was then a lengthy discussion about the format for the year. There were 2 proposals on the floor, one for 2 Divisions of 12 teams and 1 for 3 Divisions of 8 teams.

Peter Lacey proposed 2 Divisions of 12 teams but there was no seconder so that proposal fell. An option of 3 Divisions of 8 teams was proposed by Gerard Brook-Bennett and seconded by Jen Roberts. This proposal differed from the one circulated prior to the meeting by removing the doubles reverse fixtures. This means there is no need to start the season early or to move any matches to another day of the week. The proposal was carried. Pictorial representation of the calendar can be found on the website. It was agreed that the singles element and doubles element be treated as separate for trophies and prizes, with the previous knock-out doubles trophies being re-purposed for the doubles element. It was further agreed that promotion and relegation should only be based on the singles results. It was noted that the knock-out doubles competitions would not take place this year and further noted that this new format would enable ALL Malpas Seniors matches to be played on Wednesdays with no requirement for matches to be played on other days of the week. There was some concern about how the new team from Garden Village would fit in the doubles matches but Jen Roberts reported that their green is big enough to allow the new team and one of the existing teams to play their matches simultaneously.

10. **Adoption of a Constitution.**

A discussion was held regarding the draft constitution presented to the meeting. A few minor alterations were agreed and, on this basis, the proposed constitution was accepted. Christine to make the alterations and get the document signed by the appropriate officers. It will then be put on the website.

11. **Consequential amendments to the Rules.**

The draft amended rules were presented to the meeting. There was a discussion around the proposal to lower the minimum age of players. The eventual decision being to leave the age as it is at 60. – Proposed by Chris Nevitt and seconded by Delia Sheasby and voted on by a majority. There was also a discussion around teams being allowed to play twice if they were short of players. It was felt that this could only be allowed for the lowest team in any club and

that this could only be allowed where there are single teams if that team was not in Division 1. Subject to these amendments being made the Rules were accepted by the meeting.

## 12. Fees, Charges and prizes

Agreed: That these should remain the same with the addition of the normal match fees being applied for the League doubles. For this season the trophies and prizes normally awarded for knock-out doubles would apply to the team league doubles.

In summary these are:

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| Club affiliation fee to league   | £10 per team          |
| Match fees   | £1 per team per match |
| Competition entry fees   | £1 per player         |
| Payment to Clubs for making greens available for comps or premises for meetings. | £20                   |
| Prize to winners of each league (singles)  | £100 per team         |
| Prize to runners up of each league (singles)                                     | £50 per team          |
| Prize to winners of each league (doubles)  | £100 per team         |
| Prize to runners up of each league (doubles)                                     | £50 per team          |
| Prizes to winners of competitions  | £15 each              |
| Prizes for runners up of competitions  | £10 each              |
| Prizes for losing semifinalists C Paxton   | £7.50 each            |

## 13. Venues for competitions

These will be:

- a. Farndon for Colin Paxton 1 on 22<sup>nd</sup> May starting at 10:00am.
- b. Malpas Farmers for Colin Paxton 2 on 17<sup>th</sup> July starting at 10:00am.
- c. Malpas BC&I for Ann Guinney on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept starting at 11:00am (registration at Malpas Farmers)
- d. Malpas Farmers for Dick Allan on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept starting at 11:00am.
- e. Malpas Farmers for Finals Day on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept starting at 11:00am.

## 14. Possible MS league team for SCGBA vets

Agreed: we would not enter a team.

## 15. A.O.B

Ann Mitchell thanked the meeting for the clock which she and John had received for their time spent as joint Secretaries.

Meeting closed at 15:35pm