

West Somerset Bowls League
Minutes of AGM Friday 27 September 2013

Present Roland Bath Chairman (RB) Wellington;
Tony Whitehead (TW) Vice President, Bridgwater ;
Alan Wood Secretary Taunton.
Gerald Checketts (GC) & Colin Littlechild (CL) Donyatt
Jean Murrell (JM) & Nigel Cox (NC) Minehead ; Mike Beale (MB) Taunton Deane
Charles Furzeman (CF) ; Dave Thomas & N Hackling V Capt North Petherton
John Hill (JH) Victoria ;

In Memoriam The chairman asked all to stand in silence to pay our respects to
Richard Milton who died suddenly this year.
Richard stood down last year as Chairman of our league after serving for many
years. A fine bowler and member of North Petherton Bowls Club.
He will be sadly missed.

Apologies for Absence Don Bridges Burnham ; Bob Toller Treasurer Taunton ; Mike Groves Wellington
Derek Sully Williton

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Proposed by CL and seconded CF , Duly signed by Roland Bath Chairman.

Matters arising: None

Secretary's Report What a contrast to last year . How much more pleasant it was to play most matches in nice evening sunshine although I do remember a rather nasty evening in June at Donyatt. I do not believe any matches were rained off altogether although the odd one was curtailed because of rain and full 18 ends not completed.

That said there were 3 matches that were called off . One by Donyatt v Minehead A and two by Taunton Deane , The A side and the B side both v Williton.

Williton were quite prepared to rearrange the first fixture but sadly Taunton Deane would not and the subsequent cancellation by the B side rather upset Williton who were denied two home fixtures.. The upshot of this was a 12 points penalty in each case for TD and 12points & 10 shots for Williton. I am pleased to say that Minehead agreed to play match called off by Donyatt. Many thanks for your support and the immediate reporting of match results which enabled me to provide an updated league table each weekend.

All clubs with more than one team in the leagues were best pleased with the way the fixtures had been arranged , both teams being away or at home on the same evening.

You should all have had a copy of next years fixtures .

I have repeated the same format as best I can and subject to the promoted and relegated teams I think you will find in most cases that whoever you played at home this year you will play away next year and vice versa.

That said John Hill has informed me recently that Victoria BC due to dwindling numbers can only field one team next year. The implications of this we can dicuss later under item League constitution.

That gentlemen concludes my report.

Thank you.

Treasurer's Report In the absence of BT his report was read out and Statement of Accounts had been emailed to all league representatives prior to the meeting.
Report viz: Once again a total of 11 clubs entered a total of 19 teams between them at an entry fee of £30 per team making an income of £ 570 whilst the expenditure consists of the donation made by the league to the Y.M.C.A in memory of Richard Milton (our Chairman for a good number of years) and prize money remaining in the sum of £600 plus a small amount of expenses I am pleased to report that we are in the healthy position with £1416.02 in the bank going forward to the 2014 season.
I would like to thank the clubs for their response to my reminder I sent out in February that the subscriptions were due for the coming season so I will continue to send out reminders in 2014.
Let us hope that the good weather we had in 2013 continues in 2014 and I wish all the clubs the best of luck.

Chairman's Report Roland expressed his thanks to North Petherton BC for allowing us to use their clubhouse once again for our AGM . It is most appreciated.
Like the Secretary and no doubt every outdoor bowler, a remarkable summer had provided some enjoyable and competitive bowling not just the WSL but in most games whether competitive or friendly. May the same be repeated next year.
From feed back he had had from a number of players he gathers that the system now in place in recording and relaying match results by email is going very well and the instant update is really appreciated by everyone.He thanked AW for efforts in the smooth running that he had achieved . Thanks also to BT for his excellent Treasurers' report and Statement of accounts. BT had told him that he was willing to stand again next year if re-elected.
He congratulated the respective League winners and runners-up on their achievements and wished everyone good luck for next year.

Constitution and Rules Rule 15 c makes provision for mode of play where a team only provides 2 players. Each side to bowl 6 bowls per end .The team of two players will incur apenalty of one third of their shots scored.

A change to the following proposed by AW which he considered would provide a more satisfying game.

If only 2 players are available for one team, the game shall be played with the non-offending team (team A) having 3 woods each and the offending team (team B) having 4 woods each.
Team A will always bowl the first wood regardless of who won the previous end and placed the mat.and delivered the jack.
After team B lead has bowled his 4th and last wood the 2 players in team B must change places before team A 2nd player bowls his 2nd wood.
The end continues as normalwith team a 3rd player always bowling the last wood.
There is no penalty.

It was discussed but could not find a seconder.

Therefore No change to existing Rules

Leagues Constitution and Rules

The rules provide that each team shall consist of 3 triples of men. AW wondered whether in the light of unification whether a team of ladies might be acceptable in view of loss of Victoria B. After some discussion it was felt (TW) that Thursday night was a men's night and the idea of inviting participation by Ladies did not find support. (No shouts of shame from JM!)

This led to further discussion that we should perhaps invite some other clubs to see if they might be interested in entering a team. The following clubs were suggested. Watchet, Isle of Wedmore; Mark Moor ;Eastover and Merriot.

The Secretary to write and see if any one or all of these clubs might like to join.

Presentation of Prizes and Trophies.

Division 1	WINNER	North Petherton A	Trophy & £300
	Runner-up	Minehead A	Trophy & £100
Division 2	WINNER	Minehead B	Trophy & £150
	Runner -up	Victoria A	Trophy & £50

Election of Officers

	Holder
Chairman	Roland Bath
Vice Chairman	Tony Whitehead
Treasurer	Bob Toller
Secretary	Alan Wood

There were no further nominations and the officers in post ,3 of whom were present agreed to stand for next year as did the absentee, Bob Toller Treasurer, who had notified the Chairman that he was willing to stand for next year if re-elected.

In the circumstances the the existing holders of all 4 posts were duly elected to serve a further year.

AOB A proposal by a Taunton Member (Graham Warburton) is submitted and reads as follows taken from an **actual** email extract sent to AW. For **SWL read WSL**;

Perusing the notice boards yesterday after you had left, I came across the **SWL** tables and immediately drew the attention of Chairman Roland Bath to the ridiculous situation that occurred when the runner up won 5 and lost 3 and the 3rd and 4th placed teams had won 6 and lost 2. This anomaly arose because points are given for winning rinks.

I consider that one either runs the league on winning rinks or team wins - one cannot combine both. You either win the game on the number of shots scored or the number of winning rinks.

All present commented on the proposal which did not find favour with anyone. The existing system had been used since the inception of the league and there was no sound or satisfactory reason to change it.

With nothing else to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting and wished everyone a safe journey home. (unfortunately I collided with a taxi at near Creech castle)

MEETING CLOSED

Alan Wood
27 September 2013