

Burscough & Lathom Men's Bowling League

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting On Wednesday 14th April 2021 Via Zoom

Attended by:

12 members representing all clubs, except Mere Brow (fined £2) & Zetland (fined £10), plus Mr. Chris Harding (President), Mr. David Taylor (Chairman), Mr. John Marriott (Vice Chairman) & Mr. Keith Robinson (Secretary & Treasurer).

The meeting was opened at 8.03pm by Mr. David Taylor (Chairman).

This was followed by a minute's silence for deceased members, including Malcolm Hodge (Botanic Gardens & Hesketh Arms) & Alan Silcock (Mawdesley), & a roll call of clubs.

The minutes for the last AGM were passed, with no matters arising from them.

Chairman's report – Mr. David Taylor said he had nothing to report except that he hoped clubs would survive & get through the season following the COVID19 pandemic.

Secretary's report - The secretary gave his usual comprehensive report, which is attached.

Treasurer's report - The treasurer commented on last year's league finances which shown a surplus of £980.61 due to entry fees being paid by most of the clubs prior to the season not taking place due to the pandemic. He rounded off his report by stating that the league assets stood at £1,926.06, he reminded Croston Black Horse & Zetland that they still owed league fees for this season & if teams who were not competing this season would like refunds for their 2020 fees, they should send their bank details to him.
(The full report & the league accounts are attached).

Election of Officials – Hesketh Arms elected Mr. Chris Harding as the 2021 League President. All other officials were re-elected en-bloc. The position of Assistant Secretary was left vacant.

Team Applications/Withdrawals/Formation of divisions – Following Bretherton B's successful application as well as Botanic Gardens's, Burscough RBL B's, Crossens B's, Croston Subscription's, Hoole Village Hall B's & Longton B's withdrawals, it was unanimously decided to form the league into 2 divisions as follows:

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1st Division consisting of 10 teams: Banks St Stephens, Bretherton A, Burscough RBL A, Crossens, Fleetwood Hesketh, Hesketh Arms Vultures, London Hotel, Longton VM, Mere Brow & Zetland A

2nd Division consisting of 9 teams: Bretherton B, Croston Black Horse, Hesketh Arms Ospreys, Hesketh Bank, Holmeswood, Hoole Village Hall, Mawdesley, Tarleton & Zetland B

Subscriptions & Prize money – No proposed changes.

Rule change proposals – No procedure & rule change proposals except that it was agreed that the league should adopt the latest BCGBA return to play guidance.

League Match & Competition dates – The following league programme was agreed:

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| Divisional Fixtures start: | Friday 21 st May |
| President's Day: | Saturday 31 st July (Provisional) |
| Divisional Fixtures end: | Friday 17 th September |

It was agreed that captains should be flexible throughout the season & should accommodate requests to rearrange fixtures where necessary.

The secretary requested that clubs sent him by email, their A team best 6 players registration lists & new secretaries, delegates & captains contact details as soon as possible.

Correspondence

The secretary informed the delegates that he had received correspondence from:
a/ Lancashire CCGBA requesting their affiliation fees.
b/ Botanic Gardens informing the league of their club's withdrawal.

Any other business

Mr. John Read informed the meeting that Hesketh Bank would be using their No.1 Green. The secretary informed the delegates that fixtures would be published on Bowlsnet & our website by the end of April.

As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.34 pm.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 14th July at Tarleton BC or via Zoom commencing at 9pm.

Delegates to bring – Details of the number of players from each team attending President's Day.

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Chairman