

Burscough & Lathom Men's Bowling League

The Minutes of Delegates Online Meeting On Wednesday 24th March 2021 Via Zoom

Attended by:

Chris Harding (President), David S Taylor (Chairman), John Marriott (Vice Chairman), Keith Robinson (Secretary/Treasurer) & all club delegates except Botanic Gardens (fined £2) & Zetland (fined £10)

The meeting was opened at 8.02pm by the Chairman, who welcomed everyone to the League's inaugural Zoom meeting.

The minutes for the last meeting were read & passed, with no matters arising from them.

The secretary informed the meeting that the only outstanding fees & fines from last season were as follows:

Croston Black Horse: £65 (League fees) & £2 (Fine) & Zetland: £130 (League fees) & £4 (Fines)

He reminded delegates that league fees from 2020 would be carried forward to 2021 due to last season not taking place to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was unanimously agreed by the meeting to scrap the unfinished 2019 KO Cup competition so that the League could concentrate on just running the divisional fixtures.

Arrangements for AGM

The AGM date was set as Wednesday 14th April at 8pm & would be held online via Zoom. The meeting formed & unanimously passed the attached agenda. To date, it was discovered that there were 16 teams who were going to participate in the upcoming season. The teams that were unable to join the league this season due to a lack of players were Burscough RBL B, Crossens B, Croston Subscription, Hoole Village Hall B & Longton VM B. The secretary said he was sorry to see so many teams being unable to continue because of the pandemic especially the loss of his own club, Croston Subscription, who had been a long-standing member of the league. The secretary was instructed to contact the delegates from Botanic Gardens & Zetland to find out if they were able to field their teams this season. It was decided that until the number of teams was known it was not possible to set any league dates. The delegates were informed that no rule & procedure changes had been received by the secretary.

COVID-19 Protocols & Risk Assessments

The secretary promised to send the BCGBA 'Back to Bowls' regulations to the delegates as soon as they were published later this week so that clubs could make the necessary arrangements to be able to re-open on Monday 29th March as per the Government's roadmap out of the pandemic. In the meantime, the meeting discussed their understanding of the published Government's roadmap & how it would affect the playing of crown green bowls at their clubs.

BCGBA & LCGBA Fees

The secretary reminded delegates that their clubs needed to pay their BCGBA fees for both 2020 & 2021 as soon as possible. The fees were £35 for each year (£70 in total) unless they had already paid their 2020 fees last season in which case their 2021 fee had now been reduced to £20. Whilst LCBGA fees for 2021 were £30 & were payable immediately unless clubs had already paid their 2020 fees then these would be carried forward to 2021.

Insurance

The secretary informed the delegates that all clubs would need to have insurance in place prior to the commencement of the season & that he had found that the BCGBA insurance scheme seemed to be the most competitively priced following obtaining an alternative league insurance quote.

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Correspondence

The secretary informed the meeting that he had received the following correspondence:

LCGBA letter dated 18.11.20 informing us that their AGM had been cancelled until further notice & notification of their & BCGBA fees for the 2020 & 2021 seasons.

Any Other Business

Mark Rowlinson, Hesketh Arms Delegate, informed the meeting that Chris Harding's League President's Day had been provisionally booked for Saturday 31st July.

As there was no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8-40pm by thanking all delegates for attending & it was deemed a resounding success despite most participants having never taken part in a Zoom meeting before.

Next Meeting - AGM on Wednesday 14th April 2021 via Zoom commencing at 8pm.

Delegates to bring:

Names, Addresses & Phone Nos of their Secretary, Club Delegates & Team Captains for 2021.

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Chairman