

Burscough & Lathom Men's Bowling League

The Minutes of Delegates Meeting On Wednesday 21st August 2024 At Tarleton BC

Attended by: -

John Marriott (Vice Chairman), Keith Robinson (Secretary/Treasurer) & all club delegates except Hesketh Bank & London Sphinx (both fined £2)

The meeting was opened at 9.05pm by the vice-chairman.

The minutes for the last meeting were read & passed, with the only matter arising being that parking was still allowed at Tesco's when playing at Burscough RBL.

Singles & President's Day Reports

The secretary read out reports from the League Singles & President's Day competitions which were both well attended & enjoyed by all competitors at Hoole Village Hall (see attached copies)

Arrangements for Pairs Competition

After collecting entry forms & fees from all clubs, it was discovered that there were 42 entries. It was decided that the secretary would make the draw, form the prize money structure & select the greens needed for this competition from the following available greens:

Qualifying Rounds: Banks St Stephens, Burscough RBL, Hesketh Bank, Longton VM & Tarleton No.1 & No.2

Finals: Hoole Village Hall

The secretary promised to inform the delegates which greens he had selected & send the draw sheets to all clubs as soon as possible.

Arrangements for KO team trophy

Delegates were reminded that the selected greens for this competition's semi-finals were Banks St Stephens & Tarleton No.1 with the final being held at Hoole Village Hall.

Formal Complaint from Tarleton C against Mere Brow Captain on 2.8.24

After the vice-chairman had read out the complaint from Tarleton C together with the response from Chris Taylor (Mere Brow Captain), copies of which are attached, it was decided to accept his apology & following a heated debate, take no further action other than to advise clubs that if they wished to put a rule in place for the marking of 2 cards at all matches including sanctions for non-compliance it would have to be proposed by the January delegates meeting so that it could be voted on at the league's AGM in February.

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Minutes of the August delegates meeting (continued)

Arrangements for Presentation Meeting

The secretary informed the meeting that the presentation meeting would take place on Wednesday 23rd October at Tarleton BC commencing at 8.30pm & Paul Cafferkey, Hoole Village Hall delegate, was asked to invite Anne Brogden (League President) so that she could present the prizes & to let him know if she was not available as soon as possible so that this event could be rearranged if necessary.

League Trophies from clubs present were returned to the secretary for engraving prior to the Presentation meeting in October, with the only trophies missing were the 1st Division & 3rd Division Merit trophies held by John Greenwood (Tarleton A).

Correspondence

The secretary has received no correspondence since the last meeting.

Any Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

Delegates/Presentation Meeting - Wednesday 23rd October at Tarleton BC commencing at 8.30pm.

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Chairman

Burscough & Lathom Mens Bowling League

Ste Rimmer Memorial Singles Report 2024

held at Hoole Village Hall Bowling Club on Saturday 15th June

Congratulations to Colin Moore (London Sphynx) on being crowned as the Ste Rimmer Memorial League Singles champion for the third year running, by beating David Grundy (Tarleton) 21-13 in a well contested final at Hoole Village Hall. In the first 13 ends of the final, Colin took a commanding lead of 14-3 playing exceptionally well on his favoured 3/4 length marks. However, David fought back to 13-17 in the next 9 ends using his superior green knowledge but Colin then scored 4 chinks in the next two ends to ensure victory 21-13. Earlier in the day, Colin looked like he was going out in the semi-final when he trailed Steve Howard 18-9 who was playing a round peg mark down one edge of the green extremely well until he sent the block off the green. From this position, Colin made a remarkable comeback & ran out to win 21-18 playing his favoured 3/4 length mark. Losing Semi-Finalists were Mike Fagan (Scarisbrick NSC) & Steve Howard (Mere Brow). At the end of the event, Anne Brogden (President) presented the trophy & prizemoney to all prizewinners after the secretary had thanked all the competitors for taking part & Hoole Village Hall BC members for helping run the event on the day as well as thanking the greenkeeper for producing an excellent green.

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President's Day Results 2024

held at Hoole Village Hall Bowling Club on Saturday 20th July

Last 8

P.Stringfellow	(Bretherton)	21	V	11	A.Kitchen	(Tarleton)
D.Edgerley	(Hesketh Arms)	21	V	17	K.Adams	(Hesketh Arms)
D.Pritchard	(Banks St Stephens))	21	V	6	P.Carr	(Hoole Village Hall)
J.Wright	(London Sphynx)	21	V	12	S.Adair	(Fleetwood Hesketh)

Semi-Finals

D.Edgerley	(Hesketh Arms)	21	V	17	P.Stringfellow	(Bretherton)
D.Pritchard	(Banks St Stephens)	21	V	6	J.Wright	(London Sphynx)

Final

D.Edgerley	(Hesketh Arms)	21	V	10	D.Pritchard	(Banks St Stephens)
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The day started as a lovely sunny afternoon but after tea the last 8 matches were played in gradually heavier rain. From a 29 strong field from all three divisions & after 6.5 hours of high-quality competitive bowling, Darren Edgerley (Hesketh Arms) was crowned the worthy winner of the 2024 League President's day. The final played in heavy rain was a one-sided affair, has Darren adapted to the changing conditions better playing a 3/4 length round-peg mark he sprinted to a 13-1 lead after 10 ends. After this point, the game was a closer affair with Dave Pritchard actually outscoring Darren 9 chalks to 8 but this was all Darren needed to clinch the title. In the semi-finals, Darren just got the better of Peter Stringfellow (Bretherton) 21-17 after leading 10-4 & Dave easily accounted for Jason Wright (London Sphynx) 21-6.

The event hosted by the first lady League President, Mrs Anne Brogden & Hoole Village Bowling Club was enjoyed by everyone present, which included a superb tea. Play throughout the day was of the highest standard on the superb green which was a credit to the greenskeeper.

After the final, Mrs Anne Brogden, presented the prizes to the winners & thanked her club & league members in helping run another excellent event & all the competitors who had taken part. She finished by saying that she had fully enjoyed her day & thanked the league for her engraved vase which she would treasure.

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To. Chairman/ Secretary Burscough League

From. Sylvia Bentham Captain Tarleton C Team

RE. Formal Complaint against Mere Brow Captain.

Match played on their green on the 2nd August 2024

1. No blocks ready for us to practice. When my vice captain and I went into their cabin to do the books, with our cards marked out and in order from first to last on green as we have always done, he told us that he didn't want two cards marking, just his. Asked why, he said that some of his players did not like knowing the score - still cannot work out why two cards would impact on knowing the score. Our team took cards to keep track of the game.
2. He then went up to our players insisting that they only signal to his team marker as he was not allowing double marking. Later whilst he was playing his own match he was abusive, swearing and using threatening behaviour to our team sat around the green - including the young daughter of one of my players - plus unsettling his opponent.
3. His team members doing the marking were not always watching the game, preferring to talk to their mates, hence a few of our team had concerns about the scoring, although I must stress this did not alter the overall score.
4. During and at the end of our match several of the Mere Brow team apologised to us for their captain's behaviour - they could see what effect it had on us.
5. We have spoken to other teams who had no problem - with him or double marking. What Tarleton had done to deserve this I do not know.
6. May we state that up to this point we have thoroughly enjoyed our first season in the Burscough League and finishing third was very encouraging.

Thank you for your patience in reading this.



Sylvia Bentham

Re: Complaint Concerning Last Night's Match

From C TAYLOR <ctaylor843@btinternet.com>
To <secretary@burscoughleague.org.uk>
Date 2024-08-03 13:58

Hi Keith, regarding last night, I did not agree to 2 cards being used and I said to Tarleton's Captain that our players would be only signalling to one card as 50% of players are new starters.. The trouble started when Tarleton started questioning the scores on the cards being marked by our players, including approaching sam caunce and the marker of the game saying he had not won he had only got 19 , which was wrong. I was on the green at the time , already frustrated over the double card issue I then told Tarleton to stop marking their cards as it was becoming an issue to which they didnt stop. One of our markers , who marked 2 cards was told he had marked his wrong and there was another score being objected too , it was an all together unpleasant end to our first ever season not what we wanted , as all our players have enjoyed and got involved with everything about MereBrow Bowling Club.

If my reaction was deemed to be over the top from Tarleton I apologise to the league, but I was not the one who caused the problem as I did not agree to double marking, as an after thought next season they can mark all the cards at our green as our players wouldn't object and it would solve the problem.

regards,

Chris

----- Original Message -----

From: secretary@burscoughleague.org.uk

To: ctaylor843@btinternet.com

Sent: Saturday, August 3rd 2024, 09:41

Subject: Complaint Concerning Last Night's Match

Morning Chris, I have received a complaint regarding your behaviour at last night's match v Tarleton C by their captain. I would be grateful therefore if you would kindly let me have your version of events in writing so that the matter can be discussed at our next delegates meeting on Wednesday 27st August. I am led to believe the dispute was regarding the marking of two cards which was decided at the AGM could take place if both team captains agreed. I look forward to receiving your reply in due course. – Yours In Sport, Keith Robinson Secretary/Treasurer Burscough & Lathom Bowling League