

MINUTES OF 2010 AGM WEDS 27th JANUARY @ Macclesfield Bowling Club

1. ROLL CALL & APOLOGIES.

The President Maureen Bennett took the chair. There was a short silence during which delegates stood in memory of friends who have passed away since the last AGM. All clubs were represented, and all committee members were present, so no apologies were required from clubs, although Roy Walker and Terry Jackson, the auditors, apologised for not being able to attend, as did the sponsor of the Association, Andrew Smith.

2. MINUTES.

These were accepted as true and correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

None.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Derek Greenwood thanked the committee for their work, and Andrew Smith Funeral Services for taking up the baton and helping the Association financially through their continued sponsorship. Derek was pleased to see an upturn in support for the Association competitions, even though weather conditions weren't always wonderful. He wished all clubs well for the coming season and congratulated all of the trophy winners on their achievements.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Harvey Gilbert reported on another season where a small deficit in finance occurred – a loss for the 2009 year of £34.32. In order to arrest a decline a continual decline in finances, and to increase the prize monies awarded to average winners, Harvey proposed that the Association would accept an additional £5 per team increase in league fees, from £45 to £50 per team. This proposal was **accepted** by a show of hands, as was a proposal to increase the average winner's prize monies by £5 per person. Harvey also said that he wanted to address the amount paid in honorariums, but this would need to be looked at next year, as the last AGM voted to freeze honorariums for two years (i.e. until the 2011 AGM). Brenda Bailey from Pack Horse queried the liability insurance amount on the Income and Expenditure figures; the secretary made a note to investigate this further, as Harvey alluded to the fact it had already been paid, but may need to be looked at. **The treasurer's report was accepted by Prestbury and seconded by South Park.**

6. CHESHIRE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

Unfortunately, Eddie Clubbe could not attend, as he is no longer going to meetings. However, he reported no major issues at the last AGM of Cheshire that would impact directly on our league. The secretary informed the Association that he would like to ensure that Eddie's work over the years was properly rewarded, and he would seek to give Eddie a token of the Association's appreciation for his continued dedication in helping to support the Association. The secretary noted that the position would not be an easy one to fill, although nomination for the post would take place later.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mark gave thanks to Andrew Smith for continuing to sponsor the Association; in a difficult time for the economy as a whole, his assistance is very much appreciated. Thanks were also given to L & J Print Services, who last season were excellent in ensuring the handbooks were produced on time and with the minimum of effort – although extra results sheets would be needed for the Third Division for the 2010 season! He advised the reason for the delay on the new website was the failure of a laptop hard disk, with unfortunately no content backed up to call upon, but hopefully the new website will be up and running before the start of the new season. Special thanks to Macclesfield Bowling Club for again hosting the competitions successfully, and to Pack Horse for their continued support in hosting the floodlit final, although there may be a change of venue considered for the 2010 season. Thanks were given to the committee and to Eddie Clubbe for his work over a long period of time in supporting the Association in his capacity as a Cheshire Representative, and to all present at the AGM for the hard work they do for their clubs.

8. MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mike stated no major issues in the 2009 season, with no fines required thanks to captains promptly posting their results sheets to him. The results were continually updated on the website, and Mike mentioned his newspaper column, hoping that he continued to entertain in his weekly article. He thanked all committee members for their efforts.

9. COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Viv was pleased to see that the 2009 competitions were better attended, with probably double the attendance of the previous season's competitions. She particularly thanked Maureen Bennett for her assistance in sorting out the competitions. She gave big thanks

to Macclesfield Bowling Club for their efforts in hosting the competitions, calling them "stars" for their continued help and assistance.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

Proposals from Macclesfield Bowling Club:

1. To remove the "starred players" rule and revert back to the format of the 2004 season – **Not passed** – this was seconded by Pack Horse, but as has been the case in recent AGMs, after some discussion, the motion was defeated.
2. New rule to state that a player may only play for one team in any one week – **Not passed.**

Proposals from Pack Horse Bowling Club:

1. That Macclesfield & District Bowling Association leagues alter the ratio of teams in the divisions to:

First Division - 13 teams

Second Division - 13 teams

Third Division - 12 teams

Fourth Division - 12 teams

(Adding or deleting teams in 2010, to be made to the Third & Fourth Divisions).

This was discussed under Item 11, but the league formation suggested by the committee was accepted.

2. Delete rules

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and replace them with revisions... - **Withdrawn, following the discussion of MBC's first proposal.**

3. Rule 8.1.2

Delete: Ladies Competition from this rule – **Passed.**

Proposal from Congleton Cricket Club

To add a new rule to state that players not present or represented at the Association Presentation Evening shall have their prize money withheld and returned to league funds (this can be added underneath rule 7.1.3 in the League Bowling/General section of the handbook) – **Passed.**

11. TEAM ENTRIES & LEAGUE FORMATION

The Secretary informed the meeting that there were applications for new teams from Alderley Sports & Social, Coronation (for a B team) and reapplications from South Park for a C team and Parkside for a D team. To keep a balance of teams in the divisions, the top two divisions were proposed to contain 13 teams, with Divs 3 & 4 to contain 14 teams, with Drum & Monkey C promoted from Div Four and Poynton Working Mens B kept in Div Three to allow for the new teams to come into Div Four. There was some discussion about the balance of teams in the divisions, with Pack Horse in particular proposing that the structure of the divisions may have to change if additional teams are allowed into the competition in future. In the event, **all teams were accepted into the league, and the formation was accepted.**

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

****PRESIDENT** : Maureen Bennett. ****CHAIRMAN** : Derek Greenwood **** SECRETARY** : Mark Bowers **** TREASURER** : Harvey Gilbert. **** MATCH SEC** : Mike Watkins **** CHESHIRE REPRESENTATIVE** : Steven Wilson **** COMPETITION SEC**: Vivien Hampton. ****AUDITORS** : Terry Jackson/Roy Walker. **All elected en bloc, with the exception of Steve Wilson from Pack Horse Bowling Club, who put himself forward for election as Cheshire Representative on the night. He was unanimously accepted on to the committee.**

13. COMPETITIONS INCLUDING INTER LEAGUE

As before, all competitions are at Macclesfield Bowling Club. This year's dates have changed slightly in a bid to increase attendance: **Stan Mason Trophy L.O.D. Pairs: Sunday April 26th. Victory Pairs: Sunday July 5th. Hayman Trophy: Sunday August 2nd. Neckwear Cup: Sunday Aug 23rd.** Congleton Cricket Club will again represent Macclesfield Association in the Inter League competition.

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed to meet at Macclesfield Bowling Club on: March 17th 2010, with the 2010 AGM to take place on January 26th 2011.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm