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MINUTES of WSBL ADM

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Management Comm: Alan Messer, Paul Leatherbarrow, Nigel Reynolds, David Parker and David Jackson

Together with delegates from 16 member clubs as detailed below:

Arundel, Bognor, Chichester, Crablands, East Preston, Goring Manor, Maltravers, Middleton, Paghams, Petworth, Pulborough, Southbourne, Tarring Priory, Witterings, Worthing and Worthing Pavilion. Absent Marine Gardens and Storrington.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 There were apologies from Norfolk BC and Chris Rolph president / member management committee.

Gentlemen

Please accept my apologies for being absent at this evenings Annual Delegates Meeting. I have another engagement and cannot be in two places at once. As many of you know I founded the league in 1985 and have been in the Secretarial Chairman and now President's office ever since.

When forming the league almost 40 years ago my intention was to give a competitive game of bowls to all that wanted it no matter what level they played their bowls at. I am very pleased that throughout the journey I have been supported by like minded bowlers who have served on the management committee with me. I do hope that the league can continue to support the smaller clubs and their players and not just the elite bowlers in West Sussex. If elected again as President I will always consider the wishes and needs of all bowlers no matter whether they play in Division One, Two or Three. The West Sussex Bowls League is a league for all abilities and long may it remain so.

Chris Rolph: WSBL President

3. Minutes of previous ADM

3.1 The minutes of the ADM held on 18th October 2021 had been circulated to all clubs, via email and were unanimously accepted as a true record and were made available to be signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

4.1 None.

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 Attached as Appendix A

6. Secretary's Report

6.1 2022 has been a difficult year again for WSBL.

During the season some Clubs have struggled to field full teams on occasions. The Management Committee had some difficult decisions to make, several Clubs were unhappy. The Management Committee believe they were taken in the best interest of the league.

We got into hot weather later in season. In line with Government and Bowls England guidance the Management Committee drew up some temporary amendments to our league rules. Again, several clubs were disgruntled with our actions. There was pressure put on to clubs to play the fixture at the original agreed date and time, although the weather report forecast caution. The Management feel we need to make changes to the league rules going forward. As the extreme weather was in August, it was too late to put forward changes for inclusion next year. We hope to get changes drafted in the close season and hope that it will be acceptable for these to be included, following a special electronic delegates meeting.

One thing that I think needs to be clearer is when arranging fixtures care should be taken to avoid potential clashes with external bodies, County events and regional finals with Bowls England competitions. It also applies to league clubs with two teams who in the past have had fixtures on the same day.

Hopefully 2023 will be a good bowling year, without too many problems, for WSBL.

7. Hon. Treasurers Report

West Sussex Bowls League

7.1 The Treasurer's report is included below.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 17th OCTOBER 2022

2021 £		2022 £
4288.50	Bank Balance b/f	2,987.50
	<u>Add Receipts</u>	
0.00	Club Fees (Nil in 2021, 24x £40 in 2022)	960.00
-	League Sponsorship (Phoenix)	150.00
-	PC Cup Sponsorship (Legacy)	1500.00
4288.50		5597.50
	<u>Payments</u>	
100.00	Honorarium - Hon Sec./Match Sec.	100.00
398.00	Trophies (PC Cup and T and E)	415.00
753.00	Finals Day Expenses	833.00
-	Hall Donation (Arundel BC)	25.00
-	Bank Charges – Note 1	47.60
50.00	Web Site Fees	50.00
1301.00		1470.60
4288.50	Bank Balance c/f	2,987.50

Note 1. Charges relate to HSB account in 2022.
The account is now with Lloyds.

Prepared by Nigel Reynolds
Hon. Treasurer WSBL

- 7.2 The Treasurer proposed the League Fees for the 2024 season to remain at £40 per team. It was unanimously agreed that both the accounts and the League Fee proposal should be accepted.
- 7.3 It was proposed that an honorarium of £100 be paid to the Hon. Secretary / Match Secretary for the work that they do and the expenses that they incur, also a sum of £50 to be paid to the Webmaster to cover the costs of web fees for domain names etc. This was unanimously agreed.

8. Election of Officers

Position	Incumbent 2021-22	Proposed for 2022-23
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President	Chris Rolph	Chris Rolph
Chairman	Lindsay Bangs	Lindsay Bangs
Secretary	Roger Dear	Roger Dear
Treasurer	Nigel Reynolds	Nigel Reynolds
Man Comm:	David Jackson	David Jackson
	Paul Leatherbarrow	Paul Leatherbarrow
	Francis Fahey	Francis Fahey
	Alan Messer (Match Sec.)	Alan Messer

8.1 *The officers proposed to stand for office in 2022-23* were unanimously re-elected en bloc. Alan Messer agreed to continue to co-ordinate fixtures, results and website updates.

9. **Proposals for Changes to Current Rules & or Constitution: WSBL – none received by the end of July 2021.**

10. **Dates for 2023**

17 September 14:00 PC Cup Final, Champions v the Rest and Presentation Dinner
(venue Worthing Pavilion)

23 October 19:00 WSBL ADM (venue Arundel if Possible)

PC Cup 2023 The completed draw is included as part of these minutes as Appendix 4

11. **Closure of formal part of the Meeting**

12 **Other Business – Discussion only**

Discussion and debate covered the issues of how the league would proceed if the pandemic restrictions still applied in 2023.

13.a In 2022, we had exceptionally high temperatures. Following a long discussion, with many observations put to the meeting it was agreed that the temporary rules would be withdrawn, and that wording would be amended, **Alan Messer to draw up the correct rewording of league rules 4.10.**

13.d **The PC Cup and league format for 2023.**

For 2023 the League format would be: -

Division 1 and 2 would be Four Rinks and Division 3 would be Three Rinks.

It was agreed that the league management committee should consult with all clubs in 2023, to see if the 2024 league programme could return to Four Rinks for all Divisions.

Minutes Compiled by:

Roger Dear

Hon Secretary

December 2022

West Sussex Bowls League

Signed as a true record

Chairman (L Bangs)

Date

APPENDIX A

LINDSAY H BANGS

W S B L Chairman

West Sussex Bowls League

Firstly, as always, I must thank the Management and Committee of Arundel Bowls Club for allowing us to hold another ADM in their clubhouse. This really is an excellent centrally located venue for us all to get together. Well, it has fortunately been a more 'normal' year than last year. We were able to play bowls without any restrictions due to COVID. However, it was apparent that some players were still reluctant to be involved totally which is quite understandable. But a full league programme took place and thankfully, in a normal rinks format. It was noticeable that some clubs did have difficulty in fielding a full team of players which unfortunately, led to some penalties having to be applied according to the League rules. Congratulations to Southbourne, Bognor 'A' and Middleton for winning Divisions 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Now for some 'thank you's.' Firstly, to Roger Dear for the work he has done this season as our secretary. I think that we underestimate the amount of time and effort that the Secretary's job entails. Roger has again been assisted by Alan Messer, who I would also like to thank for the work he has done sorting out all the results of matches and keeping the website updated with these. Again, a significant workload. As you know, Nigel Reynolds took over as our Treasurer at the last ADM and has spent considerable time sorting out our banking arrangements, culminating in a switch from HSBC to Lloyds. Lloyds are much more amenable to the needs of small clubs and currently do not levy any charges unlike HSBC which was the main reason for the switch. And my thanks also to the other members of the Management Committee, Dave Jackson for the website and all for their support throughout last season and their input into issues that arose during the season. I could not let the evening pass without continuing to say a huge 'thank you,' for the fantastic generosity from the family of Peter Chiffins in sponsoring the PC Cup. As per Peter's wishes, the family have given us a further £1500 so that we can continue with the PC Cup in its current format for another 15 years or so. Our further thanks must go to Andy 'Clunky' Clarke who has, through his Company, Phoenix Quality Frozen Foods, been generous and provided the League with sponsorship money once again this year. We will try and encourage this to continue! So, a final thank you from us all on the Committee for your support for the League. I believe that it is a very successful League and has been since Chris Rolph founded it in 1985. We will have 22 teams in the League in 2023, unfortunately having lost two from this last season. Finally, gentlemen, let us look forward to a great year's bowling in 2023 with no major issues arising to disrupt this. In the meantime, I wish you all good health during the winter, success for those of you who play indoors, and let us all look forward to enjoying the League's 39th season in 2023

APPENDIX 2

The proposed Divisions for 2023 are shown below. There were no applications from new teams.

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2023 WSBL Division 1	2023 WSBL Division 2	2023 WSBL Division 3
Bognor A	Crablands	Arundel
East Preston A	Goring Manor	Bognor B
Chichester A	Maltravers	East Preston B
Norfolk A	Middleton	Marine Gardens
Southbourne	Pagham	Petworth
Tarring Priory	Pulborough	Storrington
Worthing Pavilion A	Worthing	Witterings
Worthing Pavilion B	8 - Blank	8 - Blank

The draw for the 2023 PC Cup took place at the 2022 ADM.

Roger Dear: Hon. Secretary West Sussex Bowls League

APPENDIX 5 (PDF Version Available)

WSBL DIVISION 1, 2 & 3 2022

Week 1 and 2 To be played in the period

May 23-Jun 05

STANDARDISED WEEKS 21/22

1	V	8
2	V	7
3	v	6
4	v	5
8	v	5
6	v	4
7	v	3
1	v	2

Week 3 and 4 To be played in the period

Jun 06 - Jun 19

STANDARDISED WEEKS 23/24

2	v	8
3	v	1
4	v	7
5	v	6
8	v	6
7	v	5
1	v	4
2	v	3

Week 5 and 6 To be played in the period

Jun 20 - Jul 03

STANDARDISED WEEKS 25/26

3	v	8
4	v	2
5	v	1
6	v	7
8	v	7
1	v	6
2	v	5
3	v	4

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Week 7 and 8 To be played in the period

Jul 04 - Jul 17

STANDARDISED WEEKS 27/28

4	v	8
5	v	3
6	v	2
7	v	1
8	v	4
3	v	5
2	v	6
1	v	7

Week 9 and 10 To be played in the period

Jul 18 - Jul 31

STANDARDISED WEEKS 29/30

7	v	8
6	v	1
5	v	2
4	v	3
8	v	3
2	v	4
1	v	5
7	v	6

Week 11 and 12 To be played in the period

Aug 01 – Aug 14

STANDARDISED WEEKS 31/32

6	v	8
5	v	7
4	v	1
3	v	2
8	v	2
1	v	3
7	v	4
6	v	5

Week 13 and 14 To be played in the period

5	v	8
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Aug 15 – Aug 29

STANDARDISED WEEKS 33/34

4	v	6
3	v	7
2	v	1
8	v	1
7	v	2
6	v	3
5	v	4

Div 1 Fixtures should be scheduled for Friday evening, Sat Morning, Saturday Afternoon, Sunday Morning or Sunday Afternoon

Div 2 / 3 Fixtures may be scheduled for any day of the week during the allocated fortnight.

Fixture Number Keys will be allocated annually in September or earlier once league formation has been agreed. Fixture numbers will be allocated in alphabetic order for each league.