

Exeter & District Over 60's Triples Bowling League

Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Exeter & District Over 60's Triples League held at the Isca Bowling Club on Wednesday 5th October 2022

1. Opening by the Chairman/Secretary

With an almost full complement of Club Representatives, the Chairman opened the meeting at 2.30pm. The question of whether we needed two meetings at this time of year was discussed and decided there was no need.

These minutes reflect that of a Management and Annual General Meeting combination.

2. In Memory

He bid a warm welcome to everyone and broke the sad news to those that did not already know, of the death of our Treasurer, John Abbott in May, he will be sorely missed after giving over 15 years' service to the League.

He asked all members to stand for a minute's silence in memory of John.

3. Apologies

John Heppell (Belmont); Tony Tooley (Honiton); Peter Mison (Sidmouth); Stephen Cowling (Broadclyst); Chris Fuller (Uffculme).

4. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of March 2022 having been circulated were accepted as a true record and are to be signed by the Chairman/Secretary.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

6. Reports

6.1 Secretary

6.1.1 Tony had nothing to report.

6.2 Fixtures Secretary

6.2.1 Maurice said he had nothing to report other than this season he had 48 matches cancelled due to lack of players and this had led to him to make the proposal for a change to our Rules. This would allow teams to import players from a lower team or division up to three times.

The full change proposed had been circulated with the minutes of the last meeting and the invitation to this one.

This was to be discussed later.

6.3 Treasurers

6.3.1 Tony reported the current Lloyds Bank balance was £2,044.19

There was an estimated outstanding expense of £267 for 2022 which will leave a balance of approximately £1,777.00 at the beginning of 2023.

If the 2023 expenses remain the similar; the balance in January 2024, will be very close to the £1,500 reserve balance agreed by the members.

Therefore, in March 2024 we may have to consider a small entrance fee to cover expenses for that year.

However, for 2023 it was agreed there will be no entry fees charged.

7. Applications to join the League.

7.1 Applications received from Budleigh; Phear Park; and Taunton Deane for additional teams and from South Molton to join the League for the first time.

As South Molton falls within the required statistics they were automatically accepted.

Tony to notify them of our decision.

The Culm Vale representative asked what the deadline for applications to join was. He was told he would need to let Maurice know by the 14th of October at which time he will release the fixtures for 2023

8. Promotions and Demotions

8.1 There will be the usual promotion of the top two teams and the demotion of the two bottom teams in divisions 1 to 5.

In Division 6, was two team short, there will be the usual two top teams promoted no teams demoted.

In division 7 was one team short so two top teams promoted one team only will be demoted.

In division 8, four teams will be promoted to bring the total teams in division 7 to ten.

With the introduction of four new teams and a possible fifth we may have 10 teams in division 8 in 2023.

9. Start Time

9.1 The 2.30pm and a possible 10.30am start time was discussed at length; a show of hand for any change resulted in a zero count for any change from the current rules.

10.1 Change to Rules

10.1 The changes to the Rules that will allow players to move up to a higher graded team for three times was proposed by Maurice. After discussion Roger Wooland; Seaton; proposed we accept the proposal and Peter Sweet; Marina; seconded.

A show of hands both for and against was asked for. An agreement to change the rules showed 22 of the 25 members present in agreement; this exceeds the 2/3 majority needed and the motion to change the Rules was passed.

10.2 The Rule stating clubs are to return the match results by post is to be change to reflect the now required system to return them online.

10.3 The Rule regarding meetings is to be modified to reflect a meeting in March and one Annual General Meeting in October. The October Management meeting and the AGM are to be combined into one AGM.

Tony to implement all these changes to the Rules.

11. Election of Officers

11.1 As there were no new proposals for Secretary; Treasurer and Fixture Secretary Tony to continue as Secretary and Treasurer and Maurice as Fixture Secretary.

11.2 Peter Sweet had expressed an interest in taking up the position of Chairman. R. Pedrick (Okehampton) proposed Peter as Chairman and Ray Smith (Hemyock) seconded. The vote to elect Peter was unanimous.

12. Any other relative Business

12.1 No other business was discussed.

13. Next Date and Time of next Meeting

Next management meeting will be at 2.30pm on the 8th of March 2023 and the AGM/Management meeting on the 4th of October 2023 at the Isca Centre, Exeter.

There being no other further business the meeting closed at 3.30pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____