

# Exeter & District Men's Over 60's Triples Bowling League

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at the Exonia Bowling Club, Exeter,  
on Wednesday the 6th March 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

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## **1. Opening by the Chairman**

Apologies were received from Peter Sweet, the League Chairman and Treasurer, Tony Broughton, the Secretary took his place as both Chairman and Treasurer.

Tony opened the meeting at 2.30pm noting that he was pleased to see so many turn up and looked forward to contributing to the Leagues continued success.

## **2. Apologies.**

Tony Tooley (Honiton), North Tawton, Vaughan Fletcher (Chardstock), Budleigh Salterton, Cullompton, Peter Sweet (Marina), Okehampton, and Pincus Gardens.

## **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the AGM meeting held on the 4th of October 2023 had been circulated and accepted as a true record, the chairman signed a copy for the records.

## **4. Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1 Secretary**

**5.1.1** Tony stated, other than a notification that Tiverton Borough and Tiverton Park may combine for the 2025 forming into one club, there was nothing to report. This merger would not affect the total number of sides entering the league.

**5.1.2** He also brought to the meeting's attention the state of his health and for the dire need to find a new Secretary and Joint Treasurer within the next 12 months. Having asked for volunteers on numerous occasions over the last seven years he is now worried that something may happen to him before this happens.

In view of this he agreed to approach two ladies to see if they were willing to understudy him. He will do his best to ensure the League is not left in a bad way.

There was no objection to the likelihood of a lady taking up his position.

**Post meeting Note;** After being shown the process required the ladies both expressed severe misgivings about taking on this task given that neither of them have any background knowledge/history of the over 60's league.

**Consequently, I hereby give notice to all members of the League that I will be resigning as secretary with effect from 1st of October 2024.**

**5.1.3** Two or three club representatives pointed out that emails were still not getting through to them but to other club members.

He apologised for that but asked those present to give him their email addresses and he will update but if there are any more with the same problem, please let him know.

### **5.2 Fixtures Secretary**

**5.2.1** Maurice Daniel informed the meeting Division 8 was now complete with the addition of another Culm Vale Side.

He also confirmed the merger of Tiverton Bough and Park would cause him no problems.

He reminded everyone once again the importance of keeping him in touch with cancelled, postponed and re-arranged matches and to return results as soon as possible after the finish of the games.

### **5.3 Treasurers Report (Tony Broughton in place of Peter Sweet)**

**5.3.1.** Tony explained that as per his instructions in the Meeting Invitation email, regarding League Entry Fee Payments, 13 clubs had already paid by Bank Transfer and the Statement as of the 6th of March showed a balance of £1,734.11

**5.3.2** The renewal costs of the League Website are due at the end of March 2024. The costs will be £35.00 of the Domain Name, (**exeterbowls.com**) and a further three years use of the **Wix Website Program** will be £420.00 a total of £455.00

The expected entry fees from 80 Teams, (Sides) will be £400 and the Executive expenses, engraving of trophies and production of certificates for 2024 will be in the order of £200, giving a grand total of £655, so the Entry Fees will not cover the expected 2024 costs. Therefore, at the AGM in October Peter may ask for an increase in fees for 2025 to stay within our £1,500 threshold.

## **6. Change of start time from 2.30 to 2.00pm and the 2/3 majority Rules.**

**6.1** Tony reported he had sent out a request for views on both items straight after the 2023 AGM and had only 4 replies.

1 - Broadclyst had confirmed they had a 7 to 4 vote to change the 2/3 majority to a straight majority and were all in favour of a 2.00pm start.

2 - Bradninch, leave the 2/3 as is and time change to 2.00pm.

3 - Budleigh, leave the 2/3 and the time the same.

4 - And Tiverton West End, only replied on the time change to 2.00pm.

**6.2** After a brief discussion it was agreed we go by the major opinion expressed at the 2023 AGM.

The conclusion was the secretary will add an extension to Rule 8.4 to state;  
**(This time may be varied with mutual agreement of both Team Captains.)**

### **7. Team Captains for 2024**

**7.1 1** Tony, expressed once more the importance of keeping the Team Captains contact details on the website up-to-date.

They are the first point of contact from any club that may have difficulties on any given day/date, such as flooding or any other cause for cancellation or postponement of a match.

In view of the changes now being made to the Rules, see Point 6 above, he asked all representatives to ensure he is told of any changes to team captains as soon as they occur because he up-dates the website with Team Captain names daily.

Most people use a mobile phone today, so these numbers may also be useful, a link to them could be used to directly notify any changes and website up-dates.

He needs all the correct Team Captain Names and telephone numbers by **the middle of April**, so the website is bang-up to date for the season start on the 1st of May.

He asks all Captains not to panic yet if the website is incorrect, he will not up-date the website of changes to all captain's names and numbers until mid-April, they can check again then.

### **8. Any other business**

**8.1** Culm Vale wished to reverse, their Side names making B into C in Division 8 and C into B in Division 7.

This is a name change only, the original sides players stay in their original Divisions.

Maurice confirmed this basic change of side names only makes no difference to him or the league.

There was no other relevant business.

### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

**9.1** The next Meeting and AGM to be held on Wednesday 2nd of October 2024 at 2.30 pm in the Exonia Bowling Club if it can be arranged.

### **8. Presentation of Trophies**

**8.1** The presentation of trophies then took place.

All the winners were represented, and Trophies taken away. To be returned at the October AGM Meeting.

This being the completion of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.10 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_