

Belper and Mid Derbyshire CGBA

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Minutes of the Belper League AGM held on 18th February 2025 at Belper Meadows 7:00pm

1. Apologies - Received from John Davies. Absent without an apology – Mickleover RBL
2. Chairmans Welcome - The Chairman welcomed the delegates and wished them a good seasons bowling this year . He then asked the delegates to stand for a minutes silence to remember those friends and fellow bowlers that we had lost in the past year.
3. Minutes of the last AGM 21st February 2023 – The Secretary had sent out the minutes prior to the meeting and were accepted as a true record.
4. Matters Arising – None.
5. Election of Committee – The Chairman asked the current committee if they were willing to stand again and all agreed and this was accepted by the meeting. He then asked if anyone else was willing to join the committee but this was met with silence. This means that the committee is as follows :- Chairman Peter Cooke, Secretary Peter Wheeldon, Treasurer Dave Sanders with Neil Pickering and John Davies as committee members.
6. Election of Delegates to represent Mid-Derbyshire at County Meetings – Neil Pickering and Peter Wheeldon agreed to carry on and this was accepted by the meeting.
7. Appointment of Auditor – Dave Redfern of Alvaston & Boulton had agreed to carry on as auditor and was accepted by the meeting.
8. Treasurers Report – Dave Sanders distributed a copy of the accounts and went on to give a précis of them and that we had made a small profit of £127.98. The Association had made donations of £80 each to Alzheimers Disease and Breast Cancer charities from the new Over 55's Charity / Handicap Cups.
9. Secretary's Report – The Secretary said that 2024 had been a difficult year with the extreme weather conditions due to the amount of rain we had had, and this resulted in a lot of games being cancelled. There were a few games that had not been played and urged teams to do their best to play all their game this year. He was also pleased to report that 13 new teams had applied to join in the various leagues with 2 withdrawals.
10. Honorariums – These were increased last year with a moratorium of three years.
11. League Fee's – No changes were proposed.
12. Prize Money - No changes were proposed.
13. County Report – This was presented by Neil Pickering who started off by saying that the Derbyshire AGM had been attended by himself, Peter Wheeldon and Peter Cooke.

John Bennison from Chesterfield is the new Chairman for the next two years and Peter Wheeldon becomes Vice Chairman and will take over from John. Ed Furniss continues as the County Registrar for new BCGBA memberships. There will be no increase in fee's from the County. However, it is Mid Derbyshires (Belper League) turn to host the County Merit finals this year and in accordance with County Rules we will be charged a £200 'Section Fee' for this. We may be able to recuperate some of this by holding a raffle or something similar on the day. A venue has not been chosen yet.

The only rule proposal was concerning affiliation of lady players within Derbyshire which will allow all lady players within the Belper League the chance to play County bowls for Burton & District Ladies County if selected.

New rules passed at the BCGBA AGM 18th Jan 2025 – A £1 per player per club Annual Development Fee will be levied by BCGBA. This money will be 'ring fenced' and will only be available for spending in line with the National Development Strategy. Clubs will be invoiced for this by Derbyshire and passed on to BCGBA. It is in all clubs best interest to make sure that their player registrations are up to date on the MB website as this will be used as the basis for number of players at each club. If players are still on your registration list and they no longer play for that club (i.e. left, deceased etc) you will be charged !!

Laws of the Game

Law 1.3 – New sentence added at end – 'A footer is not part of the green and any bowl or jack travelling over or touching the footer must be returned to be played again'.

Law 1.5 - Insert new sentence after the word 'dispensation' - 'The maximum weight of a bowl shall be 3 lb '.

Law 7.1.b – In line 1 after the word 'jack' insert 'or bowl'.

Law 10.2 – After 'electronic cigarettes' add the words 'and/or nicotine inhaler'.

Law 10.3 – Delete the words 'ADDENDA (10.3)' and incorporate 'No interpretation of this Law allows a player to play in socks/stockings or in bare feet' into the body of the Law.

Insurance – Three clubs had not provided Calvin Jackson (Derbyshire Secretary) with details of their Insurance and were urged to do so.

Competitions - BCGBA have changed the age limit of last years 18–23 competition to 18-25. They have also introduced a new 'Beginners Competition' but details are awaited.

14. League Formation – There had been thirteen applications for new teams in the various leagues and two withdrawals. The meeting agreed to accept all new teams.
- Saturday League – Two Withdrawals (Alv & Boulton 'A' and Belper Meadows) and one new team (Allestree) who will go into Division 5. One team will be relegated from Div 1, two teams promoted from Div 2, zero teams relegated from Div 2, three teams promoted from Div 3, one team relegated from Div 3, three teams promoted from Div 4, one team relegated from Div 4, two teams promoted from Div 5. This will give divisions of 9, 9, 8, 8, 8 (total 42).
 - Over 55's – Promotion and Relegation as normal (2up, 2 down). This will give teams per Division of 10, 9, 10, 10, 10.

- Ladies League – Four new teams (Brackens 'A', Brackens 'B', Allestree 'B' and Chellaston 'B'.
Brackens 'A' will go into Div 1 and the others into Div 2. One team will be relegated from Div 1 and two teams promoted from Div 2. This will give divisions of 8 and 8.
- Wednesday Doubles – Eight new teams – Allestree 'C', Brackens, Chellaston, Littleover 'A', Littleover 'B', Rykneld, Spondon 'B' and Horsley 'B'. Littleover 'A' will be placed in Div 1 and Horsley 'B' will be placed in Div 2. Two teams will be relegated from Div 1, two teams promoted from Div 2, two teams relegated from Div 2, two teams promoted to Div 3, two teams relegated from Div 3 to the new Div 4. This will give teams per Division of 10, 9, 8, 8 (total 35).

The Secretary read out a list of start / finish dates for the various leagues. He had previously circulated a number of options for the start time of the Wednesday Doubles as there had been a number of complaints that it had started too early in 2024. After a vote it was decided that it would start on 16th April.

Meeting Closed at 7:50pm