

Belper and Mid Derbyshire CGBA

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Minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 12th November 2024 at Belper Meadows – 7:00pm

1. Apologies – Chaddesden Park, Kings Newton .
2. Chairman's Welcome -The Chairman welcomed the delegates to the meeting and hoped they had an enjoyable seasons bowling in 2024.
3. Minutes of the last meeting – Accepted as read.
4. Financial Statement – The Treasurer stated that the Association had made a profit of approx £98 on the season and we had circa £5479 in the bank and a statement would be issued at the AGM in February.
The Treasurer said that the money raised from the two Charity Cups would be sent to Alzheimers Disease and Breast Cancer (£80 each) as these were the next most nominated from the list from last year. He also said that there were a number of Breast Charity organisations, which he went through, and asked the meeting if anyone had a preference to which one it was sent to. There was no response from the floor so it was decided to give a chance for anyone to call Dave in the next two weeks to nominate one of these, but if not it would be discussed by the committee and a decision made.
5. Rule Amendments – proposals from clubs had been distributed prior to the meeting – see below.
6. Other Business
The Secretary had a number of items that he wished to be made known to the delegates.

a) There had been a proposal from Derbyshire Crown Green Bowling Association which had been sent to all Club Secretaries on Saturday 9th November concerning the registration of Lady bowlers and their present inability to play representative County Bowls if they only play in the Belper League or South Derbyshire Ladies League . After some discussion and attempted explanation of the situation and there seeming to be no down sides to the proposal it was decided to let the Association Delegates vote for this at the Derbyshire AGM on 15th December.

b) The Secretary said that he had already received applications to enter new teams for the 2025 season, these being – Littleover (2 x Wed Doubles) and Allestree (1 x Ladies, 1 x Saturday, 1 x Wed Doubles). Any more applications for new teams should be received by 31st January 2025.

c) It has been mentioned by various people during the course of the year that teams thought that the start date of 3rd April for the Wednesday Doubles league was too early.The Secretary said that he would look at this and make some suggestions for the AGM in February.
7. Presentation of Trophies and Prize Money – These were presented by the Chairman Peter Cooke.
8. Date of AGM – To be advised
9. Meeting closed at 8:15pm

Rule Amendment proposals – 2024

Proposed by the Committee

Bye Law 2

Replace last sentence with ‘A minimum of 3 clubs shall be represented to form a quorum at an executive meeting’

Rationale

At the present time we only have 3 clubs represented on the committee

A vote took place and this was **Carried**

Bye Law 15 (a)

On line 4 from ‘Association Secretary’ delete rest of sentence and replace with ‘with a non refundable lodgement fee of £25’.

Rationale

This would bring the Belper League into line with the County rule that a £50 appeal fee is required at the next appeal stage, and a £100 appeal fee is required at the BCGBA level.

Proposal **Carried**

Proposed by Allestree

League Rule 2 (b)

Add a new sentence ‘This rule should be considered not to apply to a re-arranged match’.

Proposal **Carried**

League Rule 4

Add a new sentence ‘A player playing twice will not be awarded the 1 or 2 points for the win in their 2nd game, that point or points to be awarded to the opposition, but the players score will count to the teams aggregate.

Rationale

An analysis has been carried out which has shown that this rule has been enacted more than 95 times during the 2024 season. It has shown to have had a very significant impact on promotion and relegation and teams winning aleague and has negatively impacted on those teams fielding a full complement of players.

Proposal **Carried**

Proposed by Spondon

League Rule 4 – addition

‘Teams can only play 1/2 players twice for 3 matches during the season’

Rational

Players are gaining an advantage by already having played a game.

Proposal **Defeated**

Proposed by Denby

League Rule 2 – addition

‘Players who have not played at least 2 games for a team in the period from April to July are not allowed to play for that team in any League matches on or after 1st August’

Rationale

This would bring the league into line with Cup competitions, whereby players who have not played either 2 or 3 league games are not allowed to play in a Semi-Final or Final.

Proposal **Defeated**

Proposed by Allestree, Breadsall, Spondon, Littleover (in various guises but all about the same thing)

Cup Rule 2

Replace the rule with ‘No player to be allowed to play twice in a Cup match’

Rationale

The present rule says that a Cup match will follow the same format as the league i.e allows players to play twice. As no roll ups are allowed in Cup matches any player who plays twice has in effect had an extended roll up and gained an advantage.

Proposal **Carried**

Proposed by Allestree

Dress Code

Consideration should be given as to whether the Dress Code should be applied to all Cup finals. This would bring us in to line with BCGBA recommendation. A new rule to be added to this effect.

Proposal **Carried**