

LANCASTER, MORECAMBE & DISTRICT INDOOR BOWLING LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting, September 11th 2024

at Skerton Liberal Club

- 1 As the Chairman was not present, Barry Axon took the Chair. He welcomed all members and explained his role as acting Chairman. Bill Stockdale had offered to take the minutes in the absence of the League Secretary.
- 2 18 members were in attendance.
- 3 A minute's silence was observed in memory of those recently deceased members.
- 4 There no formal minutes from the last AGM but Pauline Townson read her notes from last year's meeting. There were no matters arising.
- 5 In the absence of the Chairperson there was no report.
- 6 In the absence of the League Secretary there was no report.
- 7 Barry Axon presented his Fixtures Secretary report. He congratulated the winning team from the morning league (Kingfishers) and the winners of the afternoon league (Red Kites). Barry warned he will be more stringent in upholding correct procedure next season. Examples were incorrectly filled in team sheets, captains were urged to be more conscientious in checking these before handing them in. On a number of occasions there was no procedure to cover a situation. There had been occasions where rules were in place but had been ignored by the committee. There was a mismatch between the software and the rules; an example being rule 4B where a team has less than 7 players and plays two or more players twice. Consequences for breaching some rules were not clearly stated: an example being a player using crown green bowls when the rules clearly state only correct indoor bowls should be used. Barry pointed out there was a Draft Constitution on the notice board in the Viewing Gallery at Salt Ayre. He wondered why it was still a draft and hadn't been adopted formally. Other questions he posed were : why no independent disputes procedure? Why no Code of Conduct? Why no disciplinary procedure? Why no Safe Guarding officer? He was hoping the club would find a replacement team for Nomads in the morning league. The league would again run over 21 weeks with a break on December 23rd and 30th.
- 8 The treasurer, Pauline Townson, presented her summary of the club's accounts, which had been audited by Linda Murie. Pauline was proposing an increase in the match fee from £2.50 to £3, explaining we would lose money each week otherwise. She suggested this could bring in around £1500. The league was in credit by £6,739.74.
- 9 Linda Murie had accepted the treasurer's report and proposed we accept the balance sheet presented. This was accepted unanimously.
- 10 Since there had been no contact with either the Chairman or the League Secretary, Mark Norcliffe was proposed as Club Chairman. This was carried without opposition. Barry Axon agreed to take on the role of League Secretary in addition to his current role as Fixtures Secretary.

Julie Norcliffe was prepared to take on the role of Membership Secretary with John Stubberfield prepared to take responsibility for collecting the match fees from each team. John Stubberfield was happy to continue as committee member with Marilyn Osmond being elected onto the committee. Linda Murie offered to take on the role of Safe Guarding officer and was elected unanimously. Linda agreed to continue as Auditor. It was agreed captains would be asked to ensure their match fees were paid in before their match started.

- 11 The Treasurer suggested a match fee of £3 would bring in substantially more than a rise in the membership fee to £10 which had been proposed by Julie Norcliffe. A vote was taken and the treasurer's amendment to keep the joining sub at £5 was passed by 11-3 with the vote to raise the match fee passed unanimously.
- 12 Salt Ayre had agreed that we could use the mats and hall on Sunday evenings for four weeks between 4pm and 5.30pm, starting on October 20th. The meeting agreed to allow new bowlers one free session with £3 being charged for any other sessions.
- 13 Proposed new League Rules, a Disputes Panel Procedure and a Disciplinary Panel Procedure were all passed unanimously. The proposed Constitution was also accepted unanimously. Linda Murie agreed to be the Safeguarding Officer and a Safeguarding policy was accepted unanimously. Finally, a Code of Conduct was accepted.
- 14 Trophies were presented to the Kingfisher's captain along with prize money and similarly to the Red Kites captain. 2nd and 3rd in the morning league were Nomads and Hatlex. Woodpeckers and Swifts were 2nd and 3rd in the afternoon league.

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