**MINUTES OF THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT AMBLESIDE BOWLING CLUB ON TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.0 PM**

**Welcome by the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ambleside for hosting it. The Chairman then asked members to stand to remember those bowlers who have passed away since last year:

Kath Salisbury (Lower Holker), Janice Watson & Sandra Slater (Allithwaite), Gordon Wilkinson (Hawkshead), Hillary Holiday (Bowness) and Dario Mendez (Lindale)

The Chairman then continued to say that it was good to see the majority of the clubs were able to field at least one team in the League in 2022. Unfortunately Langdale and Hawkshead didn’t have enough players to fulfil the fixtures, so that left too many for one division and a shortened season when split into the 2 divisions. She congratulated all the winners and runners up. Then went onto say that Hawkshead will be rejoining the league in 2023 and welcomed them back. Both division merits were held at Bowness Bowling Club on Sunday 18 September and thanked them for their hospitality. Congratulations to the winners: Division 1 – Tom Dennison and Division 2 – Kris Ogilivie. Referees were used from the Cumbria Referees Society for the first time and that will continue in 2023.

It was asked at last year’s AGM if there was any interest in celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the League. So, in April, Ambleside agreed to hold a Mixed Pairs competition which was run on a round robin basis. The eventual Winners were Paul Crossland and Yvonne Gregory beating Simon Bray and Angela Athersmith in the final.

Although the League did not get a Secretary last year, Joanne Stonehouse undertook the role of looking after the MB results system. Thanks to Joanne who is willing to continue in 2023..

The Chairman then thanked Peter Milner who took over the role of Treasurer from Jeff and who cannot be here tonight as he is awaiting a prostate operation. Also thanks to Steve Greenway for auditing the accounts. She also hoped that Jeff in his role as President had enjoyed his first year.

Finally, the Chairman hoped that all bowlers had enjoyed the season and that you are looking forward to next year and hopefully we may see an increase in the numbers taking part.

**Present**

Sue Todd (Chairman), Jeff Harris (President). Clubs represented were: Allithwaite, Ambleside, Bowness, Burneside, Coniston, Crosthwaite, Hawkshead, Levens, Lower Holker, Staveley and Windermere

**Apologies for absence**

Received from Peter Milner and Joanne Stonehouse

**Minutes of the 2021 AGM**

These had been circulated after the meeting and put onto the Rothay League website

**Matters arising**

None

**Treasurer’s Report**

Peter Milner had produced copies of the accounts and also an explanation and recommendation. There is a balance of £1248.19. Income over the year totalled £620.00 and expenditure was £832.80 but some of this was over the past 2 years. The recommendation from the Treasurer was that fees and prize monies should remain the same in 2023.

The Chairman said that Peter had asked if the invoices for the fees could be sent on line to save postage. Julie Johnson asked as to whether it would be possible to pay on line and Steve Greenway agreed to ask Peter about this.

**Honarariums & Expenses**

As there is no Secretary in place, no honorarium was paid this year. The Chairman suggested that the meeting might like to consider giving it to Joanne Stonehouse. Another consideration to be made in the future would be to giving the Treasurer an honorarium, although Jeff had declined to take on whilst he was in the post. No decision was made on this.

**Adoption of the reports**

The Chairman then asked the meeting to adopt both the minutes and the Treasurer’s Reports. This was proposed by Joey Bean, seconded by Maggie Mosely and carried by the meeting.

**Notices of Motion**

A proposal had been received from Allithwaite to play the league during the summer months of June, July and August. Seconded by Coniston. After discussion, it was agreed to start the league in May.

**Election of Officers**

The following were all proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting:

President – Jeff Harris

Chairman – Sue Todd

Secretary – no takers

Treasurer – Peter Milner

MB Results System – Joanne Stonehouse

Cumbria County Rep – Linda Britnell

**Dates of League events 2023**

With the inclusion of Hawkshead, both leagues will have 8 teams in them. In light of the proposal from Allithwaite it was agreed that the league would start on **Monday 15 May** and will finish on **Monday 14 August**

The Chairman asked how the clubs had felt about playing the 2 merit competitions for each division on the same day and this was felt to have been successful. It was agreed to hold both events again on the one day and the date will be **Sunday 3 September,** venue to be decided. It will need a green large enough and clubs were asked to consider offering their green.

**Presentations**

The President then made the following presentations for 2022:

Division 1 winners – Levens

Division 1 runners up – Windermere

Division 2 winners – Coniston

Division 2 runners up – Lower Holker

Division 1 Merit winner – Simon Bray, Coniston

Division 1 runner up – Mark Ashburn, Levens

Division 2 Merit winner – Kris Ogilvie, Lower Holker

Division 2 runner up – Wayne Walker, Coniston B

Agreed that 2 will be Ambleside B and Crosthwaite relegated from Division 1 to Division 2 and Coniston B and Lower Holker promoted from Division 2 to Division 1

**Any other business**

Alan Gilpin will once again be producing a competition list for 2023.

Steve Greenway said that Cumbria Ladies were re-entering the BCGLadies county championship in 2023 and any ladies interested in playing should contact Vi Dennison.

Sue Todd had attended a BCGBA Management meeting the previous Saturday and reported that club fees were likely to rise from £35 to £40. There was going to be a restructure of the BCGBA next year when it appoints a board and invites members to apply for positions about June/July time. Propositions for the AGM were likely to include a player fee. She also mentioned that she had been part of a disciplinary sub group to write the policy for the association and felt that once past, each club would receive a copy of this.

There is likely to be a proposition to raise the cost of an open certificate from £6.00 to £10.00.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

*Subsequent to the meeting, a test has been carried out and it will be possible to pay club fees on line*