

## **MINING DIVISION BOWLING LEAGUE.**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Mining Division Bowling League held at Redruth Bowling Club on Tuesday the 9th November 2021.**

#### Welcome by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking them for their attendance. He thanked the Redruth Club on behalf of the M.D.B.L. for the use of their premises.

#### Attendance.

D.Harvey (Truro City), F.C.Blewett (Secretary) (Bickford-Smith), L.Williams (Results Secretary) (Helston), L.Oliver (Immediate Past Chairman) and G.Lampshire (Holmans), J. Prime and D.Prime (Chacewater). T.Hill and C.Johns (Mylor Bridge), M.Phillips and T.Watson (Redruth), C.Garthwaite and Mrs.E.Bray (Truro City), J.Nicholas and C.Noble (Camborne), V.Toms and D.Pascoe (Stithians).

#### Apologies for absence.

D.Girling and G.Burnett (Hayle & Dist.), J.McBride (Truro City).

#### In Memoriam.

The secretary was requested to read out the names of those players from member clubs who had passed away in the last twelve months. The Chairman then asked everyone to be upstanding for a moment of silence.

C.Bayliss (Bickford Smith), Brian James, Eric Pascoe and John Rogers (Camborne), Paddy McGovan and Denzil Oates (Chacewater), Peter Crisp, Bill Parker and Roland Young (Hayle & Dist.), Roy Christophers, Clifford Thomas and Les Thomas (Helston), Peter Garner, John Peters and Roy Vingoe (Holmans), Don Hale (Mylor Bridge), Malcolm Wainwright (Redruth), Max Burley and William Prowse (Stithians), Brian Bentley, Eric Dare, Kevin Devlin, Alan Palmer, Ben Pascoe, Geoff Matthews, John Robinson, Len Rowe, Morley Stephens and Ray Vassie (Truro City).

#### Minutes of the last meeting.

Because of the covid epidemic there was not an Annual General Meeting in 2020. The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held at Redruth Bowling Club on Wednesday the 13th November 2019 were circulated

#### Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

#### Chairman's Report.

Welcome everyone and thanks for turning out. Thanks again to the Redruth Club for the continued use of their facilities for the Annual General Meetings.

#### Secretary's Report.

See attached.

### Treasurer's Report.

Our expenditure is fairly constant, but this year there was no expenditure on engraving and mementoes, thus we have a far better balance. Next year there will be no expense for mementoes as the Divisions One and Two were shortened and reorganised as the result of restrictions caused by the virus.

I do not know if we will celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026 as we did for our 50<sup>th</sup> in 2021, but if we invite Bowls England, as we did then, we will need a far healthier balance! If we invite Bowls Cornwall and possibly the Devon Patrons and Group Two, both of whom we used to play regularly, we will need far less. Something for us to think about in the intervening years.

I am delighted to say we have a new Treasurer, more of that in a moment.

### Result Secretary's Report.

A very good evening to everyone. Generally speaking, the 2021 season went quite well in what was hopefully a one off with regard to restrictions caused by an epidemic.

I suppose this is quite a result secretaries moan, but although most clubs did advise me of postponed games and gave me the rescheduled date, there are still some who do not do so. Something to bear in mind for next season.

The Premier Division winners were Chacewater A with 55 points and the runners up Mylor with 39.5. Three games were not played, two because of a club not being able to raise a team, Helston in their fixture with Mylor and Redruth in their fixture with Helston. No result card was received for the game between Holmans A and Redruth A.

Mylor B with 52.5 points were champions of Division One with Stithians (39.5 points) runners up. Bickford Smith B conceded their game with Stithians who were awarded seven points.

Division Two was reorganised into two divisions. The East section was won by Bickford Smith C with 19 points. Redruth C were runners up with 16 points.

Camborne Yellow won the West section with 20.5 points and Holmans B were runners up with 16 points.

Bickford Smith won the final at Holmans.

There was no promotion or relegation in this truncated season.

### Election of Officers.

The secretary reported that Tony Hill of Mylor Bridge had volunteered to be the new treasurer. With the retirement of Graham Roberts this was a very much welcomed appointment.

The Chairman, David Harvey, felt he had not been over-burdened in 2020 and agreed to remain in office for a further year. The secretary and results secretary stated they would be prepared to stand again. Lionel Oliver was the immediate past chairman which left the office of vice-chairman vacant.

Subsequent to the meeting Graham Lampshire of Holmans agreed to be the new vice-chairman.

Appointment of Auditor.

Francis Blewett stated that Robert Seymour was prepared to audit the books for next year if the new Treasurer so wished.

League entries for season 2022.

The total number of teams will remain at twenty-four as in 2021 with the withdrawal Redruth D and Hayle and District B. The number of games will therefore be 129.

Draw for the Jack Hancock Trophy Competition for season 2022.

Preliminary Round :-

Redruth versus Hayle and District.

Mylor Bridge v Camborne.

(These matches to be played by Saturday 19th June).

Round One. (Matches to be played by Saturday the 17th July.)

- a. Winners of Preliminary Round play each other.
- b. Helston versus Bickford Smith.
- c. Holmans versus Stithians.
- d. Truro versus Chacewater.

The semi-finals to be played by Saturday the 31st August.

The date for the final will again be on a specified night Monday the 22nd August.

The game would be of eighteen ends and commence at 6.00 p.m.

Division Two – Proposal that it remain a three triples league.

Gerald Lampshire proposed that Division Two remain a three triples league next season; this was seconded by Colin Noble. The secretary advised the meeting that the proposal for Division Two being a three triples league was introduced as a temporary measure, and thus voted on annually. He suggested that as it was unlikely any club would want Division Two to revert to a four triples, that Division Two be confirmed permanently as a three triples league. The Chairman said as the meeting seemed to support this, a proposal will be made accordingly at the next A.G.M.

Start times for league fixtures in Season 2020.

The secretary stated that he recommended a 5.45 p.m. start to fixtures until Monday the 2nd May when games would commence at 6.15 p.m. He felt that the 6.15 p.m. commencement should remain as long as possible to allow those who worked as much time as possible to get to matches. After due debate it was generally agreed that a starting time of 6.15 p.m. would remain until Monday the 15th August when the 5.45 p.m. starting time would resume.

Date of next Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General meeting would be on Tuesday 8th November 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m. and as always at Redruth.

The meeting closed and then considered a request to discuss from Camborne the following :-

Players under 16 years of age at the closing of the season are allowed to be coached/escorted by a non-playing member in M.D.B.L. matches.

Mrs.Prime stated that young players should be escorted by a qualified member of their club. The Chairman stated that a trial run had taken place between Truro and Camborne which worked well and he felt the encouragement of young players was essential. The meeting supported the request by Camborne unanimously.

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D.Harvey.  
Chairman,  
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