

# **Bury Carpet bowls League**

Minutes of the AGM held at Thurston community centre on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The meeting opened at 19.30.

Committee members present: - Steve Mayhew, June Pettit, Stuart McNeil, Sue Davey, Trevor Bean, Paul Leech.

Representatives attended by, Brockley, Withersfield, Woolpit, Stanningfield, Cockfield, Thurston, Barrow, Tostock and Badwell Ash.

## **Apologies for absence.**

Hundon, Ashley, Stanton, Ketton.

Due to the absence of Nick Wood Paul Leech read out an email from Nick Wood who wanted to apologise to the league and its members regarding his actions between himself and Hundon carpet bowls club. Although this a matter between himself and Hundon, he accepts his actions affects everyone in the carpet bowls community and accepts full responsibility and is working with Hundon to resolve the issue. Nick went on to state he will not be bowling in the Suffolk area and wished everyone well in the future.

Steve Mayhew agreed to Chair the meeting with Paul Leech's Consent (Vice chair).

## **Approval of previous minutes**

As Nick Wood has not attended and due to conditions out of our control there were no minutes available to approve from the previous AGM 2023.

## **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising to report.

## **Chairmans Report**

No Chairmans report as Nick Wood was not present.

## **Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

## **Treasurer's Report**

June Pettit reported that the balance from last year was much the same with only a £4 deficit from last year. Last year's balance was £1512.80 after expenses to this year's £1458.80. June reported that 2 subs were not cashed last year worth £50 and that this would be rectified this coming year with those clubs. If considered, our balance should have been £1508.80 which will be reflected in next year's figures.

June Pettit also confirm that this year's Subs with remain at £25 per club.

## **Election of officers**

The following officers have agreed to stay on, Paul Leech (Vice Chair), Stuart McNeil (Secretary), June Pettit (Treasurer), Trevor Bean (Committee Member), Sue Davey (Committee Member). All those present approved the members to serve another year.

With Nick wood no longer with us, Steve Mayhew offered to take the Chairman's role. This was proposed by Gordon Skinner and seconded by June Pettit.

Also, the committee requested that we needed 2 more committee members to add more content in the meetings going forward.

Steve Mayhew asked all those present if anyone would like to take up the position of committee member.

Stuart McNeil proposed Ian Yapp (Withersfield CBC) and was seconded by Steve Mayhew.

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Final committee for 24/25 is as follows:

Chairman - Steve Mayhew

Vice Chairman – Paul Leech

Treasurer – June Pettit

Secretary – Stuart McNeil

Committee Members – Sue Davey, Trevor Bean, James Warren, Ian Yapp.

#### **AOB.**

- Steve Mayhew reported with reference to a letter from Neil Jolly regarding the future of bowls in the Bury league, he made some very valid points and some great ideas going forward.
- Finals day is not really viable going forward as its too restrictive on numbers and limits each club to 7 players. A 3 wood pairs competition was agreed by those present and would be limited to players pairing up with their own club colleagues. This of course would be the basis for the competition, but it was agreed that some flexibility could be consented in the event of someone dropping out on the day.

The competition would remain at Risby and could be played on 8 – 9 mats and would now include a £5 per player fee. There also would be the usual raffle and pound in the bucket etc.

The top team competition (Cooke Trophy) may be contested by each club nominating 1 pair to compete.

The date for the Pairs Competition was set for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

- The Bury Cup Competition will aim to finish earlier next year and to achieve this the preliminary and first rounds will be completed by end of November, Quarters by end of January and the semis by end of March and the final in April. All matches up to the final will be on a home and away basis and the first drawn team play at home first.

The Bury Cup final will now be held at a neutral venue decided by the committee closer to the time and played during the week.

An East v West champions final will follow.

- Michael Ashman commented that with 8 committee members how do we come to an agreement in a vote at 4 votes each, it was decided that the chairman would have the casting vote in this instance.
- Steve Mayhew or I will be sending out an email to all clubs to update the contact details for the year ahead.
- Our website has not been updated much since before covid with only the score tables being filled in remotely by Steve. It was suggested that we need to add more content to include minutes of meetings and AGMs which has been missing over the past few years. Also, the Knockout cup tables and timelines and results too and a general update. Stuart Mcneil will contact Paul Daniels to find out the procedure and later the committee may decide to go it alone and create our own website as Paul has enough to do as we now have people of our own who are capable to do this.

Steve Mayhew has offered to carry on updating our scores in the usual way for the time being.

#### **Date of Next AGM**

Date for the next AGM will be held at Thurston Community Centre on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Steve Mayhew thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 20.30.

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