

Exeter & District Over 60's Triples Bowling League

Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Exeter & District Over 60's Triples League held at the Isca Bowling Club on Wednesday 2nd of October 2024

1. Opening by the Chairman/Secretary

The Chairman, Peter Sweet, opened the joint 37th AGM and Management Meeting at 2.30pm and welcomed representatives from almost a full house of clubs.

He thanked the Secretary and the Fixture Secretary for all the work they had put into keeping the League and its website running so well throughout the season.

2. Apologies

Tony Tooley (Honiton); Bob Sherborne (Axminster), John Tancock (Belmont), John Ind (Culm Vale), Terry House (Ottery), Alan Buggs (Marina)

3. Minutes

Minutes of the 36th AGM & Management Meeting held on the 4th of October 2023 and the Management Meeting held on 6th of March 2024 having been circulated were accepted as a true record.

The Chairman signed a copy of each to be kept for the records.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Reports

5.1 Secretary

5.1.1 Tony reported he had a few emails during the season regarding the movement of players between divisions and one asking if there could be a way of dividing points between sides if matches were conceded.

Apart from that the season had gone remarkably well.

5.2 Fixtures Secretary

5.2.1 Maurice said he had nothing out of the ordinary to report other than the season had gone well, and he thanked everyone for their help in achieving that.

5.2.2 Maurice reported on the promotions and demotions for 2025.

Divisions from 1 through to 5 would be as usual, 2 teams up and 2 teams down, but Division 6 was short of 1 team so only 1 team will go down from 6 to 7.

Two teams will go up from 7 to 6 to make that back up to 10, but only 1 team will go down from Division 7 to Division 8.

Division 8 currently has only 6 Clubs 2 will go up to Division 7 leaving 4 but with the 1 from Division 7 and four new entries, Division 8 will have 9 Clubs for 2025.

5.3 Treasurers

5.3.1 Peter reported that a balance of £1,714.39 had been carried forward from the 1st of October 2023 and there had been an input of £400.00 from fees paid at the beginning of the 2024 season leaving a total of £2,114.39.

5.3.2 There had been an expenditure of £921.51, a somewhat larger than usual expense but this season included rework to trophies and payments to WIX, our website host for another 3 years use of the domain name and website facility's we are now covered for that until 2027. The bank balance as of 30th September was £1,192.88 This total had now fallen below our agreed reserve fund of £1,500 so he proposed the fee for entry in 2025 be raised to £10.00 per club team.

5.3.3 A show of hands agreed, the secretary to ensure this information goes out to all Clubs before the start of the 2025 season.

5.3.4 All the trophies had been safely returned ready for engraving and presentation at the March Management Meeting.

6. Applications to join the League – Division 8

6.1 Maurice reported the Tiverton Borough and Tiverton Park Bowling Clubs have now merged forming one club to be known as the Tiverton Canal Club and they would still be submitting 3 Teams to be called Tiverton Canal Navy, White and Blue, with all home matches being played at the original Tiverton Borough Club Green.

6.2 There were further applications to add teams to the League from; Okehampton, Chagford, South Molton, and Phear Park. Acceptance into the league for all four teams was given by a show of hands.

7. Movement of players between Divisions

7.1 Tony had only heard of one occasion this was done to complete a Clubs matches at the very end of the season, this had not affected the league but got the job done.

8. Election of Officers

8.1 Tony reported that Alan George, a member of the Uffculme Bowling Club, was willing to take over his duty as Secretary.

Alan was unable to attend the meeting due to a hospital appointment but had given us a bit of his bowling history.

Alan joined Uffculme in 2010 and became Club Secretary in 2012, he is currently the Club Fixture Secretary, the Over 60's Management Representative and Captain of the Clubs Over 60's "A" Team.

Alan made it clear, due to his age he will only do the secretary job for three years up until 2027.

8.2 As we now have a nomination for the post of Secretary, Peter suggested we did not want to lose the almost 25 years of Tony's experience with the League and suggested he now step down as Chairman and nominated Tony for the post of Chairman, he would stay on as Treasurer and Maurice was happy to continue as Fixture Secretary.

He called for a show of hands for the election of all four which got unanimous approval.

9. Promotions and Demotions

9.1 See Fixture Secretary's Report 5.2.2.

9. Annual Fees

9.1 See Treasurers Report 5.3.

10. Any other relative Business

10.1 There was a general discussion regarding players being moved from team to team to ensure matches are played out

Some thoughts expressed regarding teams still not being able to field a full side, even if they tried to borrow players from other teams and what they should do if they had to concede a match. Was there a way the points could be shared.

In the end the Secretary and Fixture Secretary had to point out the reason the new part of the Rules regarding player movement was introduced so that no matches should ever be without players and the Rules concerning cancelation of a match are quite clear, there should never be match cancellations other than what the Rules allow.

It was also pointed out; this is supposed to be a friendly roll up for elderly gentlemen and the essence is to have a game. When the results are sent in through the website Maurice and Tony have no idea what kind of game was played only that there was a result. If both sides agree you can, as far as they are concerned, play any type of game you like but when sending results in do not give fractions of shots always round up or down, the computer software does not understand part of shot.

10.2 Maurice was asked to ensure a fair distribution, home and away, when working out the Fixture Lists for clubs having more than two sides in the league, but only 6 rinks. Maurice replied this is always within his remit.

11. Presentation of Division Winner Certificates

11.1 The chairman proceeded to present a certificate to all the division winning clubs containing the names of all the players having played for that side during the season.

12. Next Date and Time of the next Meeting

Next management meeting will be at 2.30pm on the 5th of March 2025 at the Exonia Bowling Club.

The AGM/Management meeting will be on the 1st of October 2025 hopefully once again at Exonia.

There being no other further business the chairman closed the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____