



**MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024,  
AT MIDDLESBROUGH B.C.**

**In the chair:** L.Oakley

**PRESENT:** M.J McNulty (Sec ); R. Walker, D. Wood, ( Skelton ); L. Russell (Nunthorpe); F. Williams (Marske ); S.Forrest ( Treasurer ); J. Selley ( Borough Park )

**APOLOGIES:** W. Pierson ( Middlesbrough );

**OBITUARIES:** were received on behalf of T. Young ( Hutton Rudby ); A.Richardson( Skelton); and D.Turnbull ( King George V ); it was agreed to carry these over to the AGM in November.The minutes of the previous Management meeting in February 2024 were proposed by J.Selley and seconded by D.Wood. There were no matters arising from these minutes.

The Secretary then reported on matters that had arisen during the past season which had been on the whole a good one and he thanked the Committee for their help over the year and in particular the Chairman for the excellent hosting of the ‘Champ of Champs’ and ‘Finals Day’ by his Club, King George V.

One or two problems that occurred were mentioned including the request to postpone a game, which was granted without penalty, when one team had 8 players participating in a National Competition at Lemington on a scheduled match night and as a result the Rules are to be fully clarified on this prior to the next AGM. A second problem occurred at the very end of the season regarding the lack of light even when starting around 6.00pm.The fixtures Secretary suggested that in 2025 because the League will only have 16 teams and the season would start on May 6<sup>th</sup> and be completed by the 21<sup>st</sup> of August this should not be a problem.

The Secretary then ascertained that all Clubs had been informed by ‘Bowls England’ of the ‘Temporary Suspension’ of a player from a Club in the NYBL during the season and he informed the Committee that the subsequent Appeal was rejected by the ‘Yorkshire Bowling Association’ at a recent meeting with the person concerned so the suspension is still in place. This then led to a brief discussion regarding the availability of ‘Safety / Safeguarding Officers within Clubs and County Associations.

The Secretary then informed the meeting that he had recent correspondence with 2 Clubs after circulating a document regarding the hosting of NYBL events over the past 3 years to all Club Secretaries and that they are indicating they wish to host 3 of the major events in the coming season leaving only 2 more to be discussed at the forthcoming AGM. The Chairman then thanked the Secretary for submitting his report.

The Treasurer then outlined the state of the Finances at this stage of the season. He indicated that at present there is about £900 in the account and expenses before the end of the Financial year would be approximately £450 full details will as usual be supplied to all Clubs at the AGM. He outlined that the Club Affiliation Fee collected in March will remain at £20 and the Competition Entry fee will also stay at £2 / entry. The website organiser John Selley then indicated that we now have to pay £2.99 / month for use of the website from now onwards.

An indication of what is to occur in the near future regarding Club affiliation fees and competition fees for both Bowls England and Yorkshire was set out by the Treasurer and this led to some thoughtful discussion regarding the consequences of these changes.

Under A..O.B. Les Russell had asked for the Committee to discuss the voting of past Presidents at AGM's as of late the Presidency was not being taken up by Clubs. He also introduced a new amendment for adding to the 'Format and Rules' to accommodate the loss of players by a Club due to participation in National Competitions which clashed with League Match dates and also an amendment to the scoring system as set out in the 'Format and Rules' to accommodate the 'Format' used last summer. After a brief discussion on these it was agreed that Les would produce 3 proposals agreed by the Management Committee to be submitted for approval at the next AGM in November this year.

To ensure all the Committee are aware of events that require their possible attention at short notice during the playing season John Selley suggested we have a 'What's App Page' for Committee members and this was thought to be a very good idea.

Finally it was also suggested that minutes of the AGM and the 2 Management Meetings of the Committee each year should be published on the website within 6 weeks of such meetings taking place. The Secretary indicated that he would endeavour to achieve this from now on.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.00pm and thanked Middlesbrough B.C. for the use of the room for the meeting.

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: