Minutes of Delegates Meeting held on15th November 2022 at Belper Meadows – 7:00pm

1. Apologies – none received (all clubs represented)
2. Chairmans Welcome -The Chairman / Secretary welcomed the delegates to the meeting.
3. Minutes of the last meeting – Accepted as read.
4. Financial Statement – The Treasurer stated that the Association had made a profit of £18.09 on the season and we had circa £5000 in the bank. A statement would be issued at the AGM in February.
5. Applications and Resignations to join / resign from Leagues – None received at this time.
6. Rule Amendments – see below
7. Presentation of Trophies and Prize Money – These were presented by committee member Neil Pickering.
8. Date of AGM – To be advised but should be around the second week in February.

**Proposed changes to Bye-Laws and League Rules**

**BYE-LAW 8**

Change date to ‘31st January of the season in which playing’ – Committee – Accepted by the meeting

**BYE-LAW 9**

Change date as Bye-Law 8 above – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

**BYE-LAW 11**

Change to ‘AGM to be held in February’ – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

**BYE-LAW 12**

Delete after 1st sentence and add ‘Details of players names to be notified to the Association Secretary for inclusion on the MB website (bowls results) prior to playing in any match or competition – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

**BYE-LAW 15**

Insert in 2nd sentence in between ‘Association Secretary’ and ‘who will consult..... – ‘with a lodgement fee of £20 which will be returned in the event that the objection or complaint is upheld. ‘ Start new sentence ‘ The Association Secretary will consult the Chairman.............’ – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

**Re-number**

15 to 15(a), 16(a) to 15(b), 17 to 15(c), 16(b) to 16(a), 16(c) to 16(b) Accepted by the meeting

Re-number from 18 onwards - Committee -Accepted by the meeting

**LEAGUE RULE 2(a)**

Change ‘average’ to ‘aggregate’ - Committee - Accepted by the meeting

Change ‘1.0’ to ‘plus 1 (one)’ – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

**LEAGUE RULE 11(c)**

Delete ‘appropriate’ in 2nd last sentence – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

**LEAGUE RULE 12(d)**

Delete 12(d) and replace with ‘Results to be entered on the MB website by the home team and checked by the opposing team’ – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

Delete 12(d) i) ii) iii) and iv) - Committee Accepted by the meeting

Delete from ‘any team failing .......’ - Committee Accepted by the meeting

**CUP RULE 9**

Delete from ‘posted to .......’ and replace with ‘entered on to the MB website’ – Committee - Accepted

Delete last sentence – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

**CUP RULE 11**

Replace ‘average’ with ‘aggregate’ – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

Change ‘1.0’ to ‘plus 1 (one)’ – Committee - Accepted by the meeting

Proposals from Clubs

To do away with League Cup Competitions and run only Handicap competitions. The Over 55’s competition could be run on the Wednesday’s usually set aside for the League Cup and Handicap Cup competitions for the Wednesday Doubles and Ladies Leagues could run at the end of their respective league seasons.

Reason: Greens availability is becoming more difficult to arrange with the large number of games being played. Also League Cup competitions are usually dominated by clubs who are top or near the top of their respective leagues anyway and a handicap competition may encourage the lower teams from different divisions. – Allestree

After much discussion it was decided to scrap the Over 55’s League Cups and replace with two Handicap Cups – one for Division 1 and 2 and one for Division 3, 4 and 5.

Saturday League teams be reduced to 8 players per team.

Reason: a number of clubs have ben struggling this season to field full teams every week and this proposal will help them stay in the league. – Allestree

With regard to change of league rules, I would request that consideration is given to reducing the Saturday team number of players from the current number of 10 to 8. This would help the smaller clubs to field a team on a regular basis, but also enable the larger clubs to field an additional team as they would have players available. - Breadsall

 Proposal one - reduce teams from 10 to 8 for Saturday matches. This allows many teams that have 2 or more teams the chance to play there matches with a full team. – Belper Pottery

Discussion took place regarding reducing Saturday League matches from 10 games to 8 games but this was rejected by the meeting

Proposal two.Allow matches to be rearranged due to shortages Of players what ever the reason. This again allows teams to play with full teams. Both captains to agree. – Belper Pottery

Rejected by the meeting

Proposal three. If teams are short allow players to play again( 2 players maximum) this would allow teams to play their matches with a full complement of players (Burton leagues allow this)

However , a caveat for proposal three must be in place to not allow teams to abuse the system I am proposing that any clubs with multiple teams in the same league the first team must have a full team compliment. Any B &C teams or clubs with only one team in the league should be allowed to use this option if it was absolutely necessary I also believe that any player that plays again must be in the first four and then go on nine and 10 i.e. if belper pottery had one player short than the person playing the game would go on number 10 and if they had two players short they would go on nine and 10 this concludes the Belper pottery proposals. - Belper Pottery - - Rejected by the meeting

Proposal four . This relates mainly for Saturday but split the match when teams are short across Saturday and Sunday. Again this would allow teams to be able to present a full team of players. Both captains to agree. All these proposals would be for all leagues(Saturday, doubles and over 55’s) – Belper Pottery

Rejected by the meeting

Like a number of other clubs we at South Wingfield would like urgent consideration to be given to the idea of up to 2 players being allowed to play twice in the same match in the Saturday Singles League. - South Wingfield

Rejected by the meeting

That one player may play twice with the opposing captain choosing this player at random from the first four players, if the team is short of a player. – Spondon

Rejected by the meeting

That there is a flexible time (eg 10.00am start) during hot weather or when Derby  County Football Club are playing at home. – Spondon

It was explained by the Secretary that this is already allowed but should be agreed by both teams.

Etwall propose a new law to be inserted after 11 (a)

11. (a) ( ii)When a **Met Office amber/red weather warning for severe heat** is issued a game may be cancelled by either club. Teams could have the option (if both captains agree) to play the game on the same day at a different start time. Note. This would only be when a Met Office weather warning is issued, not ‘don’t fancy playing next week as it’s going to be a bit warm. This would give some comfort for teams (in particular Over 55s) who may have a number of vulnerable players in the team. – Etwall

Heat Advisory Warnings – If a Government /Met Office heat advisory warning is in place it is the Leagues responsibility to cancel matches in the Over 55’s leagues for all dates included in the warning. – Belper Meadows.

It was agreed by the meeting that if either team does not wish to play if there is a Met Office Amber / Red warning for severe heat then the match will be postponed and played at a future date.

Ladies League – If a team defaults on a match, the opposing team is awarded the match and 10 points. – Belper Meadows

Accepted by the meeting

Suggestion to be discussed re Ladies League .Etwall Ladies would like to explore a way to play more games next season. Currently there are 12 teams, could this be made into one division? Or could each division play home and away twice? This would mean starting in the first week of April and going through to second or third week of September. Other leagues start early and some finish late, so it should not be a problem if this league started early and also finished late.If new teams enter the Ladies league next year then this would not be needed. Conversely if 1 or 2 teams drop out then it would make sense to just go with one division – Etwall

The Secretary stated that he would run the Home / Away competition that was not run this year so this should give the Ladies more games.

Suggestion to be discussed re Ladies League

We have had many new ladies in recent years who have been approached to play for Denby Ladies Team. It is very daunting to play singles in a league game when you are new to the sport of bowls. Would it be possible to use the Over 55's format of 2 doubles and 4 singles. – Denby

This was accepted by the meeting, so next year the Ladies League will be run in the same format as the Over 55’s League.

Can you please ask at the AGM if consideration can be given to a ladies doubles team.  There are quite a few of our ladies interested and the suggestion is that matches could be held on a Friday morning.

( + Later addition to proposal )Also I realise I had put the matches to be played on a Friday morning but they could also be played on the afternoon just that this can clash if partners are playing in 1st team mens vets. – Chaddesden Park.

Rejected by the meeting

The date for the ‘All England’ is kept clear and also one other bye week for all clubs – Alvaston & Boulton

Rejected by the meeting .