

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

24th May 2019

11.00am

Chair – D.Richardson (Men's Section)

Secretary – L.Wise

1. The Chair was taken by D.Richardson who welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.
2. LW: 22 members attended. Apologies received from 2 members. Proxy votes received from 4 members who were unable to attend for acceptable reasons. The quorum requirements (25% of current membership) having been satisfied, a simple majority on proposals would suffice.
3. DR advised the members that the EGM had been convened in response to poor members availability in some Leagues, both Ladies only leagues and gender free leagues.
4. PROPOSAL 1: The Blyth Valley Veterans League be advised that membership problems within Cowpen & Crofton Welfare B.C. prevent the Club from continuing to supply two teams to the League. The League will be requested to authorise the withdrawal of the Cowpen and Crofton teams from the League and allow a consolidated team to take a place in the League. The consolidated team will be known as Cowpen and Crofton Welfare B.C.
 - The meeting voted overwhelmingly to retain two teams in the Blyth Valley Veterans League.
5. Club Rules (Reviewed February 2018) 6.0(i) states:
Members must be a fee paying (or honorary life member) and an active playing member of only one outdoor bowling club.
PROPOSAL 2: Club Rule 6.0(i) to be replaced by:
Members may be a fee paying (or honorary life member) and an active playing member of more than one outdoor bowling club, but may only represent one club in any particular league.
 - The meeting voted overwhelmingly to accept the change to Rule 6.0(i)
6. H.Christie reported having made enquiries with Bowls Northumberland regarding membership of more than one club and had been advised that the matter was acceptable to the County governing body. Relevant financial arrangements would be discussed by the Management Committee.

7. DR invited members to bring to the attention of the meeting any subject which was felt could be in need of resolution. K.Miller advised that friction within the Club which had resulted in the loss of members at the end of 2018 still seemed to be present. J.Lovatt agreed with KM and stated that gossiping and dissent within factions of the Club would not resolve anything. He further stated that committee members worked for the benefit of the Club, not themselves, and that any subject of contention should be brought to the attention of the relevant committee. His remarks were wholeheartedly agreed by the meeting.
8. LW advised that committee members hoped to arrange a Presentation of Trophies event in October. It was considered that a minimum of 40 people would need to attend to make the event viable. A sheet was available for members to indicate whether they would attend.
9. LW advised that there was a fault on the irrigation system. A return telephone call was awaited from AVG before any further information would be available. In the meantime alternative watering arrangements would need to be considered.
- 10.C.Brown requested that the Men's Section committee consider formalising the transport arrangements for away fixtures. In his opinion the current ad hoc arrangements were unsatisfactory. He suggested that individuals could be identified who would be willing to take part in a formal transport system, and that they could be reimbursed for their participation in the system – perhaps through Club funding.
The matter will be discussed further in the Men's Section Committee.
11. No further business. Meeting closed at 11.30am