



Norfolk Bowls Association Hansells Solicitors Bowls League

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Minutes of AGM County League Meeting held at County Arts B.C. on 10th December 2017

Chairman Mick Hayden welcomed everyone to the Meeting which followed the Norfolk Bowls Association AGM.

- 1) **PRESENT:** Mick Hayden (Chairman), Mark Elliott (Hon. League Secretary) There were 51 members present.
The Minute's silence had been observed at the County AGM which preceded this meeting.
 - 2) **APOLOGIES:** Roger Harrison (Norwich Union).
 - 3) **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th December 2016 were proposed by Gerald Higgs, Seconded by Ian Parke and approved by the meeting.
 - 4) **MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.
 - 5) **HON. LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT:** This had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no queries. Chairman Mick thanked Hon. Secretary Mark for his valuable contribution to the League during his first year in office.
 - 6) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**
 - a. President: Alan Willer (Ashill)
 - b. Chairman: Mick Hayden (North Walsham)
 - c. Vice Chairman: Barney Wymer (Caister) Proposed Richard Church, and seconded by Alan Coombe
 - d. Hon. League Secretary: Mark Elliott (Acle)
 - e. League Management Committee – above Officers plus the following Representatives

Premier League	C. Boon
North 1	R. Chapple
East 1	D. Cole
South 1	M. Howard
South 2	B. Harvey
Central 1	M. Shingfield
Central 2	B. Cocks
West 1	N. Carter
West 2	D. Dawson
- All the above officers were agreed by the meeting.

7) LEAGUE STRUCTURE & FIXTURE DATES FOR 2018:

The proposed Structure had been circulated. The intention has been to reduce all Leagues to 8 teams which involves 14 matches so as to eliminate having to play on Monday evenings. This has involved moving a few teams and one or two clubs have a few reservations. It was noted that Sheringham Morley have affiliated this year but have not submitted a League entry, and we are still unsure about Mattishall. John Mason (County Arts) thanked Mark for his work on restructuring the Leagues.

8) MOTIONS (AMENDMENTS TO RULES 8,9 and 12)

Rule 8:

b) This motion concerns the time scale for playing re-arranged matches, and the timescales have been relaxed so that Rule 8b now reads: Matches will be played home and away (unless specified otherwise) on fixed dates to be determined by the League Management Committee, but may be played on an alternative date by mutual agreement, provided **all fixtures are completed by a date one week prior to the scheduled date for the last matches in the respective League zone.**

d) The word MUST in place of shall has been added so Rule 8d now reads: No match may be postponed to a later date without the permission of the League Secretary, other than when a match is postponed because of weather conditions or two or more players are involved in International Matches or National Championships under the jurisdiction of Bowls England. **In these circumstances the League Secretary MUST be informed of the postponement and the match re-arranged in accordance with paragraph e) below.**

e) The timescale for notifying the League Secretary of the date for a re-arranged match has changed and the new Rule 8e now reads: In the event of a match being postponed **in accordance with the above a re-arranged date for the match must be agreed within 7 days of the date of the original fixture date and the League Secretary informed of the re-arranged date.** The home team shall, within **seven** days of the original fixture date, offer their opponents a minimum of two dates but not more than four subject to the limit dates above, one of which must be accepted.

f) The motion to amend Rule 8f was discussed and various views were expressed regarding the penalty to be deducted from a team that failed to fulfil a fixture. An amendment was proposed by G W Staniforth B C, seconded by Bradwell B C and approved. Rule 8f now reads: **If a team fails to fulfil a match or postpones a match without the permission of the League Secretary per paragraph (d) above their opponents will be awarded 5 points and have 10 shots added to their "shots for" total and the offending team will be deducted 5 points and have 10 shots added to their "shots against" total.**
Rule 8g is now deleted.

Rule 9:

A minor word change was made to Rule 9a: League matches will commence no later than 6.30pm up to the end of July, and 6.15pm for all dates in August.

A minor amendment was made to Rule 9b: No trial ends will be played, other than visiting teams playing on an artificial surface whom shall have the option of two trial ends provided they are completed prior to the designated commencement time and will be deemed not to infringe law 15 of the laws of the game.

Rule 9c now reads: A draw will be made for rinks.

Rule 9d remains unchanged.

Rule 9e is changed in line with the amendment agreed above for Rule 8f, and now reads: Unless a minimum of 9 players are ready to play within a period of 30 minutes from the designated commencement time, **the match will be deemed to be unfilled in accordance with Rule 8 and points and shots will be awarded and deducted in accordance with Rule 8.** However, if less than nine players are ready to play after a period of thirty minutes from the

designated commencement time and the reason is due to an accident or illness en route no points will be deducted and the match re-arranged as per Rule 8.

Rule 12:

This extends the wearing of Bowls England licensed and approved shorts to Hansells League matches, W P Baker Cup and Hansells Cup play offs, subject to the wearing of shorts being allowed by the host Club. The onus is on the visiting teams to confirm with the host club that the wearing of shorts is allowed. It is not a requirement that all players must wear shorts or all players must wear trousers, but they must both be the same colour. This amendment was proposed by G W Staniforth B C, and seconded by County Arts B C.

Rule 12 now reads:

All matches to be played under Bowls England Rules, unless amended herein.

For all matches other than specified below the dress code will be all white above the waist, club tie, or coloured shirt registered with the Norfolk Bowls Association, Grey **trousers or Bowls England licensed and approved grey shorts** and Brown, Grey, Black or White regulation bowling shoes.

For the semi-finals and final of the W P Baker Cup, all white above the waist club tie, or coloured shirt registered with the Norfolk Bowls Association, White **trousers or Bowls England licensed and approved white shorts** and Brown, Grey, Black or White regulation bowling shoes.

For all rounds of the Hansells Solicitors Cup, all white above the waist, club tie, or coloured shirt registered with the Norfolk Bowls Association, Grey **trousers or Bowls England licensed and approved grey shorts** and Brown, Grey, Black or White regulation bowling shoes.

For all rounds of the W P Baker Cup and Hansells Solicitors Cup the Umpire present will prior to the match commencing nominate the rink to play an extra end should this be required. Play shall be in accordance with Rule 7 but in the event of a tie on points the nominated rink number will play an extra end and the result of this end will determine the result.

The zone play offs shall be on dates, other than the Middleton Cup semi-finals/final date, fixed by the League Management Committee.

Discs of the same colour shall be used on the bowls of all players of a team in the league.

Thanks were given to County Arts Club for the use of their facilities and the meeting closed at 12.00

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