



# Deeside VETS Bowling League



## MINUTES OF 2023 AGM

Venue: Argoed Sports & Social Club – Held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### 1 Presidents Welcome

The President, Pete McCann opened the meeting by welcoming all the clubs and thanking them for their attendance, and wished all clubs every success in the coming season.

### 2 Apologies for Absence

All clubs were represented.

### 3 Deceased Members

The members stood to remember the members that we had lost throughout the year.

Ron Lammond- Mancot C, Steve Moxley-Aston B, Noel Jones-Aston C, Bill Worrall-Halkyn, Mike Brackenbury-Aston B. Trefor Williams, Nigel Lloyd & Bet Morris - Sychdyn

### 4 Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes

The minutes were approved by Chris Reid and seconded by Tom Ashdown

### 5 Matters Arising from 2022 Minutes

There were no matters arising

### 6 Chairmans Report

The Chairman firstly wanted to thank all the people in attendance for all the work they carried out at their clubs throughout the year.

The Chairmans report reflected on the success of the Deeside team winning the Aerospace Trophy against strong opposition from squads in the following areas, Wrexham, Gwynedd and the Clwydians. He thanked the clubs who hosted these games and hoped that the squad could hopefully retain the cup in 2024.

Best wishes were extended to all clubs for the coming season.

### 7 Secretary's Report

In his final report as Secretary, Dave Walker thanked everyone for their support over the last 5 years of his tenure and wished everyone the best in the future and saw no reason why the league shouldn't go from strength to strength.

He advised the one thing that he had failed to understand over the last few years was how some clubs recorded walkovers when very often they had sufficient membership/players to draw from, but it seems it is often players choice.

The Chairman thanked Dave for his work with the league and how his knowledge of the rules of the game was legendary and had come in handy on quite a few occasions.

## **8 Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer presented the 2023 balance sheet stating that with increased costs like printing, insurance, and other outgoings the league had almost broken even on the season with a small surplus of £36.

The Treasurer advised that the committee had raised two proposals affecting finances which would be discussed under Point 15 of the Agenda.

Proposal 2 - Increase in subscriptions for 2024

Proposal 3 – Increase in Honoraria

The Statement of Accounts was approved by Bob Hawker and seconded by Chris Read

## **9 Fixture Secretary's Report**

Simon started his report by thanking all the captains for the speed that results were entered last season. On many occasions all results were in before he'd finished work at 5:00pm.

He reported that newcomers Mancot D won Division 4 with 14 wins from 18 matches and 132 points.

Second were Halkyn A also with 14 wins from 18 matches with 120 points.

The Divisional averages was won by David Bradley (Broughton B) 16 out of 17

Nercwys won Division 3 with 19 wins from 22 matches.

Second were Aston B with 14 wins from 22 matches.

Divisional averages was won by Barry Lloyd (Caerwys B) 20 out of 22

Mold Recs success continues, they won Div 4 in 2021, Div 3 in 2022 and now Div 2 with 21 wins from 22 matches.

Treuddyn A were second with 16 wins from 22 matches.

Divisional averages was won by John Jones (Mold Rec) 20 out of 21

Finally, Division 1 was won by Coed Talon A with 20 wins from 22 matches.

Second were Aston A with 16 wins from 22 matches.

Divisional averages was won for the third year in a row by John Bonatti (Coed Talon A) with 20 wins from 22 games.

Lastly, Simon thanked the Committee for their support during 2023.

## **10 Competition Secretary's report**

Arthur Davies Merit – Winner Kerrie Jones / Runner Up Ies Glazier

Lily Sparks – Winners Mold Rec

John Griffiths - Winners – Caerwys B

## **11 Honorariums**

See Proposal 3. Increase to Honoraria – Fixture Secretary £500, Competition Secretary - £200, Secretary - £300, Treasurer - £250

## **12 Applications to Join the League**

Nercwys B made an application for League Membership – Approved

## **13 Change of Constitution**

Change of Constitution would normally follow Election of Officers. However, Proposal 1 requires the memberships approval as it affects the current rule regarding the Election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

The Committee are requesting, with full agreement from the current Chair and Vice Chair, that the Chairman will remain in post until such time as he or she wishes to step down OR if the membership proposes another candidate at the AGM.

The reason for the proposal is for both consistency in approach and to avoid having to change bank signatories every two years.

The membership was asked to agree the change – the change was unanimously carried.

## **14 Election Of Officers for 2024**

President - Peter McCann / Deputy President – Martin Richardson

Chairman – Bryn Hughes / Deputy Chairman – Colin Smith (See Point 13)

Secretary – Trudy Ellis

Fixture Secretary – Simon Walker / Competition Secretary – Shaun Williams

Treasurer – Sue Stanworth

**Note** – Wilf Watkin, due to ill health, sadly resigned his position as Competition Secretary.

Shaun Williams nomination was approved by the membership.

## 15 AGM Proposals for 2024

### **Proposal 1 - Change to Constitution - Point 6, Paragraph 1**

**Proposed by Deeside VETS Committee**

#### **Current Rule**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected for 2 years and the Vice Chairman will automatically be elected to Chairman after two years in the position

#### **Proposal**

The elected Chairman will remain in post until such time as he or she wishes to step down OR if the membership proposes another candidate at the AGM.

**Proposal Carried – see Point 13**

### **Proposal 2 – Increase Subscription Fees**

**Proposed by Treasurer**

**Seconded : Deeside VETS Committee**

In order to justify the proposed increase in subscriptions the Treasurer (SS) and Secretary (TE) prior to the AGM conducted a review of income and expenditure going back 10 years including prize money and honoraria.

Whilst subscriptions changed in 2022, year by year costs were steadily rising, i.e. Governing Body Affiliations, Insurance, Room Hire, Printing, Results Service, and the Inter League Contribution, and at the time of the AGM further increases were yet to be confirmed.

Prize money hadn't increased since 2015. Shockingly the leagues merit winners only received £20 for their season's effort.

The Treasurer talked through the proposed increases. The exact increases will be determined once we have all the costs in and they will be posted on the website.

Honoraria had not increased since 2016 and the Committee proposed an increase to cover the costs and personal time officers gave to ensure the smooth running of the league.

No expenses have been claimed by Committee members since 2018.

The Committee asked the membership to support the increase to £85 per team covering both subscriptions and honoraria

The proposed change was unanimously carried.

**Proposal Carried**

### **Proposal 3 – Increase in Honoraria**

**Proposed by Deeside VETS Committee**

See comments - Proposal 2

**Proposal Carried**

### **Proposal 4 – Trophies / Shields**

**Proposed by Treasurer**

**Deeside VETS Committee**

The Treasurer advised that shields and trophies will need to be replaced as there was no room left for any more 'mini shields' to be added. The cost of replacement would be circa £1500 and there would be continuing costs for engraving.

The proposal is to request at the AGM that the membership consider a new approach in lieu of receiving trophies which was to provide individuals / clubs with a certificate they could place in their clubs.

A question was raised by the Penyffordd representative as to whether all the shields needed replacing at once – the answer was yes. The Committee confirmed that an appropriate shield / trophy would be available when required for photographic purposes. The committee would arrange for all shields / trophies to be returned by clubs. All winners would be recorded on the website

The proposal was put to the membership – the proposal was unanimously carried

**Proposal Carried**

### **Proposal 5 - Amendment to Match Rule 6**

**Proposed by Deeside VETS Committee**

#### **Current Rule**

Each League Team shall forward to the League Secretary ( before the first fixture is played) names of players who are eligible to play in the league for that Team

No further registrations will be accepted after 30<sup>th</sup> June.

All players must be bona fide Club Members.

#### **Proposed Amendment**

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**Proposal Carried**

## **Proposal 6 – Delete Rule 17.**

**Proposed by Deeside VETS Committee**

### **Current Rule**

Each team will receive ten (10) handbooks and if any more are needed then they can be ordered for 50p each

### **Proposed Rule**

To stop producing fixture sheets as ALL fixtures and dates including competition dates are available on the Deeside Vets Website for all members to view. The fixtures can also be printed from the website.

**Proposal Carried**

## **Proposal 7 – Amendment to Cup Rule**

**Proposed by Deeside VETS Committee**

### **Current Rule**

No Player will be allowed to play in any of the following Competition Semi-finals or Finals unless He / She has played at least three (3) League Games. ~~There will also be a Dress code for Finals which is Black Trousers or Skirts and collared Shirts~~

### **Proposed Rule**

No Player will be allowed to play in any of the following Competition Semi-finals or Finals unless He / She has played at least three (3) League Games. **The current British Dress Code must be adhered to for the finals**

**Proposal Carried**

The Chairman thanked all clubs for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 15.00pm