

Croston & District Boules League.

Annual General Meeting Monday 25th January 2021 @ 7.30pm

Due to the current lockdown situation, this year the AGM was held with the Team Captains and the Committee on a Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Agenda

- **Welcome & Apologies**

Once everyone had managed to connect to the Teams Meeting, the meeting was opened by Peter Briggs who introduced the new Chairman, Craig Howard, and the new committee. Apologies were received from Neil Ashcroft (Grapes) & Jackie Atherton (Wasps).

- **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

- Proposed & Seconded
- No reported Matters arising

- **Chairman's Report**

There were no games or results from last season so there was nothing to report. It was stated that the primary objective of Croston and District Boules League was to ensure that as many players as possible would be involved in the games and that Boules matches and venues would provide an enjoyable social event for all. Peter Briggs congratulated the appointment of the new committee and offered his continued support.

- **Proposed New Fixture List 2021**

It was agreed that the fixture list prepared for last season would be circulated for the new season. This included contingency for venues if some of the pubs do not re-open. If necessary, teams could drop into other venues without changing the fixture list. Our main aim is to commence play in a safe environment when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. The original start date for the season was 13th April which will be confirmed at a later date.

- **Proposed 2021 Season Competition List**

The priority is to commence the league season. Following this we can then discuss competitions and arrange venues and dates at a later date.

- **Website & Results**

Mike Greenhalgh has agreed to continue support of the website. There are NO changes to reporting the match results. The results will be sent in the normal way by the Team Captain on the night following the match.

- **Programme**

No proposals were put forward

- **Team Proposals for Alterations**

Buzzards Proposal “Get rid of the triples and move back to doubles or reduce to 2 points as same number of boules as the doubles.” This was seconded by Andy Armson (Wanderers) by email, 12/01/2021. The proposal by the Buzzards was to completely remove the Triples from the matches. This was briefly discussed, a vote taken resulting in 2 For and 8 Against. It was confirmed by the Chairman that the Triples will remain part of the competition and also as agreed at the last AGM in January 2020 the points awarded for a Triples win would be 2 points. In the event of a draw, 1 extra point would be awarded to the team with the highest number of match points. If the match points were tied it would be ½ point for each team.

- **Finances Yearly Balance Sheet**

There were two debits from the account £30 for the Fixture List printing and £11.79 for the website. Peter Briggs agreed to send a statement with the AGM minutes. Signatures will be changed on the account and forms will be signed ASAP. The new account signatures will be Craig Howard (Chairman) and Heather Smith (Treasurer).

- **League Fee’s**

It was agreed that the fees would remain at £120 per team, unchanged from last season. These are normally payable in May. It was also agreed that the fees would be payable within approx. 4 weeks from commencement of the League season.

- **Presentation Night**

This will be the same format as the previous year and the date agreed at a later date. For the 25-year celebration of the Croston and District Boules league, it was agreed that this may not be a good year to celebrate and that we should gather ideas from players so we can organise an appropriate celebration for the following year.

- **A.O.B.**

1. **Consider that any proceeds raised from competitions be used to support either a charity or the landlords and the venues.**

This topic was discussed, and various ideas put forward. In summary, the Chairman concluded that fundraising decisions should be made by the team/captain how they wish to donate any funds. We were also reminded that the League nominates a charity, and an amount is paid into the charity on behalf of the league. Peter stated that the League had contributed approx. £10,000 over the years to support charities. It was agreed that we should endeavour to encourage more players from different teams to participate in the competitions.

2. **Proposal to honour Peter Briggs and John Twinn for their 25 years of service to the Croston & District Boules League.**

Peter Briggs to be Honouree President of the League .

John Twinn to be Honouree Vice-President of the League.

This proposal was agreed by all attendees.

3. COVID-19 Rules

Guidelines, recommendations, and concerns for COVID-19 were discussed. Peter had prepared some guidelines for last season which will need to be reviewed to meet current government guidelines. The Chairman provided an overview of the main guidelines.

- ✓ It would be the responsibility of the Team Captains to ensure the rules are followed.
- ✓ No picking up of other players boules.
- ✓ No sharing of boules.
- ✓ No plastic circles to be used.
- ✓ Use of your own Coche.
- ✓ Social distance of 2 metres to be maintained.
- ✓ Use of hand sanitiser before games.
- ✓ We may need to keep a list of players if the pub has to operate a Track and Trace policy.

In summary, it was agreed that we should wait for issue of Government guidelines at the time so we can incorporate into our rules and consult with the pub landlords to ensure that when we commence the league season, we create a safe environment for all players.

4. DATA Protection

With reference to Data Protection requirements, the Secretary asked all participants if anyone had any concerns regarding the sharing of email addresses and telephone contact numbers for communication with all Team Captains and the Committee. Everyone agreed that they had no concerns or objections regarding this issue.

5. Next Committee Meeting

Date to be agreed by the Committee.

It was agreed that copies of the AGM Minutes would be distributed to all Team Captains and The Committee.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Martyn Littlewood

(Secretary)