

# The Federation of Crown Green Bowls



# A G M Minutes 2021

Federation report 2021 2020 /2021 Have been difficult years to say the least and yet this year we have managed to get in virtually a full programme.

In the National League. Only one fixture was cancelled on the last date 3rd October. Combination of a flooded green and an incident on the M6 it was decided to cancel the game between Bury and Sth Lakes.

You will note that should in any event a match is cancelled in the future, the first priority is that it should be rearranged. If this is not possible the system is now set up to award average points.

Moving on to 2022.

With the information I have at the minute I would like to welcome our new Affiliates/Teams.

Chesterfield, Sheffield, Saddleworth, Flintshire, Wrexham B and Bolton B.

We also have the return of Wallasey, Furness, Harrogate and Airedale B.

Unfortunately, Fylde A have not been able to replace Hugh Hornby which was a sad loss to them so they have withdrawn.

Fylde B will play as Fylde in the lower divisions with the players who have supported Colin Newton and Tom Kitchen for years.

This has meant I have had to adjust some of the divisions in the middle order. No one has missed out on promotion or 3rd place or prize money.

With regards to the new Teams/ Affiliates I have formed a Division of

Saddleworth, Chesterfield, Sheffield, Flintshire and Wrexham B.

This has been accepted by them and for purposes of next year's League will be called Div 8A.

Cheshire Parks have decided to carry on with just the one team.

Div 8B at the minute will comprise of 4 teams.

Airedale B, Burton B, Doncaster B and Bolton B.

There is a vacancy here and have messaged Christine Ellis as first option.

I have received some requests for Bye dates so could you please let me know if you require one.

## Public Liability.

All our Affiliates are required to have public liability in place.

Some of our Affiliates play under their own insurance as an Organisation / League or District.

There is no issue with this providing they send me the policy number when it's in place.

Am in discussions with BCGBA to change their rule that our Teams/Affiliates have to be Affiliated to a Primary County to obtain a unique number to obtain the discounted insurance via Endsleigh.

In our case I do have the majority of those numbers and have applied for them for our new members if they are required.

Please resist any extra charges from Counties till I have sorted this out.

Insure4Sport do offer a cheaper cover and both Eccles DP and Cheshire Parks are using them. Also, several Clubs in Lancashire and Cheshire are also using them and have been accepted by BCGBA.

Whilst I can obtain on your behalf insurance via the Endsleigh Portal I cannot obtain it from 1st4Sport.

Hope that makes sense.

#### Website and Handbooks

We will not be producing Handbooks in 2022 so there will be no charge for them on your invoices.

John Leach of ID Webs will carry on as webmaster to set up the hosting and HTML links etc.

The website will carry all the information you need for contacts etc. Could you please update these at some point.

Phil Moon of Luna Publications will continue to act as our Agent again to sell as much Advertising space as possible less his commission.

#### MB Results.

I will issue in the near future passcodes for the new Affiliates etc.

I ask that to conform to our membership of BCGBA and their insurance, you enter the players county number as well as the club they play for over the winter.

Posting your teams 7 days before a game is very important to me and should not be abused.

Changes can be made on the day and through me if necessary.

#### Finance.

Having produced a balance sheet for 2020/21 our overall balance has reduced by approx £1500.00, down to £1900.00.

To maintain our current costs and prize money for next year and more importantly support our policy of the development of Youth and Juniors via the tournament in Leyland.

We have also rolled over the Champion of Champions to May next year and we will have the Team KO.

I apologise for this and any misunderstandings but given the uncertainty of Sponsorship etc it will be necessary to increase our fees by £20.00 per team.

£10.00 will go to the Youth and Juniors and £10.00 to Prize Money.

The fees therefore will be

Affiliation Fee £60.00

National Team entry £60.00 per team.

Team KO will remain at £30.00 per team and paid when qualified and entered. Current insurance via Endsleigh is £49.00

1st4Sport is approx £30.00.

But with less cover still acceptable.

Anyone wanting a copy of the balance sheet or prize money paid out message me. They will be on the website in a few days.

### Finally.

I have received some very kind messages from people regarding the administration of the Federation.

I am fortunate that I have the full backing of Peter Hodgkinson our Life President, Kev Penny Chairman and Phil Brown Vice Chairman .

Officers -

Ken Howarth Youth/Juniors, Tony Hodgetts Auditor /Board Member.

Brian Holgate Life Member

Board members -

Jim Cunningham, Paul Atherden, Alan Swindlehurst, Derek Brooke's, Howerd and Joyce Broadbent, Keith Andrews and Andrew Wadsworth.

Special thanks to Michael Beckett and his system.

Also, thanks to all of you.

Providing you stick to our basic rules, communicate with each other I have no problem at all continuing with what I'm doing.

Please come back to me if there are any issues or questions.

This report will constitute what I would normally set out via email as an AGM.

Subject to your confirmation I will proceed with setting up everything for next year.

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