



AGM Meeting

Thursday 22 February 2023

The Monument Public House, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1PH

Minutes

Meeting Opened: 19.30

1. **Roll Call.** Present: Chris Skudder, Dee Dyke, Chris Taaffe, Joe Cooper, Richard Lambkin, Joanne Lambkin, Janet Rankin, Gill McMillan and Matt Smith, Southern Area Representative for the BTBA.

Apologies: None

2. Matt Smith was invited to the AGM as The South Eastern Area Co-Ordinator of The BTBA. A member of the KTBA contacted the BTBA to invoke Section 6 of the BTBA rules regarding the holding of meetings throughout the year and an AGM. KTBA Chair Chris Skudder explained to Matt the reasons for not holding the meeting though 2022. As we have held the AGM Matt with report back to the BTBA and address the situation and get back to the Committee.

3. **Chair Address.** Read by Chris Skudder

Outlined the situation in the last year.

4. **Reading of Minutes and action thereon.**

Proposed by: Richard Lambkin

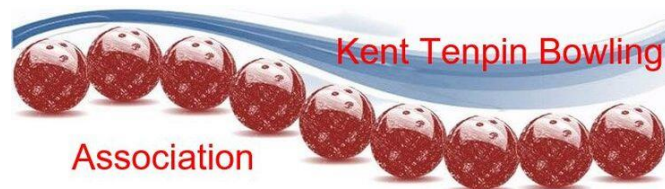
Seconded by: Dee Dyke

5. **Reports of Committee.**

Tournament Officer Chris Taaffe

There were no KTBA Tournaments last year except for the County Trial, which the Chairman presides over.

I did however attend The Inter County Championships Adult Ladies Final in Guildford, where Kent fielded a mixed team of youth and experience. The team did well to qualify



for the finals, there were many high quality Counties who failed to make the final, so being there was an achievement in itself. Our team was led by evergreen captain Jan Hodge, who alongside Frankie Plewis, Lorna Scott, Jo Green, Dee Dyke and Janet Rankin made up Kent's contribution to the Championships. We were fortunate that Richard Lambkin was able to give our ladies a program of expert coaching prior to the event, which was reflected in the improvement and consistency of each of the team.

We finished 7th out of the ten teams that competed and that probably a fair result. We were up against the very best Counties in the Country and the quality demonstrated proved that. Frankie and Lorna were outstanding, both averaging well over 200, very few open frames and plenty of strikes. It could be argued that our scores should have been higher, if some of the solid nines had been strikes. However you bowl a nine, you score a nine and at this level you have to leave the excuses back in your locker and you have to step up. This tournament used the Baker System for scoring, which can be challenging when trying to keep some kind of consistency but it was the same for all Counties. The Baker System will not be used in this year's ICC's. This was a very good performance considering the opposition and despite the overall position we found ourselves in, the team spirit really made the weekend. Well done ladies. There is a full detailed report on our website.

This year I want to re-introduce the County Championships. I will take advice from the committee regarding format, venue and dates.

I would anticipate a team event, trios or fours, a doubles and an optional overall singles event with each participant bowling six games in total.

The only Centres left in Kent which are sanctioned by The BTBA are Cliftonville (Bugsys) and Rochester, but Rochester only has a Silver Sanction, whereas Cliftonville (Bugsys) has Gold.

As the sanctioning suggests Cliftonville (Bugsys) is the better option so unless anybody has any alternative suggestions, I will be approaching Bugsys for dates.

Secretary Denise Dyke

nothing to report.

Treasurer

£2.750

6. **Elections.** The results of the elections are as follows:

Chair: **Chris Skudder.**



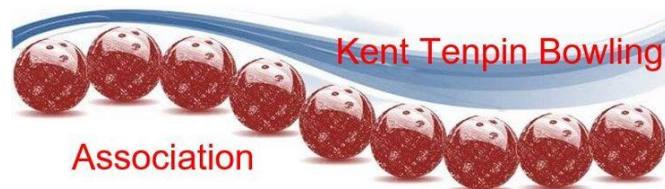
- Vice-chair: **Chris Taaffe**
proposed Joanne Lambkin, seconded Janet Rankin
- Secretary: **Dee Dyke** standing for another year,
proposed Joanne Lambkin, seconded Janet Rankin
- Treasurer: **Joanne Lambkin.**
Proposed by Richard Lambkin, seconded by Janet Rankin
- Senior, Adult and U22 County Manager / Sub-committee Chair:
Richard Lambkin and **Joe Cooper.**
Proposed by Chris Skudder and seconded by Dee Dyke.
- Youth County Manager / Sub-committee Chair:
Richard Lambkin.
Proposed by Joe Cooper, seconded by Dee Dyke
- County Coach: **Richard Lambkin.**
Proposed by Chris Taaffe seconded by Chris Skudder
- Tournament Manager: **Chris Taaffe.**
Proposed by Richard Lambkin, seconded by Chris Skudder
- Fund Raising and Diversity Officer:
Janet Rankin & Gill McMillan.
Proposed Chris Skudder, seconded Joe Cooper
- Development Officer: **Joe Cooper,**
proposed Richard Lambkin, seconded Dee Dyke
- Media Co-ordinator: Vacant

7. **A.O.B.**

- Chris Taaffe has proposed the following

I have published a pro former KTBA Championships Leaflet for us as KTBA Council to peruse. I welcome any suggestions, variation, corrections and criticisms.

I have considered the date, and the date I have picked is purely based on vacancies on the English Bowling Calendar, which please sanctioning and during term time. I have not spoken to Bugsy's or sanctioning yet, so any date is still up in the air.



Whatever format we choose; I think it should be no more than six games in total.

My format gives us three events:

- A three bowler team game (3 games) 1 division
- A singles event with three divisions, Junior's, Adults and Senior's but no separate divisions male / female. But Junior and Senior's should be permitted to compete in the Adult section, at a cost of £3 per extra event. (Adults would only be able to compete in their own division). However I don't believe that anybody should be allowed to cash more than once in any one division. For example if Chris Skudder enters both Adults and Senior's and wins both, he keeps both wins but only gets paid out for one of them. The Tournament Manager will decide how to distribute that extra prize money. (Probably increase the percentages to the other winners) or maybe spot prizes.

I don't believe we have enough females likely to enter the event to justify separate gender divisions in the singles or team events.

I think we should consider using handicaps for these two events which will help even up the male/female divide. Also with only one prize in the team event, there will be very few teams that would have a chance to win anything.

For these two events I propose we have a prize fund, paying out first place only for the Team Event, then 1st, 2nd places, possibly 3rd in the other three events, but the pay-out will be proportionate to the entry spread, maybe a minimum 1st prize (Junior's, Adult's and Senior's).

- The Championship will be decided on scratch only scores, and carry no prize money, the prestige of being County Champion should be enough, and it will dilute the Prize Fund too much.

There will be seven divisions:

Team

Junior Girls

Junior Boys

Adult Ladies

Adult Men

Senior Ladies

Senior Men



I don't mind if only ONE bowler enters a division, we should still run it! Next season people will see who won what and this could well generate more interest if they think can come third event in at field of three. If on the other hand we decide to close an event because we don't have enough entries, we will be creating another event that certain minorities will have no access to.

I am thinking of all the junior's last season, and the adult ladies this season.

It was suggested that we should consider making our Areas an open even, generating more interest and income, and then pick out the KTBA entrants to determine Area Champions.

8. Date of next meeting - Thursday 10 May 2023 at 19.15 pm.

Meeting Closed: 20.35