



MERSEYSIDE COUNTY
CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Formed in 1980

President: Pat Crowther

Dear Secretary,

The Annual General Meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018** at the Alder Sports Club, Alder Road, Liverpool, L12 2BA, (Tel: 0151 228 5250) commencing at 7.30pm.

Pat Crowther
Acting County Secretary
February 2019

AGENDA

1. President's Welcoming Remarks
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 31 January 2018
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Chairman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Auditors Report and the Adoption of the Balance Sheet for 2018
9. To Award Honoraria
10. Merseyside Notices of Motion
11. British Crown Green Bowling Association Report
12. Election of Officers
13. Presentations

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Propositions for 2019 Annual General Meeting

Proposed by the Management Committee

Merseyside County CGBA are planning to divide into 5 areas so that communication and understanding can be improved. Each area will have an Area Representative who will sit on the Merseyside Management Committee and will be the link between Clubs, Leagues and Associations in their area and the Merseyside Management Committee. They will be responsible for arranging an annual meeting in their area at the end of March / beginning of April at which all Clubs, Leagues and Associations should be represented and officers of Merseyside County will attend. All invoices and handbooks will be issued at these meetings and payment of fees will be taken at the meeting, if required, or payments can be sent to the Treasurer within 4 weeks of the date of issue of the invoice. A discussion forum will also be held at these meetings to enable questions to be posed and answered where possible, and for new information to be conveyed direct to clubs, leagues and associations. During the remainder of the year two-way communication can be improved through the area representatives.

The following Propositions include any that are necessary to implement the above changes:

1. Rule 5 d) On line 2 after 'Clubs direct.' delete the next sentence.
Rationale
This is to ensure that all payments are made, preferably, direct to the Treasurer at the Area Meetings or sent to the Treasurer within 4 weeks following these meetings.
2. Rule 8 a) On line 3 after 'County Team Managers;' delete 'and a representative from each affiliated Association and League;' and replace with 'the five appointed Area Representatives; and a delegate from each area;'.
Rationale
This is to allow each of the five areas to have their Area Representative and a delegate on the Merseyside Management Committee.
3. Rule 8 a) On line 5 delete the sentence beginning 'The names of' and replace with 'The names of the Area delegates must be forwarded to the County Secretary by the 31 March each year.'
Rationale
This is to allow each of the five areas to appoint their own delegate to attend the Merseyside Management Committee Meetings as well as the Area Representative.

The following Propositions are to assist in the smooth running of the Association:

4. Delete the current heading 'Rules and Constitution' and replace with 'Bye Laws and Constitution'.
Rationale
This is to differentiate between the 'Bye Laws and Constitution' which should be used to govern the running of the Association and the 'Rules' which will be produced during the coming year to govern the running of the Association's competitions. This is mainly a tidy-up exercise.
5. Rule 5 b) On line 1 after 'shall be made' delete 'through an Association or League'
Rationale
This is to allow some clubs who do not register with a League or Association to be members of the County Association.

6. Rule 6 On line 1 after 'before' delete '1st April' and replace with '31st March'.
Rationale
Although only a small change it brings it into line with other dates.
7. Rule 6 On line 2 after 'each year.' Add a new sentence to read 'Non-compliance will result in a fine of £5.'
Rationale
The County Association does not wish to fine anyone but hopes that this deterrent will ensure that Leagues and Associations submit their lists by the due date.
8. Rule 8 a) On line 2 after 'Treasurer' delete 'County Coach;'
Rationale
This position does not now exist as the BCGBA Coaching Scheme has been disbanded and BCGBA now affiliate to Coach Bowls who will provide all BCGBA coaching needs including the provision of accredited coaching courses.
9. Rule 13 On line 5 after 'appeal to the' delete 'County Management Committee, with the right of further appeal to the'.
Rationale
Any appeal that is made should be to the next higher body and not to the same body.
10. Rule 14 a) On line 2 after 'ensuing year.' Insert a new sentence to read 'Agenda, including any proposals received to be circulated 4 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.'
Rationale
This is to allow the distribution of proposals to be made in accordance with when the date for the Annual General Meeting has been arranged.
11. Rule 14 b) On line 2 after 'Annual General Meeting' insert a '.' and delete the remainder of the sentence.
Rationale
This is to allow the date for circulation of proposals to be moved to 14(a).
12. Rule 14 b) On line 5 after 'amendment' delete the remainder of the sentence and replace with 'at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting'.
Rationale
This is to bring the date for amendments in line with when the proposals were circulated.
13. Rule 17 On line 1 after 'shall receive' delete 'one County Handbook at cost and'.
Rationale
This is to reflect the fact that Merseyside County will no longer be producing a County Handbook. All information previously contained in the handbook will be transferred to the Merseyside County website.
14. Rule 24 On line 1 delete 'Rules' and replace with 'Bye Laws'.
Rationale
This is a tidy-up exercise if Proposition (4) is passed. If it is defeated then this proposition will need to be withdrawn.

Merseyside County Association has always tried to keep its affiliation fees to a minimum and to that end have not increased them for over 12 years but now finds it necessary to increase these fees. However, we would like the members to decide how they would like the fees to be changed. The following Propositions give the different options for consideration:

15. Rule 5 a)
 - Option 1 - increase fees to £10.00 per League and Association and £5.00 for over 60's Leagues and Associations. Cost of BCGBA Handbook is extra.
 - Option 2 - increase fees to £12.00 per League and Association and £7.00 for over 60's Leagues and Associations. Cost of BCGBA Handbook is included in the affiliation fee.

Rationale

Increases in fees are now necessary. Please consider which you would prefer.

16. Rule 5 b)

Option 1 - increase fees to £30.00 per Club and £7.00 for over 60's Clubs. Cost of BCGBA Handbook is extra.

Option 2 - increase fees to £32.00 per Club and £9.00 for over 60's Clubs. Cost of BCGBA Handbook is included in the affiliation fee.

Option 3 – decrease affiliation fee to £10.00 per Club and £5.00 for over 60's Clubs plus every Club to pay a £1.00 per player per Club annual affiliation fee. Cost of BCGBA Handbook is extra.

Rationale

Increases in fees are now necessary. Please consider which you would prefer. Option 3 would obviously benefit the smaller Clubs but would incur higher costs to the larger clubs. However, the player annual affiliation fee could be passed to the club members by an increase in their Club Membership fees.

17. Rule 5 c)

Option 1 - increase Secondary Affiliation fees to £10.00 per Club and £5.00 for over 60's Clubs.

Option 2 – increase Secondary Affiliation fees to £20.00 per Club and £10.00 for over 60's Clubs.

Rationale

Increases in fees are now necessary. Option 1 is still far below the fees charged by our neighbouring Counties for Merseyside Clubs which play in their Leagues and Associations. Option 2 is nearer to the fees charged by other Counties. These fees only affect Clubs from other County Associations who wish to play in Merseyside Leagues and Associations and not Merseyside Clubs.