

FALKIRK & DISTRICT CARPET BOWLS LEAGUE

2020/21 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date	Wednesday, 23 September 2020
Venue	Laurieston Bowling Club
Apologies	Allandale, Drew Miller Laurieston A Zetland, Isobel Batchelor
Present	Burnhead A, Jim Gibb Burnhead B, Danny Dodds Camelon C, George Ryan Camelon D, Douglas Niewald & Bob Paul Grahamston A, Mary Jenkins Grahamston B, Anne Muir Laurieston B, Peter Alexander Ochiltree, Robert Dale Stenhousemuir, Sean McBride
Welcome	The secretary welcomed everyone for attending.
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the 2019/20 AGM were read, approved by George Ryan, and seconded by Jim Gibb. The minutes of the 2019/20 mid-term meeting were read, approved by George Ryan and seconded by Robert Dale.
Secretary's Report	League: Burnhead and Camelon C tied on points, play-off to take place at Stenhousemuir prior to 12 October, preferably a Sunday afternoon, though date and time TBC by host club and finalists.

Mary Jenkins asked secretary to check minutes to find out if and when it was agreed that, if two teams tied on points at the end of the season, shots for and against were no longer taken into account when determining league winners. Secretary agreed to do so and post clarification on Facebook later that night.

Winners	Ladies singles:	Kelly Dickinson, Laurieston
	Gents singles:	Derek Wright, Burnhead
	Pairs:	Laurieston B
	Triples:	Burnhead
	Rinks:	Allandale
	Martyn Ryan Trophy:	Burnhead

MGM Timber have agreed to continue their league sponsorship of £200.

Members were informed that, in addition to a Facebook page, the league now has a stand-alone website at www.falkirkbowls.com.

Treasurer's Report	Income	Opening Balance:	£343
		Fees:	£220
		MGM Sponsorship:	£200
		<u>Total Income:</u>	<u>£743</u>

Expenditure	Ladies Singles:	£20 and £10
	Gents Singles:	£20 and £10
	Pairs:	£40 and £20
	Triples:	£60 and £30
	Rinks:	£80 and £40
	Martyn Ryan Trophy:	£50
	League:	£200
	<u>Total Expenditure:</u>	<u>£580</u>

Balance Closing Balance: £163

Accounts approved by Peter Alexander, seconded by Douglas Niewald.

Treasurer reported that as Grahamston B only played one game last season, they should be refunded their £20 registration fee. Anne Muir refused his kind offer and said that it should be used to cover this season's registration or, if they are unable to field a team, donated to the league.

Officials Secretary and treasurer agreed to stay in post. It was agreed, yet again, that a Chairperson was not necessary.

Teams Allandale, Laurieston A and Zetland informed the secretary in advance that they will not be entering a team this season.

Danny Dodds from Burnhead B agreed to enter a team.

Anne Muir from Grahamston B and Robert Dale from Ochiltree said that they were unsure if they would be able to field eight players on a regular basis. The idea of combining both teams was discussed and it was agreed that they would raise the matter with their respective teams and notify the secretary of their intent.

Ochiltree's clubhouse may initially be unavailable due to refurbishment.

Mary Jenkins from Grahamston A said that they, too, were unsure if they would be able to field a team due to Covid-19 issues such as health and safety concerns and travel restrictions.

Match Format After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to change the format of league matches for one season only. The rules being:

- A minimum of six players
- A maximum of 10 players
- Five pairs per match
- First half is three pairs, second half is two pairs
- No player can play more than once in each half
- The same pair cannot play together twice

To give clubs the opportunity to discuss changes with their members, it was agreed that the deadline to register teams would be extended to Wednesday, 30 September.

It was also agreed that the secretary would contact teams who had initially pulled out to ask if they wanted to reconsider.

Covid-19	<p>A number of general health and safety matters were discussed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of sanitisers and wipes • The home team playing with the same set of bowls throughout, likewise the away team • Coloured stickers on bowls to indicate which four belong to the lead and which four belong to the skip • Doing away with the mat and delivering bowls from a rectangular area marked in pen, chalk or tape <p>Furthermore, it was agreed that the following rules will definitely apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No practice ends • 7.15pm start • No tea/coffee or cakes/biscuits/hot food
Contact Sheet	Contact names and numbers, as well as the day of the week on which each team would play, were confirmed.
Fees	It was agreed to keep the league fees at £20 per team, but not collect them until later in the season.
Prize Money	It was agreed to keep the league prize money at £125 to the winners and £75 to the runners-up.
Rules	<p>Change: “Game consists of four pairs and two rinks” to “Game consists of five pairs.”</p> <p>Add: “First half is three pairs, second half is two pairs. No player can play more than once in each half. The same pair cannot play together twice.”</p> <p>Change: “Results can be posted, phoned or emailed” to “phoned or texted”</p> <p>Delete: “All entries to these competitions must be made known and paid for at the mid-term meeting.”</p>
Documents	<p>Once teams have confirmed that they would like to take part, it was agreed that the secretary will post one copy of the following documents to each team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixture List • Contact Sheet • Blank Team Sheet • Rules
Start Date	The first round of league matches will take place w/c Monday, 12 October.
Mid-Term Meeting	It was agreed to set a date for the mid-term meeting later in the season.
AOB	With no issues raised, the secretary thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.
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