

Cheltenham Skittles League

Annual General Meeting – Thursday July 18th 2024

AGENDA

- 1.Apologies:** Mr K. Hawkes (Treasurer) Beavers Skittle Team, Charlies Angels
2.Minutes of the A.G.M. 2023 previously issued.
3.Hon. Secretary's Report: Charmian Sheppard
4. Hon. Treasurer's Report : Presented by Tony Meadows
5.Adoption of Accounts Tony Meadows.
6.Front Pin Report Tony Meadows
7.Election of Officers – the meeting is asked whether the nominations could be taken overall as follows:

Hon, President
Vice President:
Chairman:
Vice Chairman
Hon. Secretary
Hon. Assistant Secretary
Hon. Treasurer

Mr P. Judge
Mr A. (Titch) Fulwell
Mr A. B. Meadows
Mr T. Ballinger
Mrs C. Sheppard
Ms. T. Ashfield
Ms. D. Gronow, (Queen Bees) * new

Executive Committee: Mr G. Gamble, (Bishops Cleeve Outcasts)
Mrs. W. Harris, (Hiccups) Mr T. Fulwell, (Cannonballs) Mrs. D. Blackburn, (Queen Bees)
Mr G. Harris, (Victory D), Mr R. Smith, Jolly Crew, Mr P. Judge (Whaddon Old Boys).

Webmaster
Press Officers

Ms. D. Blackburn
Mr A. B. Meadows & Mrs. C. Sheppard

IT team:

S. Taylor (Golden Miller) P. Hyland (Hustlers)
D.Blackburn (Queen Bees) D. Waring (Stragglers).

Associate Members:

G. Mitchell (Hiccups)
A. Ballinger (Suffolk Ladies)
D. Ballinger (Staverton Flyers)
M. Meredith (Strollers)
A. Collins (Allsports) D. Parsons (Swan A).

Members are reminded that they are welcome to contact Hon. Secretary with a view to becoming an Associate Committee Member any time during the Season. This allows an insight into the work of the league with a view to joining the Executive Committee. Anyone with a particular interest in the programming aspect of the League are invited to contact the Hon. Secretary for further details.

- 1. Teams seeking re-election: None** – there are vacancies within the League.
- 2. Teams not re-registering for the 2024-2025 Season:**
Mens Premier B Destroyers
- 3. New Teams** – None
- 4. The Constitution**
- 5. Correspondence: All correspondence relating to proposals for the AGM, were discussed in full by the Executive Committee, with the outcome as follows:**

AGM PROPOSALS

A) SMITHS A

Retaining 12 players playing 3 sets of 4 players per set and still 6 hands. Each set would earn 2 points for the winning set or 1 point each in the case of a draw. The winner of the overall game would earn 4 points. So a team winning every set and thus the game would earn 10 points. There is with this system the possibility of earning points even though losing the game. We feel there are small games within the game and gives every set the chance of winning something. It does have widespread support and we would like to propose it. As an aside, if we were ever forced to go to 10 players per team this would still work with sets of 3,3 & 4 and still keeping THIS POINTS AWARD.

Response from the Committee: Executive Committee appreciated the points made but felt this was a step away from the current ethos of Cheltenham Skittle League, and therefore could not support it. Cheltenham Skittle League has been in existence for some years, with a simple format applying to all games. Concerns were also raised as to administrating this to everyone's satisfaction.

B) SPRINGERS

Dispense with the playing for the second time by 2 lowest scorers, and just include the 2 lowest scores on the result card for the second time. No need for players to play twice, and the actual lowest scores to be used.

Response from the Executive Committee: Teams within the Cheltenham Skittle League should field 12 players at each match.

The Covid rule brought in, allowing 1 or 2 of the lowest scoring players to play for the second time was introduced in an effort to help teams continue. The difficulties experienced by some teams are understood by the Executive, and they accept that those 1 or 2 players may have left before the end of the match.

If that is the case, then their team may add their lowest scores to the result card.

LIBERTY BELLES

Reduce the number of players in a team to 10 registered players.

Response from the Executive Committee: Executive Committee wish to retain the ethos of the League which is that teams should have 12 players registered. Therefore, this proposal is rejected.

BLACK ABBOTTS

I would like to submit a proposal to the AGM that the format changes from the current system of 2 points per game to a points per leg system that has been adopted in other local leagues and has been universally successful.

I and numerous others believe that this new format will re-vitalise the league and make games more exciting with a view to retaining players and teams, and maybe attracting new players and teams.

The proposed format is as follows:

12 Players playing 6 hands

3 legs of 4 players each playing 6 hands

Points awarded for winners of each leg (2 points for a win and 1 for a drawn leg)

Overall winning team (most pins hit during the game) receives 4 points

Total points per game is 10. (this can be split 5/5 6/4 7/3 8/2 9/1 and 10/0)

All other league rules remain...if two sides are level at the end of the season the overall results in their respective games decide who finishes ahead.

I would appreciate it if this could be forwarded to the AGM for a discussion and a vote where if approved this could be adopted for the 2024/2025 season.

Cup games are obviously based on the overall win system.

Committee Response: Cheltenham Skittles League currently has 7 divisions in the Men's Section and 4 in the Ladies Section and they were pleased so many teams came back after the closure due to the pandemic.

The League has remained stable for the past few years. They felt both the loss & retention of teams and players has not been due to the way the games have been structured but due to skittlers increased work commitments and in some cases, players aging out. Younger players are harder to attract given all the other sporting opportunities which surround them.

The increased difficulty in gaining any publicity saying the League is still playing also hampers skittles in a great way.

At this moment in time Committee are not supportive of this proposal to change the format. Administration of a change like this would also be a challenge.

CHELTENHAM ALLSORTS

During our recent AGM a number of our players raised the following points and wished for them to be discussed at the full AGM.

1. The 2 player rule brought in post covid should either be taken out or reduced to 1 player.
2. We have had a number of teams play people twice and not told us at the start of the game.
3. Teams playing with a full team should get 1 point every game they play this will encourage teams to sign on enough players and get a full team out.

Committee Response: Executive Committee appreciate the points made. Given that Covid is still all around us, the Executive wish to retain the rule whereby the 2 lowest scoring players may play for the second time but will adjust the wording in this rule to clearly state that it is only the 2 lowest scoring players who can play for the second time. Those players will be clearly obvious for both teams to see. This links into B above, whereby if those 2 lowest scorers have left the game, their points may be added onto the score card.

Executive are disappointed that despite reminders some teams do not advise each other they will need to play 1 or 2 players twice. Reminders will be made again.

Executive felt that teams do try to get a full team out and do not accept the suggestion made about the extra point.

A request that the Hon. Secretary adjusts the Charity Cup run by placing a third set aside week for the men's section has been considered. However, the calendar does not allow for this, but there will be an increased length in the time allowed for the playing Men's third round, and a reminder will be given that there is a two week break at Christmas, which can be used. Also, Ladies teams will have a long gap between rounds, so their alleys will be available for booking by men's teams.

1. September 9th
2. September 16th
3. September 23rd
CUP GAME SEPTEMBER 30th
4. October 7th
5. October 14th
6. October 21st
CUP GAME OCTOBER 28th
7. November 4th
8. November 11th
9. November 18th
10. November 25th
11. December 2nd
12. December 9th
13. December 16th

Christmas Break :

1. January 6th
2. January 13th
3. January 20th
4. January 27th
5. February 3rd
6. February 10th
7. February 17th
8. February 24
9. March 3rd
RACE WEEK BREAK MARCH 10th
10. March 17th
11. March 24th
12. March 31st
13. April 7th

Easter is April 18/21st

Cup Semi Finals:

Monday April 14th

Tuesday April 15th

Wednesday April 16th

Thursday April 17th

Cup Finals: Wednesday 30th April

Thursday 1st May

FRONT PIN TOURNAMENT

Tuesday 6th May – Friday 23rd May

Presentation Night

June 20th

AGM

July 10th

