

North East Ladies Bowls League A G M held on Tuesday September 10th 2024

Liz Vuyk welcomed us all to Seaton Sluice Community Centre and gave a health and safety message regarding fire exits. She also explained about car parking facilities.

1. Chairperson's welcome -

Sybil welcomed everyone to the annual AGM and commented on the positive turn out.

2. Roll call -

- 6 playing clubs were represented - Whitley and Monkseaton, Morpeth, Ponteland, Newbiggin, Seaton Delaval and Seaton Sluice.
- 2 non playing affiliated clubs were represented - Alexander Park and New Delaval Knights.

3. Apologies -

- Apologies were received from Karen Harvey of Whitley and Monkseaton and Steph Donaghy of Morpeth.

4. Bereavements -

- The following members were remembered with a one minute silence - Kathy Hawkey and Carol Goodman of Newbiggin Bowls Club and Evelyn Trewick of Seaton Delaval Bowls Club.

5. Minutes of the previous A G M -

- A copy of the minutes had been sent to all club contacts well in advance of the meeting.
- Apologies that I personally missed this item off the agenda. The minutes were signed as a true record after the meeting.

6. Secretary's report - (highlights)

- The secretary commented that she thought the league had run smoothly.
- She commented positively on the fact that Seaton Sluice are back in the league, with members from Cowpen and Crofton joining Seaton Sluice to boost numbers.

- She expressed disappointment over the fact that the two new additions from last year, Gosforth West Avenue and Forest Hall had been unable to fulfill the league commitments and both clubs had withdrawn from NELBL.
- She commented on the positive response to the two annual competitions at New Delaval. Both had been full houses.
- She personally congratulated the Morpeth players who had won both the pairs and the triples finals.
- She personally congratulated Newbiggin on their success of winning the league.
- The chairperson thanked the secretary for the work she has put in over the past 12 months.
- Full report available to read.

7. Treasurer's report - (highlights)

- Liz made reference to the fact that it has taken two years to get the signatories changed at NatWest bank.
- We are approx £3,500.00 in credit.
- Affiliation fees can remain at £10.00 per club.
- Expenditure - a. £50.00 paid out to the league winners.
b. Seaton Sluice Community Centre room hire £28.00
c. £100.00 paid out to the secretary. This covered two years of a £50.00 honorarium.
- Competition prize money could be increased next year. To be discussed by the committee.
- The chairperson commented on the fact that the league's financial position had always been in good hands and was always in credit. She also made a comment on the fact that in the past, green fees had to be paid for league games.
- Full report available to read.

8. Notice of proposal -

- One proposal had been received and sent out in advance of the meeting for clubs to discuss.
- Newbiggin proposed that we award prize money to semi- finalists in both the pairs and triples competitions in the future.
- The secretary asked Joan Gledhill if she would give a short explanation of the proposal. Joan said that all semi finalists had done well to reach that stage of the competition and felt it right that prize money be awarded.
A comment was made from the floor that they remembered being semi-finalists at some point and received prize money. Apparently it used to be the case that all semi -finalists received prize money.
- A short discussion followed and then a vote was taken. 4 clubs in favour with 2 abstentions. The proposal was therefore carried.

9. Nominations -

- Three nominations had been received . Nomination for chairperson - Joan Gledhill (Newbiggin) . Nominations for committee representatives - Dorothy Tait(Morpeth) and Val Narcross (Seaton Delaval) . All three nominations were agreed.
- The secretary commented on the positive response that her request for committee members via email information to club contacts had been considered and taken up.

10. Election of Officers -

- Chairperson - Joan Gledhill
Secretary - Christine Dawson
Treasurer - Liz Vuyk
Committee members- Dorothy Tait and Val Narcross

11. Trophy Presentation -

Sybil presented the trophy and the £50.00 cheque to Joan Gledhill on behalf of Newbiggin Bowls Club and congratulated them on their win.

Any Other Business -

- Lin Graham from Seaton Sluice thanked the committee on behalf of everyone for all the work and preparation done before and during the bowling season.
- Morpeth raised the point of their proposal from last year to be allowed to have 2 teams playing in the league. The secretary said that she had personally thought Morpeth might re submit their proposal again this year and that it had been minuted at the 2023 AGM that it would be deferred for discussion at the 2024 AGM.
- The secretary also stated that at a committee meeting earlier in the year, the committee had discussed this and decided that they would have no objections to Morpeth submitting two teams. However, this does mean that the Constitution will have to be reworded. Morpeth will have to confirm at the turn of the year whether there is sufficient interest within their club to run two teams.
- There were no objections from the floor for this proposal to go through at this AGM.

13. Date of next year's AGM and venue - Tuesday September 9th 2025 at Seaton Sluice Community Centre 12 noon.

Sybil closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance. She gave her good wishes for the winter season and good luck to all for the 2025 outdoor season.

Following the close of the meeting a further presentation was made. Bouquets of flowers were presented to both Sybil and to Pam Snaith as recognition and a heartfelt thank you for their years of commitment to the NELBL, both as bowlers and as members of the committee. In Sybil's case, she had held every position except secretary!! Thank you cards were also presented and signed by a member of each bowling club present.

Christine Dawson NELBL Secretary

Signed

Dated

Notice of Motion for A G M to be returned to the Secretary by
Monday August 18th 2025

Name of bowls club -

Signed -

Position held -

We hereby propose

NORTH EAST LADIES BOWLS LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

NAME To be North East Ladies Bowls League.

AIMS To promote and encourage the game of bowls in the area.

MEMBERSHIP The League to consist of no more than 16 member teams.

- a) All clubs to pay an annual fee, decided yearly at the AGM.
- b) Any request for membership to be made, in writing, to the Committee, no later than **MID AUGUST**.
- c) Only one team per club is permitted.
- d) All (Lady) members of the clubs to be registered by the end of **MARCH** each year.

MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the League to be managed by a Committee to be elected annually at the AGM, those elected will take office at the **END** of said meeting.

Copies of a) previous year minutes, b) nomination forms and notice of motion forms to be sent **28 days** before the AGM. The Financial report to be available 14 days before AGM.

OFFICERS to be ELECTED.

Nominations for the following officers to be with the Secretary **14 days** before the AGM.
President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) Committee members

The Committee to meet as necessary during the season,

- a) Quorum to be **ALL** elected committee members,
- b) Secretary to minute all meetings and advise clubs of any relevant information decided at these meetings.
- c) Minutes of General meetings to be available to all clubs.
- d) Competitions to be arranged by the Committee or a nominated representative.

FINANCE

- a) All funds belonging to, or raised for/by the League must be paid into a bank or Building Soc. account operated in the name of North East Ladies Bowls League.
- b) All cheques to be signed by two (2) authorised signatories (Committee members) **NOT** related or living in the same household.
- c) The Treasurer to present an examined statement of accounts covering the financial year ---
- d) An independent person (**NOT** a committee member) to examine the accounts
- e) Reasonable, out of pocket expenses may be paid to Committee members only.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any changes to this Constitution or the Rules of the Game **MUST** to be sent to the Secretary, in writing, **28 days** before the date of the AGM.

DISCIPLINE

Any matters of discipline or complaint to be dealt with by the members own club, under their own rules of discipline, this to include discrimination and safeguarding.

DISSOLUTION

The League can only be dissolved at a General meeting. The Secretary must give 21 days' notice of meeting to all member clubs, along with details of the proposed dissolution.

For the League to be dissolved over half the member clubs at the meeting must agree.

If agreement is reached, any assets remaining after all club debts and liabilities cleared, shall be distributed equally among the current member clubs, or, if this cannot be done, to any agreed charitable purpose.

A copy of this Constitution to be available to all member clubs.

This Constitution was adopted at the 2022 AGM.

Signed President

Secretary

Date

Date

NOMINATIONS FOR N E L B L COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025

The member's consent must be obtained before nominating them.

**Nominations must be sent back to the League Secretary
(Christine Dawson) 14 days before the A G M, as stated in the
Constitution.**

**The A G M will be held on Tuesday September 2nd, therefore any
nominations to be with the Secretary by Tuesday August 19 th.**

Please detach and return the form below with any nominations

Title	Nominee
Chairperson	
Committee Member	
Committee Member	
Club name	
Signatures of nominator/ nominee	Nominator - Nominee -

NORTH EAST LADIES BOWLS LEAGUE 2025

**AFFILIATION FORM
PLEASE RETURN AT THE A G M
FEE £10.00**

NAME OF CLUB	
---------------------	--

RECEIVED BY	
--------------------	--

DATE	
-------------	--