

Boules in Gwent League

**Annual General Meeting, to be held on Monday 27th March 2023
at Ponthir Sports and Community Club, start 7:30-7:45 p.m.**

AGENDA (revised 15 March 2023)

1. Minutes of Last Meeting held at Ponthir Sports and Community Club on Monday 28 March 2022

Minutes available on this website (*AGM 2022*).

2. Actions Arising

2.1. Safeguarding

A documented policy to be considered, and appropriate guidance to be reviewed by the Committee.

The protocols of other similar organisations, such as Pentyrch Cricket Club, have been taken into account.

The key elements of a Safeguarding Policy are:

- creating a safe and positive environment for all persons, particularly those under 18;
- assuming obligation as individuals to protect the safety and well-being and protection of children;
- responsibility to be aware of signs of abuse;
- point of initial contact for procedural advice regarding allegations, concerns of child abuse, bullying, neglect and poor practice;
- taking account of appropriate legislation through Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups 2006 and Protection of Freedoms Bill.

Section 4 of the BIG constitution includes a duty of care which goes hand in hand with safeguarding. This section will be updated accordingly [latest August 2019 version on the website].

2.2. Bank Charges

Charges were introduced by HSBC in November 2021. The Community Account has been replaced by a new Charitable Bank Account. This applies to not-for-profit organisations. The new account carries a monthly fee of £5, with charges for cash and cheque transactions. The current position is that the Chairman is investigating alternative accounts which offer better value for money.

3. Chairman's Report

John Price, Chairman, to provide the annual report on the 2022 season.

4. Election of Officers

The current Chairman, John Price, is seeking re-election for a further one year.

Robin Matthews is not standing for re-election as Secretary/Treasurer.

This post is therefore vacant for the 2023 season, subject to review of separation of Secretary and Treasurer roles.

Other Committee roles to be considered are: additional support; IT technical - web management including online publication; Fixtures Secretary.

5. Structure of the League

In order to finalise the divisional structure for 2023, clubs have been requested to submit their intended representation.

The finishing positions at the end of last season are indicated below. They are partly provisional, subject to two teams in each division qualifying for automatic promotion but relegation depending on the overall number of teams competing.

It should also be noted that requests to join the League from new teams will only be granted if teams have adequate facilities, including sufficient pitches.

Division 1

Caerleon A
Caerleon Blues
Ffrwd Fighters
ROF Nomads
Wheatsheaf Eagles
Pilcs
Wheatsheaf Falcons
Caerleon Greens
Greenlawn A**
Wheatsheaf Harriers**

Division 2

Upper Cock*
Greenlawn B*
Clytha A
Ffrwd B
Greenlawn C
Machen
Monmouth PC
Caerleon Cohort
Halfway Allstars**
Abergavenny Reds**

Division 3

The Pottery A *
Clytha B*
Caerleon Centurions
Abergavenny Golds
Ponthir Sharks
Greyhound Shih Tzus
Ponthir Sports and Community Club B
White Hart Stags
Abergavenny Blues**
ROF Exiles**

Division 4

Ffrwd Crusaders*
The Pottery B*
Ffrwd Incrediboules
Ponthir Sports and Community Club A
Greenlawn D
Halfway Allstars Others
Crown Rebels
Red Lion Cubs
Red Lion

* Promoted; ** relegated

The following list includes teams who have registered to participate next season. There may be up to 44 based on following numbers:

Ponthir Sports and Community Club A
Ponthir Sports and Community Club B - renamed to Ponthir SCC Bees
Wheatsheaf - 3 teams Eagles, Falcons and Harriers
Clytha 2 teams - A and B
Red Lion 2 teams - awaiting confirmation from Cubs
Pilcs 1
Halfway 4 teams - Allstars, Others, ROF Nomads and ROF Exiles - awaiting outcome of auction of Halfway on 27/3
Crown 1 - pending change to Monday matches
Greenlawn 4
Upper Cock 1
Caerleon 5
Greyhound 1
Abergavenny 3
White Hart 2
Machen 1
Monmouth 1
Sharks 1
The Pottery 4
Panteg 2
Twyn 3 or 4

6. Rules of Engagement/Constitution

An annual review by clubs of current rules and procedures. Given the high level of queries/postponements last season, this is a key review area.

Greenlawn has put forward proposals for change which cover substitution, rearranged fixtures and team selection.

Observations from the Chairman are that matches should be played on scheduled nights, with no postponements (other than international duty).

7. Financial Statement

Healthy balance restored of almost £800, bolstered by the re-instatement of £20 subscription per team.

8. AOB