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Dear league secretary,

The Yorkshire Area Association Annual General Meeting 2009

The Board of Directors of the Yorkshire Area Association of the British Tenpin Bowling Association have directed me to write to you to make you aware that their Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday 16th July 2009, commencing at 19.00 hours

The venue for the AGM will be the Castleford Methodist Church Hall, Powell Street, Castleford WF10 1EL.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Last year saw a number of changes to the Yorkshire Area Committee with the appointment of both a new Chairman and Vice Chair. The local association has continued to thrive with many of our bowlers doing well in tournaments around the country as well as in the many Inter County Competitions.

Last year was a crucial year for tenpin bowling in England, particularly when the threat posed by the financial climate is factored in. The increase in membership fees did have the expected effect and despite many sporting organisations suffering quite badly, we managed to survive another year.

The big news this year is that after many years, the well known Go Tenpin magazine will disappear to be replaced with a new venture to make extensive use of the internet to communicate with members and to circulate essential information.

It's a well known saying that an association is only as strong as its membership. The Yorkshire Area of the BTBA is here to represent the interests of all bowlers throughout Yorkshire but we can only do that if you play your part.

We try our best to run things as you would like them to be run but without feedback from the membership we are unable to either judge our success or quantify the degree of dissatisfaction there may be amongst the members.

The AGM is your chance to meet the committee and more importantly to have the chance to voice your opinion where it will count most. Come to the AGM and tell us what you would like to see happening, don't just sit in the corner of a bowl somewhere be-moaning the way things are being run.

Of course we need help to run the organisation and despite the willingness of the committee members to give up their own time to run the association, there is always room for more helpers. If you feel that you cannot afford any time to help, please do not let that deter you from at least letting us know how you feel or what you would like to see changed.

If you have never before taken the trouble to attend an AGM, I would strongly urge you to make an effort, as it is absolutely essential that your voice as a bowler be heard.

An agenda for the AGM is enclosed but a few words of explanation may help in understanding the purpose of the annual general meeting which is primarily to receive the reports of the associations elected officers and sub committee's and to elect members to the Local Association Council.

League delegates

Delegates are members who represent the opinions of their league and cast their vote accordingly.

Each BTBA sanctioned league shall elect a delegate to represent them at the AGM and shall register their delegate with their local association secretary. Leagues with more than 40 players may elect and register a second delegate.

Whether or not leagues decide to send their full entitlement, they should ensure that they have at least one delegate at the AGM.

No delegate may represent or vote for more than one group or league at an AGM.

I have enclosed a nomination form for you to register your delegate(s). Can you please ensure that the completed form is returned to me by no later than 29th August 2008?

Elections

Candidates for election must be proposed and seconded by a sub committee, certified bowling centre or sanctioned league through which they are registered with the BTBA.

The proposer and the seconded shall sign all nominations. The candidate shall also sign in acceptance of the nomination and to agree to abide by the rules of the BTBA and the local association. (See below)

The local association Chairperson shall ensure that the names of the candidate are made public prior to the AGM.

The candidate or candidates who receive the greatest number of votes shall be elected to the post(s).

All nominee should attend the AGM unless due notice has been given (in writing) seven (7) days prior to the meeting, stating the reason for non-attendance.

Local association constitution

The local association Board of Directors have ultimate control and management of the local association and conduct the business of the Yorkshire Area Association in accordance with the constitution set out by the BTBA. In addition, they have adopted the following additional resolutions that were passed at general meetings:

Terms of Reference/Code of Conduct

This document lays down guidelines for the conduct of local association members whilst representing the county. It is intended to be applied to local association representatives, county team managers and players and any supporters who may travel with our teams to representative matches and tournaments.

Roles and Responsibilities

This document sets out the key roles and responsibilities of the local area associations executive officers and sub committee representatives.

Nominees for any elected post must be aware that election to any post is subject to the acceptance to comply in full with both the above documents.

Please remember that the closing date for all nominations will be Friday 10th July 2009.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Alan Bennett

Area Secretary

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