

## Minutes of the A.G.M. of the Chester Over 60's League held at Cheshire View, Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Present There were 47 members present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

Obituaries A minute's silence was observed in memory of Joe Mullen (Cherry), Frank Carr (Waverton), Howard Shaw, Bernard Hollins and Marjorie Garrett (Hoole).

Apologies were received from Martin Amesbury (Westminster Park), Kevin Hall and Dave Lloyd (Freemasons), Dave Roberts and Len Formston (Cherry) and Rob Seabrook (Tower).

The Chairman gave his Report in which he remarked upon the year's bowling, congratulating all the winners both teams and individuals. He mentioned the proposed changes to the league fixtures and the change to the draw for the Burrows Cup in order to upgrade the league. The proposal from Tower to hold the Burrows Cup for 2017 has been withdrawn

The Minutes of the Previous AGM were approved with two very minor corrections, proposed by Roy Jackson and seconded by John Griffiths. They were unanimously adopted.

Matters Arising The possibility of Burton and Puddington joining the league will now not happen.

Secretary's Report The Secretary (briefly) reported a good year with little interruption from the weather. The Hermitage Cup, played within the league fixtures seemed to have worked but more will be said about it during Item 10. She mentioned the use of borrowed scoreboards for the American Plaque Final and asked for feedback. Martin Amesbury will carry on printing fixture cards for 2017 if they are wanted. She thanked all those who had worked to make the competitions a success, congratulated the winners and thanked everyone else for taking part. She also thanked Jim Orchard, Liz Thornelow, Selwyn Callister and Paul Sugarman.

Scoreboards. Following a discussion, the meeting felt that it would be better to borrow them for as long as possible as they could only be used for team finals.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer gave a very comprehensive balance sheet and report. The revenue from competition entries is down again. We will pay for the room today out of league funds. She thanked Ray Ash for auditing the books. The balance sheet was adopted as a true record proposed by Phil Edwards and seconded by Jim Smith.

There were no questions for the Treasurer

(The Chair moved Item 12 forward.)

Election of Officers All four officers were re-elected

Proposals Five proposals had been sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Proposal 1 Using yellow jacks for league games. After a lengthy discussion the Secretary summed up the ideas from the meeting with "If on medical grounds a players is requesting a yellow jack it should

be provided, otherwise both black and yellow jacks are legal and should continue in use.” Although there was general agreement it was not put to a formal vote.

Proposal 2 That the Hermitage Cup be played during league fixtures on a Tuesday and Friday was adopted with the amendment from the Secretary that two consecutive rounds would not be played in the same week.

Proposal 3 That the American Plaque also be played during the league fixtures was not approved. However, the meeting agreed to hold the American Plaque immediately following the end of the league fixtures and move the Burrows Cup to the very end of the season.

Proposals 4a, 4c, and 4d. Two clubs had requested the Burrows Cup for 2017. After a vote, Freemasons had 30 votes and Cherry 15. It was agreed that Freemasons host the Burrows Cup for 2017 while Cherry Grove’s request is put on hold for 2018, to be confirmed at the next AGM.

Proposal 5 That the draw for the Burrows Cup shall be made using team names by the Officers of the League and will be made as close as possible to the day before the competition starts. Players shall register from 1.00 p.m. on the first day at which time they shall be informed of the draw. This process will be managed by the host club organiser and a League Officer who shall be involved in the organisation of play throughout the tournament. This was passed with only two votes against.

Presentation of Prizes All the 2016 winners, runners up and semi-finalists of the team, pairs and singles competitions were presented with their prize money and, where appropriate, their trophy.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending; he also thanked Freemasons for stepping in with the venue at short notice and thanked Paul Sugarman for his work with the fixtures.

The Meeting Closed at 3.53 p.m.