

**Shrewsbury & District Senior Citizens Crown Green Bowling League**

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 13th March at 2:00pm at Meole Brace BC

1. Open meeting with tribute to any deceased members

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and asked that all present show their respect to all recently deceased members namely: Terry Jackson (PoW) and Eddie Gough (Wem Albion)

2. Officers Present and Apologies for Absence

All officers were present: Dave Kibbler (Chairman), Ed Jackson (President and Deputy Chairman), Margaret Cooper (Treasurer) and Chris Kershaw (League Secretary/Results Secretary).

There were 29 Club representatives in attendance out of a total of 29 - so an excellent turnout.

3. Correspondence

The Secretary had written to Salop Leisure asking if they would be continuing with their sponsorship of the League and a reply from Tony Bywater, Chairman of Salop Leisure, had been received confirming that they would indeed be continuing with their sponsorship which they were raising by £50 to £300 per year.

Margaret Cooper went on to say that the officers of the club had attended a photo shoot at Meole Brace BC where Tony Bywater, Chairman of Salop Leisure, attended with his Marketing Manager Ed Glover, and then invited us back to their facility for lunch, and spent a good hour chatting to us.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2016 and Matters Arising

There were no matters arising and Meole Brace proposed and Wem Albion seconded that the minutes were a true and accurate record of what took place and unanimously accepted by all present.

5. Chairman's report

Dave Kibbler thanked everyone for attending but had nothing to report not already covered by the Agenda. However, he hoped that everyone would have an enjoyable season with good weather.

6. Deputy Chairman's Report

Ed Jackson had nothing to report apart from wishing all teams the very best for the coming season.

7. Hon. Secretary's Report

Chris Kershaw had nothing specific to report with all relevant matters being covered elsewhere in the Agenda. However, he asked that any clubs who had not included a contact email address on the Club Contacts page of the online system, supply him with an email address since that is now how the League communicated with all its member clubs and those without email addresses were missing out.

8. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Margaret Cooper confirmed that we had a positive balance of £1,678 in our account at Nationwide, although she had yet to bank all the cheques she had received prior to the start of the meeting which would considerably increase the balance held.

She went on to raise the following points which were discussed and agreed:

- a) the end of season prize monies paid out to divisional team winners and runners-up in each division would remain the same at £50 and £30.
- b) the end of season prize monies paid out to individual divisional winners would remain the same at £15.

- c) the level of prize monies paid out in the Wilf Onion Doubles competition would be a total of £95; in the Single's competition, the level of prize money would depend on the number of entries on the day but not to exceed £95.
- d) the prize monies paid out to the winners and runners-up of the three League K/O competitions would remain the same at £40 and £25 for each of the three competitions.
- e) the amount we pay to a club for use of one green for the semi-finals of the three League Cup competitions and the home match of the Dixon Cup would remain the same at £12 but for the use of the three greens at Severnside this would remain the same at the higher rate of £18 per green.
- f) the maximum level of fine for the season as per Rule 14 will be £20 (same as in 2016).

All of the above were proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Baschurch.

9. Results Secretary's Report

Chris Kershaw confirmed that all Clubs had collected their pack for the 2017 season consisting of: team fixture list, match result sheets, score cards and club password. Also included in the packs were the club Registration Lists and Contact Details which should be amended as necessary and returned to Chris no later than 31st March.

Because Division 1 teams started their fixtures 2 weeks before the other four divisions, they would be allowed to rearrange these two fixtures without incurring penalty points to anytime up to 19 May. Likewise, the last two fixtures of the second half could be brought forward and played anytime during the second half of the season. However, all such changes must be notified to the Results Secretary.

10. Competition Organiser's Report

Chris Kershaw confirmed that the three League one day competitions would be held on the following dates: Singles on July 5th, Wilf Onions Doubles on August 2nd and President's Day on September 14th - all at Severnside using all three greens as usual.

The Dixon Cup would be held as usual on the first Monday of September which is the 4th, and the home venue would be Old Shrewsbury number 1.

11. County matters update

The Secretary stated that there was little of interest which affected our League other than Club and League Welfare Officers were likely to have to attend a short awareness course – details to follow.

12. Any other relevant business

Meole asked if details of the Wrekin Cup be posted on the website with interested teams contacting the organiser, Bob Elcock, on 01952 405490.

Shelton BC confirmed that they would be playing on their new green this season and that the car park was accessed by entering the Redwood centre as for the old green.

Margaret Cooper on behalf of everyone present, thanked Chris Kershaw for all his hard work and effort on behalf of the League and also to both Meole Brace BC and Bagley BC for allowing us to use their excellent facilities for our two annual meetings and for the AGM. It was much appreciated.

13. Confirm date of the the next management committee meeting

The next management committee meeting will be the end of season meeting to be held at Meole Brace BC on 18th September 2017 commencing at 2:00pm.

14. Chairman to close the meeting

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 2:41pm.