

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm at Meole Brace BC

**1. Open meeting with tribute to any deceased members**

The Secretary opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and asked that all present be upstanding in order to show their respect to all recently deceased members namely: Roy Cooper (Bagley), Peter Kendall and Eric France (Llanrhaeadr).

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Ed Jackson (President and Deputy Chairman) who had a hospital appointment

There were 28 Club delegates in attendance out of a total of 28 - so an excellent turnout.

**3. EGM to appoint a new Chairman**

Due to Dave Kibbler standing down as Chairman shortly after the AGM for health reasons, the Secretary contacted all clubs requesting nominations for the vacant position. The only nomination received was Roger Whitfield (Battlefield BC) proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Treasurer, and so Roger was duly installed as League Chairman.

Roger took his place at the top table and then presided over the meeting.

Before the EGM was closed, the Treasurer, Margaret Cooper, proposed that Dave Kibbler be appointed an Honorary Life Member of the League for all his hard work over the years. Chris Kershaw seconded this motion and the vote was unanimously in favour. Margaret suggested that we also give him a £50 gift voucher to show our appreciation and this was unanimously agreed.

The EGM was then closed by the Chairman and the meeting moved back to the Pre-Season Meeting Agenda.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 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**

Roger Whitfield 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 and he would do his best to carry out his duties to the high level set by his predecessor.

**6. President/Deputy Chairman's Report**

Ed Jackson had asked the Secretary to convey his best wishes and hoped that we all had an enjoyable 2018 season.

## **7. Hon. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary had written to Salop Leisure hoping they would be continuing with their sponsorship of the League and a telephone call from Tony Bywater, Chairman of Salop Leisure, confirmed that they would indeed be continuing with their sponsorship which they were raising by £50 to £350 per year.

Chris informed the meeting that he had decided to try and obtain some additional funding to support our various competitions which had to be subsidised to some degree. Whilst talking to Tony Bywater, he asked him if Salop Leisure would have any objection to this idea and the reply was no, provided that we didn't refer to those giving the financial support as sponsors. It was therefore agreed that we would refer to them as "Competition Supporters" and that the logos of all such supporters would appear under this heading down the right hand side of our homepage. To date two supporters have been recruited each having contributed £50. The first is GreenThumb Shropshire and the second is Copy Write at Coleham who do all our printing and the 30% discount they gave us on this seasons printing equated to £50. When these logos are clicked they will open the supporters website in a new browser. Chris had a list of a further ten organisations he would be approaching in the next few days and hoped to recruit a few more at annual rates between £25 and £50.

## **8. Hon. Treasurer's Report**

Margaret confirmed that we had a positive balance of £1,896 in our account at Nationwide, although she had yet to bank all the cheques and cash she had received prior to the start of the meeting which would considerably increase the balance held.

Some clubs however had failed to pay at the meeting and would therefore have to send her their cheques by post ASAP.

She went on to propose the following:

- a) the end of season prize monies paid out to divisional team winners and runners-up in each division should remain the same at £50 and £30.
- b) the end of season prize monies paid out to individual divisional winners should remain the same at £15.
- c) the level of prize monies paid out in the Wilf Onion Doubles competition should not exceed £100 and in the Single's competition should not exceed £95.
- d) the prize monies paid out to the winners and runners-up of the three League K/O competitions should 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 should be increased from £12 to £20.
- f) the maximum level of fine for the season as per Rule 14 remain at £20.

All of the above were seconded by Worthen & Brockton and unanimously accepted.

## **9. Results Secretary's Report**

Chris Kershaw confirmed that all Clubs had collected their pack for the 2018 season consisting of: team fixture list, match result sheets and score cards. 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 31<sup>st</sup> March by post, email or phone.

## **10. Competition Organiser's Report**

Chris announced that Severnside had declined the use of their facilities by stating: *The Severnside committee has reluctantly decided that because of a lack of active committee members the club does not have the human resources available to commit to hosting the number of external events that it has done in previous years.* This would obviously mean us having to hold our various competitions elsewhere.

Because the League now had eight teams playing their home matches on a Wednesday afternoon, Chris announced that the singles and doubles K/O comps would be held on a Monday on the following dates: **Singles** on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Greenfields and the **Wilf Onions Doubles** on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Meole Brace both commencing promptly at 9:45am.

**President's Day** would be held on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> at Meole Brace starting at 9:45am.

The **Dixon Cup**, our annual match against Mid Shropshire Senior Cits, would be held as usual on the first Monday of September which is the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the home venue would be Old Shrewsbury number 1 with a start time of 1:00pm.

The semi-finals and finals of the three League K/O comps (Dick Meyrick, Ron Smout and Sponsors Shield) would be held simultaneously on the same day at three different clubs with venues being decided nearer the time once the teams involved were known.

Following a roll call of all teams, the draw for the three League K/O comps then took place with 16 teams in the Dick Meyrick, 16 teams in the Ron Smout and 17 teams in the Sponsors Shield. The three draws would be displayed on the League's homepage and accessed by clicking the appropriate button in the green strip down the left hand side of the page.

## **11. County matters update**

The Secretary stated that there was little of note which affected our League other than Club and League Welfare Officers would soon be called Safeguarding Officers – details to follow.

If anyone was willing to volunteer to be captain, we could consider entering a team in the Veterans Inter-League competition organised by the County but there were no takers.

## **12. Any other relevant business**

There was nothing raised

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 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.