

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 2:00pm at Meole Brace BC

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

In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman (Ed Jackson) opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and asked that all present show their respect to all recently deceased members namely: Neville Poole (Bagley), Paul Evans (Bicton), Michael Gough (Church Stretton), Gerald Bebbington (Dorrington), Bill Johnson & Norman Cooper (Hanwood), Len & Daphne Jones (Sevenside), Ron Edwards (Oxon) and Rex Angel (Wem Albion).

**2. Officers Present and Apologies for Absence**

The officers present were: Ed Jackson (President and Deputy Chairman) and Chris Kershaw (League Secretary/Results Secretary) with apologies received from David Kibbler (Chairman) and Margaret Cooper (Treasurer).

There were 27 Club Delegates in attendance out of a total of 29 with apologies received from Bowring and Wem Albion.

**3. Correspondence**

There had been no correspondence received or sent since the last meeting.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising and it was proposed by Oxon and seconded by Worthen & Brockton that the minutes were a true and accurate record of what took place and unanimously accepted by all present.

**5. Chairman's report**

Unfortunately, Dave Kibbler was in hospital but had indicated to the Secretary that he had nothing to report not already covered by the Agenda. However, he hoped that everyone had enjoyed their season and looked forward to seeing everyone at the AGM.

**6. Deputy Chairman's Report**

Ed Jackson had nothing to report.

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

Chris Kershaw had nothing specific to report with all relevant matters being covered elsewhere in the Agenda apart from the fact that during the season the executive committee had no option but to suspend one player due to unacceptable conduct which had been going on for some time and warnings had been issued. However, on this occasion we had received a formal written complaint which we acted on in a decisive manner since unacceptable conduct, in particular bad language, will not be tolerated in this League.

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

In her absence Margaret had emailed the Secretary to inform the meeting that we currently had just over £2,000 in the bank and that a full audited Balance Sheet would be presented at the AGM giving an accurate balance. She also confirmed that she would not be proposing to increase the membership fee for 2018 at the AGM.

**9. Results Secretary's Report**

An excellent season with only one match postponed due to shortage of players

Results are now entered very promptly, often by early Thursday evening

Unfortunately, Pontesbury withdrew their E team halfway through the first half of the season due to lack of players. Hopefully we will see additional teams being entered next season and if so it would be appreciated if they make their intentions clear prior to the AGM if at all possible.

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

Singles comp entry much improved at 33 with the main comp winner being Dave Povey of Pontesbury A and the consolation John Roberts of Oswestry Church

Wilf Onions Doubles regrettably had to be postponed due to myself still recovering from eye surgery and impossible to re-schedule it. However, it will be held next season

The three League K/O comps proceeded very well with Pontesbury A winning the Dick Meyrick Cup, Battlefield A the Ron Smout Cup and Battlefield B the Sponsors Shield

We again lost the Dixon Cup against Mid Shropshire Senior Cits. At our home venue Old Shrewsbury we drew on both aggregate and games but lost the aggregate away by 37 chalks.

Due to poor weather, Presidents Day only attracted 22 participants with the winner being Gordon Cooke of Atcham B. Next season however it will be held on the Wednesday to accommodate the Division 1 teams whose season extends by 2 weeks after the other Divisions.

### **11. County matters update**

The Secretary stated that there was nothing of interest which affected this League but that himself and the Chairman attended most meetings.

### **12. Notices of Motion for AGM**

Of the eight items put forward for discussion, only two were accepted as below:

1) no two teams will be allowed to share a green and in the case of Thursday matches, one team must play on a Wednesday afternoon.

2) Add to Rule 10d): *except where one of the matches is a postponed match and a player had not already played for another club team in the calendar week of the original match date.*

### **13. Any other relevant business**

There was nothing of significance brought up apart from when should tea be taken at our League matches. The Secretary replied that this subject had been discussed at length in the past and the preferred timing for tea was after the match had been completed. During the match, players coming off the green should be immediately replaced by the next pair waiting to play. Some teams waited for the front three to finish before putting the back three on which prolonged the afternoon's bowling and this was to be discouraged.

Bicton felt that the 12 points given to the away team in the League K/O Cup matches should amount to 2 points added to each away player's score at the start of each game rather than adding 12 points to the overall score at the end of the match. It was pointed out that this would mean the away players only needing to score 19 points before the game ended and that this was not acceptable.

PoW felt that we should publish the weekly results in the press but was told that the press were not interested in duplicating what was already on our website. It was suggested that they could take this up with Malcolm Fletcher.

### **14. Confirm date of the the next management committee meeting**

AGM: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Bagley BC starting at 2:00pm

PSM: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Meole Brace BC starting at 2:00pm

### **15. Close the meeting**

There being no further business the Secretary thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 4:12pm.