

# STAFFORD VETERANS BOWLING LEAGUE

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Prior to this year's Annual General Meeting the League Secretary gave a brief briefing.

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and asked that a minute's silence be observed to remember those League members who had passed away during the past year.

The Annual Awards ceremony then took place, with the Chairman, Mr. Keith Boulton, handing out the shield, cups and awards to the various winners. There then followed a brief interval.

## **Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Stafford Veterans Bowling League.**

Before passing over to the Chairman to formally open the meeting, the Secretary requested that members wishing to be heard introduced themselves and addressed their remarks solely to the chair.

### **1. Opening**

The Chairman formally opened the 2017 AGM and thanked the more than 120 members for their attendance.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were then accepted on behalf of the following:

Jesse and Delia Brough, Ken Lane, Pat Bailey, Ian Spedding, Roger Arrowsmith, Russ Turvey, Barbara and Brian Jackson, Maureen and Derek Hughes, Mike Bosson, Maureen Kyte, Ray Horobin, Bill McCracken and Dave Hill.

Apologies had also been received from our sponsors, regretting that prior arrangements prevented them from attending.

### **3. Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes**

The Minutes of the 2016 AGM were referenced and approval of their acceptance was requested. This was proposed by Alan Green, seconded by John Bennett, voted on and accepted.

### **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

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## 5. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received but the Secretary was able to report that our sponsors had agreed to support us again this year. The members greeted this news with applause.

## 6. 2017 pre-AGM meeting recommendations

With regards to the recommendations of the pre-season meeting, the following items were put before the meeting:

- a. There have been no additions to or withdrawals from the League for this season so the division makeup will remain the same, i.e. 13 teams in Division 1 and 14 teams in Division 2.
- b. A motion was raised to continue using the Bowling Results website. This was proposed by Ivan Owen and seconded by Sylvia Ward. Approval was passed unanimously.

## 7. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman then gave his Annual Report, a précis of which follows.

“Thanks to the Officers and Team Captains for their work in ensuring the efficient running of the League. Congratulations are due to the Division 2 Winners, Rowley Park, who remained unbeaten during the season.

I would like to take this moment to thank all those who offered support and kindness following the sad loss of my dear wife.

Thanks are also due to our auditors, Alan and Brian, and also to the competition organisers, Anne and Kit.

Each one of us is unique and important in our League so, even if you are not playing that week, please support your teammates. Thank you”

## 8. Treasurer's Annual Report

The Treasurer then gave his report, as follows:

“With this year's surplus standing at £115.80 and an accumulated reserve of £1,455.59, our financial situation is satisfactory.

Because of the increase in the number of teams in the League income from fees has increased, as also has the contribution from our Sponsors, Messrs. Stan Robinson.

Competition entries were down only marginally and, once again, the Auditors returned their Honoraria, and we thank them for this, as well as their work on the accounts.

On the expenditure side, whilst printing costs increased, the secretarial expenses were down. There was also a payment required for insurance for the League, as required by the County Association. This in addition to the premiums required from individual clubs. This additional payment will not be required this season.

With the increase in the number of membership fees paid we felt enabled to increase the amount of prize money.

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Whilst costs are steadily creeping up we are still showing a surplus that leaves us, overall, in a satisfactory position.

On closing may I take this opportunity to add my thanks to our sponsors for their continued support in the 2017 season.”

At the conclusion of the Treasurer’s report a motion was put forward that fees remain the same as for 2016. This was proposed by John Bennett, seconded by Nev Ward and carried unanimously.

## 9. Secretary’s Annual Report

The Secretary’s Report was as follows:

“May I, once again, express our thanks to our sponsors for their continued support this season.

Congratulations, also, to all our winners from 2016, whether as individuals, pairs, triples or teams as a whole.

I can confirm the 2017 season will open on Wednesday April 5th with the Council greens scheduled to open on April 1st. The Competition dates and venues have been confirmed and will be available to view on our website.

Following the earlier vote confirming our continued use of the Bowling Results website, I would ask you to join me in a round of applause as thanks to Mike Beckett for his hard work in maintaining the site and for his patience in responding to some of my rather awkward questions.

Distribution of this year’s League paperwork will be made, as last year, concurrently with the 55 League arrangements. Details will be available on the website.

I will continue to forward information and results to our local newspapers and hope that they manage to include details of our sponsors.

I would like to thank the other members of the committee for their sterling work during the season and thanks also to Anne and Kit for their excellent work with the competitions, with especial thanks to Kit, who is vacating the position.

Finally, thanks to all of you for your support of me. Your help and forbearance is much appreciated.”

## 10. Election of Officers

Apart from the loss of Kit as one of the Competition Secretaries, all other officers had agreed to continue and there were no other nominations. A motion was proposed by Barry Dunn and seconded by Anne Mace that the election of officers be carried out en bloc. This was unanimously agreed and all current officers were unanimously re-elected.

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## 11. **Election of Auditors**

With the Auditors also agreeing to carry on their re-election was also carried unanimously.

## 12. **Changes to the Constitution**

The following proposals to make changes to the Constitution were put forward at the pre-season meeting.

- a. §15.1 Prior to the start of each season, up until a date to be agreed annually, team captains are to confirm the availability of their players, either by
  - i. entering the player's details themselves, through the website or,
  - ii. Forwarding to the Secretary details of each team player, using the official League Registration Form.This was proposed Bob Parsons, seconded by George Tweddle and carried on a vote.
  
- b. §15.2 That the SCBA Rules and Byelaws 2013, §7-1, be amended locally, so that the 7 day notification requirement be changed, to advising the League Secretary of new players no later than the Monday immediately preceding the date of the match in which the new player is to play. Failure to comply will result in a walkover for that player's opponent.  
This was proposed by Derek Hodgkiss, seconded by Don Wood and carried on a vote.

## 13. **Any Other Business**

The meeting was reminded that the National and County Associations now require that clubs a Welfare Officer, holding the appropriate qualifications. The Secretary understands that the cost of obtaining this qualification will be borne by the County Association.

With nothing further raised, the meeting was formally closed, with thanks to the attendees and with wishes for a happy and successful 2017 season.

John P. Andrews,  
League Secretary



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