

STAFFORD VETERANS BOWLING LEAGUE

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Prior to this year's AGM and awards ceremony, the Secretary gave a short safety briefing.

The Vice-Chairman asked for the members to be upstanding and observe a minute's silence for those who had passed away during the previous year.

The Annual Awards ceremony then took place, with the Vice-Chairman handing out the various awards.

This was followed by a short refreshments interval.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Stafford Veterans Bowling League

Held in the Stan Robinson Suite at Stafford Rangers Football Club on Wednesday 14th February.

Members present:	Nev Ward	Vice-Chairman
	Ned Elcock	Treasurer
	John Andrews	Secretary
	96 Members	

1. **Opening**

The Vice-Chairman formally opened the AGM and thanked those present for attending, particularly in view of the inclement weather.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from the following members:

Keith Boulton, Dave James, John Dunning, Kit Parsons, Ken Lane, Graham Webb, Mike Bosson, Bernard Fulton, Mick Evans, Geoff Cooke, Geoff James, Mick Hill and Don Wood.

3. **Approval of 2017 AGM Minutes**

Proposer: Ian Spedding, Seconder: Brian Wibberley.

Approved unanimously.

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4. Matters arising

None

5. Correspondence

A letter of resignation has been received from the Burton Manor B team. Following the loss of their green the team looked at playing on Stonefield Park but they decided that it was too inconvenient. The team was thanked for their participation in the League, with the hope that they might one day return.

6. Recommendations from the 2018 pre-AGM meeting

6.1. With the loss of BMB there will now be 13 teams in each division

6.2. The League will continue using the BowlingResults website.

7. Chairman's Annual Report

With our Chairman being absent, our Vice-Chairman made a brief presentation in which he thanked all teams for their participation in the League and wished them all luck for the forthcoming season. He also asked for those present to show their appreciation for the League officers whose hard work and dedication, mostly behind the scenes, helped in keeping the League running smoothly.

8. Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement

The Treasurer gave a short report on the state of the League's finances, "Financially, we have had a successful year, with a surplus of almost £100, leaving reserves of £1,555.28. Costs have been contained and with the help of our sponsors we remain in a stable position". He was able to confirm that the Stan Robinson Company had agreed to sponsor the League for another year, to the tune of £300, and it was decided to reduce the team membership fees to £25 per annum. The full account is attached.

9. Secretary's Report

Good afternoon again, everybody, and let me thank you all, once again, for taking the time out to attend this afternoon. It is gratifying to see so many of you here. I'd like to preface my report this afternoon by again extending thanks to those on the committee for all their hard work last season Keith, Ned, Alan and Brian. Also, of course, Anne, our wonderful competition secretary who, along with her assistants, has done sterling work in organising and running the competitions.

I hope that you will all agree with me that the Bowling Results website is a marvellous thing giving, as it does, so much up to date information. We have decided to continue with its use and I don't expect that the annual fees will be too onerous.

I will try to keep on top of things regarding putting out information regarding competitions and results, hopefully with a few photos included.

Additionally, once it has been finalised, there will be a copy of the minutes of this AGM on the site as well as this season's fixtures.

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At this point I would like to further congratulate our various individual, competition and team trophy winners, as well as the aggregate winners, not forgetting, of course, the runners up!

I must extend thanks for some sterling work by our Treasurer, in getting Stan Robinson to continue their sponsorship.

I will, of course, when I am able, continue to send in weekly reports to both the Newsletter and the Express and Star although this does not, unfortunately, guarantee their inclusion in the papers. The more exposure we have to the wider public, the better.

With the departure of the Burton Manor team, our 2 divisions are now back to 13 teams each, giving each team 2 byes.

With the great help of Mike Beckett, who did the calculations whilst on holiday, we have managed to arrange the fixtures so that club teams playing on the same green are not necessarily playing each other at the start of the season. We will see how that works out.

May I ask you all for a round of applause in appreciation for all the work that Mike puts in to keep things running smoothly despite my attempts, at times, to mess things up.

Due to the outsourcing of various leisure sites this year's Borough Shield will be played at Riverway on Mon 7th & Tues 8th May.

The closing date for entries is Friday 20th April

Details of all our competitions will be available on the website within the next week or so.

Competition Entry Forms, Fixture Lists and the match and scorecards will be available for collection on 9th March at Alstom from 10:30am until midday. This is in conjunction with the 55 League.

May I just request all Captains to ensure that their match results are entered on the site as soon as possible after completion and to let me know as soon as possible if any matches are not played, for whatever reason.

Finally, may I wish you all an enjoyable season and request that you observe our rules of etiquette during your games so that your opponents also enjoy theirs..

10. Election of Officers

11. Election of Auditors

The election of the League Officials and Auditors was made en bloc. With all officials willing to continue and there being no other candidates their continuation was proposed by Andy Cowan, seconded by Jim Ashford and carried unanimously.

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12. Proposals for changes to the Constitution

None received.

13. Any other Business

The Secretary raised the following items:

- 13.1. The Council Greens will be opened on Saturday 31st March, with the first matches of the season taking place on Wednesday 4th April.
- 13.2. The date for the National and County requirement to have a club Safeguarding Officer in place has been extended to no later than 1st March 2019. I believe that there are still places available on the Awareness course being run by the County on 10th March. Details are on the website.
- 13.3. A reminder that Ivan will be running a Referees seminar on 20th February. Details are on the website or check with Ivor. Also, an examination will be held on 27th February. Wearing my other hat as County Delegate for the Referees Society I would urge you to attend as we are short of referees.
- 13.4. Please note that has been a change to the Laws of the Game. The wording of Law 4.4a has been amended to make it absolutely clear that only the opponent can object to the leader's attempt to set a mark. This removes the ambiguity where the leader claimed he had not set a mark and had the jack returned to play again.
- 13.5. Appendix A has also been amended with the validity of jacks now to run from 1st January to 31st December each year.
- 13.6. Finally, from me, just to let you know there are 3 new appendices to the Laws:
B – concerning measuring and new types of approved measures.
C – relating to approved Mechanical Devices, and
D – Artificial Playing Surfaces.

The changes to the Laws and Appendices will come into effect on 1st March.
- 13.7. Brian Wibberley requested that team captains comply with the requirements when entering results onto the website i.e. this to be done, in the first instance, by the home team and then confirmed and saved by the away team.
- 13.8. George Tweddle advised the meeting that discussions were still going on about the future of the greens at Alstom. However, he was able to confirm that the greens would remain available until at least the end of the year.
- 13.9. Colin Pownall of Amasal reminded the meeting that there are now yellow lines in St. Albans Road and requested that visitors pull on to the car park even if it appears that other cars are blocked in. Blue Badge holders are, when permitted, to park on the road providing the badge is clearly visible.

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- 13.10. John Cussons, of County Officers, advised the meeting of the current situation regarding the badgers at the Silkmore Lane green and confirmed that work was being carried out on a continuous basis to try to improve the condition of the green.

There being nothing further, the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting, with another expression of thanks and the wish for a safe journey home.

Signed,

John P. Andrews
Honorary Secretary
Stafford Veterans Bowling League.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2017

<i>Receipts</i>	£	<i>Payments</i>	£
Last Year		Last Year	
810 Membership Fees	810.00	20 County Fees	35.00
		105 Engraving	143.50
300 Sponsorship	300.00	205 Printing	225.00
		165 Honoraria	165.00
295 Competition Fees	320.00	81 Hire of Hall	102.00
		558 Prizes	558.00
15 Donations	31.00	103 Secretarial Expenses	65.86
		67 Insurance & Computer Exp	66.95
		115 Surplus	99.69
	<u>1461.00</u>		<u>1461.00</u>

ACCUMULATION FUND

As at 31st December : 2017

Surplus B/Fwd	1455.59	Represented By	
Surplus for this year	99.69	Bank a/c	1555.28
		Cash	
	0		
	<u>1555.28</u>		<u>1555.28</u>

Checked and found correct
Honorary Auditors

Alan Green
Brian Aldridge

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Brian Aldridge

Honorary Treasurer
Ned Elcock

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Accounts accepted
at A G.M.
Chairman