

# STAFFORD VETERANS BOWLING LEAGUE

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## Minutes of the AGM

Held at 2pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Stafford Rangers Football Club in the  
Stan Robinson Suite

### Present

John Kerwin (Chairman), John Dunning (Vice Chairman), Derek Tudor (Secretary), Phil Hood (Treasurer) and 72 League members.

### Apologies and Welcome

John Kerwin welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for colleagues we had lost since the last AGM. Apologies were received from John Andrews, David Sproston, Aiden Coleman, Judy Ganecki, Rona Jenkinson, Cliff Jenkinson, Jimmy Stewart, Stan Hugill, Keth Davies, Ros Barton, Terry Dyke, Alan Bowers & Colin Dempsey.

Prior to the meeting the Vice Chairman Presented the trophies and awards to the following.

### FIRST DIVISION:

**Champions:** Victoria Park B; Runners up, Amasal

**Singles Averages:** Steve Whitton (Brewood), second; Stan Hugill (Victoria Park B)

**Doubles Averages:** Paul Kelly (Victoria Park B), second; Peggy Haidarovic (Victoria Park B)

### SECOND DIVISION:

**Champions:** Rugeley Progressive; Runners-up, Phoenix Riverway

**Singles Averages:** John Cussons (Stafford B), second, Pam Ewan (Phoenix Riverway)

**Doubles Averages:** Yvonne Booker ( Rugeley Progressive), second, Jan Wedgbury (Rugeley Progressive)

### COMPETITIONS:

#### **Borough Shield:**

David Haidarovic beat John Smith

**Triples Drawn Partner:** Mary Holland, Steve Barton & Barry Dunn beat Terry Dyke, Joe Whieldon & Alan Duke

#### **Individual Merit:**

Pam Ewan beat John Sly

**Doubles Drawn Partner:** Paul Johnson & Pauline Bird beat Ian Pattyson & Alan Bowers

**Doubles Own Partner:** Stan Hugill & James Stewart beat Jan Ivens & Barbara Hughes

**Triples Own Partner:** John Cussons, Phillip Allman & David Haidarovic beat James Stewart, Stan Hugill & George Milgate

## **Minutes of 2023 AGM**

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising to bring to the attention of the meeting.

### **Correspondence**

Derek reported that, whilst there was routine correspondence during the year, there was nothing to bring to the attention of the meeting.

### **Chairman's Annual Report**

John Kerwin noted that the 2023 season had been a successful one and thanked all those that had taken part.

### **Treasurer's Annual Financial report**

Phil reported that although the league had made a small loss over the year but that the fund was still in a healthy position. He also reported we are very grateful once again to Stan Robinson Pallet Network for having agreed to sponsor the league for the 2024 season to the tune of £300.

He recommended that league fees and competition entry fees remain the same. It was resolved that the account be accepted, and that the league and competitions fees remain at £25 and £1 respectively.

### **Competitions Report**

John Kerwin reported that at present there was no Competitions Secretary in post and asked if there was anybody willing to step forward and take on the role. There were no takers for the position.

John said that if there was not a competitions secretary in post then there would no competitions for 2024 season.

Anne Mace the outgoing Competitions secretary was then presented with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of all the hard work she had put in over many years to ensure the smooth running of the competitions.

Anne stood and thanked everybody that had helped her over the years and that she enjoyed her time running the competitions. Although she was going to continue to bowl in the league she felt the time was right to dedicate more of her time to family life.

## **Secretary's Annual Report**

Derek reported that last season was his first in the post and as such he was still learning the role. He was grateful to his fellow officers in assisting him in the role. He pointed out that the 2023 season had been a successful one with all matches completed and only four matches requiring rearrangement. All four were very sadly down to bereavement. He thanked all the captains for their diligence in following the rules. He then congratulated all the winners of the leagues and the competitions. Lastly he hoped that everybody that had taken part in the 2023 season had enjoyed themselves and we can now look forward to the 2024 season.

## **Changes to the Constitution**

The following was put to the meeting and was agreed and voted for

To add to paragraph 9

“Other exceptional circumstances as approved by the officers”

To add to Paragraph 11

“No away team player to practice on away greens on the day of the match”

## **Elections of Officers and Account checkers**

The following officers were duly elected

Chair : John Kerwin

Vice Chair : John Dunning

Secretary : Derek Tudor

Treasurer : Phil Hood

It was also agreed that Neville and Sylvia Ward be reappointed as Account Checkers.

The post of Competitions secretary remains vacant.

## **2024 League Divisional structure and arrangements.**

Derek reported that Hatherton Bowling Club had applied to enter a second team for the 2024 season. A vote was taken and the second Hatherton team was duly entered into the league and placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

The 2024 season would now see 13 teams in Division 1 and 14 teams in division 2. The season to start on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and conclude on September 25<sup>th</sup> for both leagues. Division 1 would see a bye for one team each week whilst division 2 would run straight through with no byes.

Derek reported that there have been a few Name changes since last season. County Officers are now **Silkmore Bowling Club** with their Teams now **Silkmore B & C**.

Alstom are now **Fieldhouse Bowling Club** with their teams now **Fieldhouse A, D & X**.

The new Hatherton Team would be Known as **Hatherton M** with last seasons Hatherton B adopting the new name of **Hatherton J**.

## **Any Other Business**

Derek reported that it was his intention to email all captains on whether their teams would be providing half time refreshments and the finding would be reported back to all teams, this was to give teams the opportunity to arrange their own refreshments in the event that a particular team was unable to provide refreshments.

It was at this Point that a question was asked By Carol Westwood what was involved in the role of competitions secretary.

Anne Mace kindly explained all that is involved and Carol and Des Westwood of Stafford u3a have agreed to jointly take on the role of Competitions Secretary.

The Meeting was closed at 14:35