

# STAFFORD VETERANS BOWLING LEAGUE

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## Post-Season Meeting

Chairman's Suite, Stafford Rangers, 2pm Wednesday 18th October 2017

The meeting opened at 2pm with apologies being received on behalf of Sue from Burton Manor B and George from Alstom B.

This year's attendance was down, with only about 2/3 of teams being represented.

The Secretary welcomed those at that meeting and thanked them for their time.

A brief rundown on the 2017 results was given, together with the hope that all teams and players, regardless of results, had enjoyed a good season.

Congratulations were given to the various winners, division and competition, and commiserations passed on to the relegated teams.

Our sponsors were thanked and the meeting was advised that they would be contacted prior to the next AGM with a view to a company representative attending to award the trophies.

The meeting was advised that, with a couple of omissions, weekly reports were emailed to both the Staffordshire Newsletter and the Stafford Express and Star and feedback received seemed to indicate that such reports were, generally published. This practice will continue next season

As discussed at the last post and pre-season's meetings the matter of player duplication was again raised. With 2 exceptions the request that no player played twice in a match more than 3 times in the season was adhered to. The reasons for those teams who were unable to comply were explained and several of those present agreed that it was not always possible to field a full team. The matter is to remain under review. It was requested that this voluntary situation be continued for the 2018 season.

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The Secretary advised that it was not always possible to ascertain if the various emails sent were received by the appropriate team captains/representatives and he requested that, wherever possible, he be provided with a mobile phone number so that SMS messages could also be used, if necessary. At this point, it was noted that not everyone had a mobile phone but, regardless, a definite contact number would be appreciated.

The necessity of completing and signing match cards was raised with one captain advising that he no longer did this. The Secretary noted that this is a requirement of the League's Constitution and such signed cards would be taken as the definite answer should any dispute arise as to match scores.

Whilst it would not be possible to confirm that this requirement was being complied with, short of returning all match cards to the Secretary, it was hoped that captains continued with this good practice.

Several attendees then mentioned that, as home team captains, they had checked the website ready to enter the match score, only to find that the away captains had already done this.

The Secretary reminded the meeting that, once again as per the Constitution, it is the responsibility of the **HOME** team captain to enter the result (as soon as possible, but certainly within 5 days of the match date) and then the away captain should check and confirm that all is correct. Any dispute or disagreement should, in the first instance, be settled directly between team captains and only then, if no agreement was reached, should the Secretary be involved.

The meeting agreed that the use of the BowlingResults website should continue.

The Secretary requested that, as early as was practicable, but certainly no later than the pre-season meeting, that teams confirm their availability for the 2018 season.

The Burton Manor B team have an option to play at Stonefield Park next year but would prefer to play more locally if a green became available.

A query was received from the new bowling club in Brewwood as to the possibility of joining the League, one slot still being available, but, on further consideration, no request was made to join in the 2018 season.

The possibility of a club fielding 3 teams was again raised and, again, was turned down, due to the difficult logistics and general lack of enthusiasm.

Team captains were requested to ensure that any of their players holding shield or trophies from the 2016 season arrange for them to be returned to either the Secretary or Competition Secretary no later than the next pre-season meeting.

The Secretary thanked all the teams and the committee for their support during the season and a special vote of thanks was given to Anne for all her hard work organising and running the competitions in such an efficient manner.

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The number of competition entrants overall was slightly up on 2016 (320 v 295) and some competitions were almost over-subscribed. This is a gratifying trend, which, it is hoped, will continue into next season.

Mention was made of who is responsible for indicating to the scorers the results of each end, this being in response to a match played by one club in another lead.

The meeting was advised that, although the BCGBA rulebook clearly states that indications are to be made by the winner of that end only, it has been the general practice in this league for both players to indicate. Several attendees then mentioned the difficulty sometimes experienced in deciphering exactly what indication had been made. This situation being confirmed by many present, teams were requested to remind their players that the score be clearly indicated to both scorers.

Anne confirmed that, at the present time, it was her intention to carry on as Competition Secretary for the upcoming season. She did request however, that as Kit might possibly not always be available to assist, that the club hosting the completion designate someone to assist in running the competition. This suggestion was enthusiastically endorsed and will be reiterated at both the pre-season and the Annual General Meetings.

The Secretary advised that the 2018 pre-season meeting has been scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday 17th January at the same venue and the next AGM is to take place from 2pm on Wednesday 14th February 2018 ♥ in the Stan Robinson Suite at the Rangers ground.

The Vice Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for the work done by the committee members, Secretary and Competition Secretary.

As no further items were raised for discussion, the meeting was closed at 3.20pm with a vote of thanks from the Secretary to those attending.

John Andrews  
Honorary Secretary  
Stafford Veterans Bowling League  
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