



## **SHREWSBURY & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS BOWLING LEAGUE**

### **MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM for the 2023 SEASON**

Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the Bagley Club starting at 2:00pm

#### **1 Open the Meeting**

The President, Margaret Cooper, opened the meeting and paid tribute to deceased members who had passed away since the End of Season meeting held in September 2023:

**Albert Road:** Terry Evans; **Old Shrewsbury:** Bill Francis; **Sevenside:** Peter Hammond;

#### **2 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies received with only OSBC not in attendance. All other clubs were represented together with the President/Treasurer, Chairman, Vice Chairman and League Secretary/Results Secretary.

#### **3 Minutes of 41<sup>st</sup> AGM and Matters Arising**

These had been made available for viewing/downloading from the League website homepage and so were not read out. There were no matters arising and Hanwood proposed and Greenfields seconded that they be accepted as a true record and this was passed unanimously.

#### **4 President's Annual Report**

Thank you to all clubs for again supporting our League in 2023 and thankfully very few problems arose and those that did were dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Congratulations to all those teams and individuals receiving awards today

On behalf of all clubs, a special thank you to Chris for all his hard work as Secretary, Fixtures/Results Secretary and Competitions Organiser throughout the past year

Many thanks to Roger as Chairman and Martin as Vice Chairman.

Thank you to Meole Brace BC who provided their facilities for most of our competitions the support of which was quite overwhelming. As always, the weather was perfect which encouraged many to stay and watch the excellent, and in most cases, very close finals games. Also, a big thank you to Old Shrewsbury BC for allowing us to host the semi-finals and finals of the Dick Meyrick and Ron Smout team K/O comps.

Finally, best wishes to you all for the coming season.

#### **5 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman echoed Margaret's thoughts and indicated that he had nothing to report not covered by the Agenda but felt that the League was in good shape with a strong management team running it and wished everyone the best for the 2024 season.

He mentioned that it would be nice if someone would come forward as Competitions Organiser.

## 6 Hon. Secretary's Report

First of all I'd like to thank my fellow officers together with all clubs and teams for their cooperation and support throughout the 2023 season

We are fortunate that Salop Leisure continued to sponsor us and hopefully they will continue their sponsorship for the coming season once I have contacted them later this week.

That's all I have to say and wish you all the best for the coming season.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Margaret Cooper, confirmed that the Statement of Account had been checked and certified by Paul Adams (Battlefield) who had signed them off. A copy is included on page 5 of these minutes.

Margaret emphasised that the sponsorship money of £350 from Salop Leisure was an enormous help in keeping our subs at a very low level but that we must not ever take it for granted.

Although there was a small deficit for the year of £270.32, we still have a healthy bank balance of £3,386.81 meaning that the League is in good financial shape and because of this, subs for 2024 would remain at £25 per team.

Finally, Margaret thanked those clubs who had paid their subs prior to the start of the meeting and reminded those that hadn't that they should be paid immediately prior to the Pre-Season Meeting at Meole Brace BC on 11<sup>th</sup> March either by cheque or cash. Anyone wishing to pay by online transfer could do so and the details will be displayed on the homepage of the League website.

Albert Road proposed and Bayston Hill seconded that we adopt the Statement of Account as presented and this was passed unanimously.

## 8 Results Secretary's Report

We started the season with 61 teams with no teams pulling out. However, Wem Albion have confirmed that they will not be playing in the League in 2024 as they cannot form a team.

The season went extremely well with no disruptions due to weather and just a handful of postponed matches.

It's too early to say how many teams we will have competing in 2024 but from what I have heard we could lose another 2 or 3 teams!

## 9 Competition Secretary's Report

The **Singles** competition was held at Meole Brace with an excellent turnout of 32. The main comp winner was Mark Thomas (Castlefields) and the consolation winner was Brian Richards (Crescent).

The **Doubles** competition was also held at Meole Brace and was well attended with 32 pairs taking part. The main comp winners were Jill Bishop and Melvyn Ashley (Meole Brace E & B) and the consolation winners were Martin Blizzard and Andy Corfield (Meole Brace A).

**Presidents Day:** again held at Meole, was as usual a great success although only 28 players took part with the winner being Ox Maddox (Meole Brace F). President Margaret presented Ox with the Bill Garratt Presidents Cup and an engraved pewter tankard.

**Team K/O comps:** the three team K/O comps were well subscribed and progressed very well throughout the season. The Dick Meyrick final was held on OSBC number 1 and won by Castlefields, The Ron Smout final was held on OSBC number 2 and won by Greenfields B and the Sponsors final was held on Meole 2 and won by Hanwood B.

**Dixon Cup:** played at Sinclair against Mid Shropshire Senior Cits. Although we fielded a very competitive team, unfortunately we lost by 8 games to 4 with an aggregate of 237 to 175. However, it was felt that allowing the home team to practice before the match gave too great

an advantage and so for future matches it has been agreed that there will be no practice on the day of the match.

I am standing down from the Comps Organiser post and hope that someone will take it on so we can continue with all the League comps in the coming season.

## **10 County Delegate's Report**

Nothing to report although a volunteer is needed to be County Delegate.

### **11A Election of Officers:**

Following a proposal by Telepost and seconded by Bayston Hill, the following were elected to office en-bloc:

**Chairman:** Roger Whitfield

**Secretary:** Chris Kershaw

**Treasurer:** Margaret Cooper

**Results Secretary:** Chris Kershaw

**Vice Chairman:** Martin Blizzard

### **11B Election of Other League Officials**

Following a proposal by Prince of Wales and seconded by Greenfields, Chris Kershaw was re-elected as Safeguarding Officer but with no nominations received for the posts of Competitions Organiser and County Delegate, both positions would remain vacant. However, it was agreed that both posts could be again voted for at the Pre-Season Meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**Competition Organiser:** Vacant

**Safeguarding Officer:** Chris Kershaw

**County Delegates:** Vacant

## **12 Presentation of League Divisional Awards by the President and Chairman**

### **a) Divisional:**

**Div 1: Castlefields (123) – Pontesbury A (119) – Telepost (110)**

**Div 2: Battlefield B (123) – Meole Brace A (121) – Oswestry Church B (110)**

**Div 3: Hanwood A (126) – Bishops Castle A (114) - OSBC (103)**

**Div 4: Atcham B (118) – Battlefield D (110) – Bishops Castle B (106)**

**Div 5: Ye Olde Crofte (137) – Craven Arms B (132) - Worthen & Brockton C (97)**

### **b) Individual:**

**Div 1: Mark Thomas (Castlefields) – played 22, won 20 = 91%**

**Div 2: Chris Breakell (Dorrington) – played 22, won 19 = 86%**

**Div 3: Keith Phillips (Hanwood A) – played 21, won 18 = 86%**

**Div 4: Fred Micklewright (Shelton B) – played 22, won 19 = 86%**

**Div 5: Bryan Parry (Ye Olde Crofte) – played 22, won 21 = 95%**

### **c) Team K/O Comps:**

**Dick Meyrick Cup: Castlefields (113) beat Battlefield A (109) on OSBC 1**

**Ron Smout Cup: Greenfields B (115) beat Hanwood A (112) on OSBC 2**

**Sponsors Shield: Hanwood B (108) beat Wem Albion (83) on Meole 2**

### **13 Notices of Motion**

**A** Proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Chairman and discussed and agreed at the 2023 end of season meeting the following three notices of motion:

1) Add a new sentence to follow the first sentence in the third paragraph of Rule 11(c) as follows:

*Where two teams both play their weekly League matches on a cup match home green and are down to play each other, the "away" team will not receive 12 points, both teams will be allowed to practice and both teams will lead with 3 jacks each having tossed for odds and evens.*

2) Add additional wording to the final sentence of the second paragraph of Rule 11(c) as follows:

*unless a dispensation is applied for and granted by the Executive Committee*

3) Rule 10(e) Delete: *except where one of the matches is a postponed match and a player had not already played for another club team during the calendar week of the original match date.*

The above were all passed unanimously by those present.

**B** The Treasurer's suggestion for honoraria is to acknowledge the contribution made by the officers to the successful management of the league. She therefore proposes (seconded by the Chairman): *that the League pay honoraria to League Secretary £50, Treasurer £50, Fixtures Secretary £100 and Competitions Organiser £50 and that these figures are reviewed and voted on at each AGM*

This was passed unanimously by those present.

### **14 Existing Clubs Withdrawing from the League**

The deadline for notifying the Fixtures Secretary will be 12:00noon on 29<sup>th</sup> February to enable the 2024 fixture lists to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> March. So far only Wem Albion have confirmed that they will not be playing in the League in 2024.

### **15 New Teams Joining the League**

The deadline for notifying the Fixtures Secretary will be 12:00noon on 29<sup>th</sup> February to enable the 2024 fixture lists to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **16 Date of next Meeting**

This will be the Pre-Season Meeting and will be held at Meole Brace BC starting at 2:00pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **17 Comments from Clubs**

Oxon stated that they were very short of players for the coming season and might not be able to enter a team. If any teams have an excess of players then please get in touch.

### **18 President to Close the Meeting**

President Margaret closed the meeting at 14:52 and thanked everyone for their attendance, hoped they would all have an enjoyable season and wished them a safe journey home.

Please Note: the certified and signed Statement of Accounts for the 2023 season are on page 5 below

**SALOP LEISURE SHREWSBURY & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS BOWLING LEAGUE**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023**

**INCOME**

Subscriptions	1,525 . 00	
Competition Entry Fees	375 . 00	
Raffle	54 . 50	
Sponsorship	350 . 00	
Donations	<u>25 . 00</u>	2,329 . 50

**EXPENDITURE**

County Affiliation Fee, etc.	63 . 00	
Advertisement in SCGBA Programmes	25 . 00	
Public Liability Insurance	83 . 50	
Result Sheets/Score Cards	287 . 86	
Donation	100 . 00	
Prize Money - Competitions	580 . 00	
League 2022	600 . 00	
Cups 2022	195 . 00	
Aggregates 2022	75 . 00	
Green Fees	300 . 00	
Trophy and Engraving	154 . 86	
Online Bowling Results System	60 . 00	
Dixon Cup Refreshments and Match Official	-	
Officers' Expenses - Secretary/Results Secretary	41 . 10	
Treasurer	34 . 50	<u>2,599 . 82</u>

**DEFICIT FOR YEAR** **(£270 . 32)**

**RECONCILIATION**

Balance as at 1st December, 2022	3,386 . 81
Deficit for Year	(270 . 32)
Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	<u>£3,116 . 49</u>

I have examined the above Statement of Account of Salop Leisure Shrewsbury & District Senior Citizens Bowling League for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 and found it to be a true record and in accordance with the books and invoices produced.

Date 03/01/24

Signed

*P. Adams*

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