



SHREWSBURY & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS BOWLING LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE 43rd AGM for the 2024 SEASON

Held on Monday 13th January 2025 at Old Shrewsbury BC 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 previous AGM held in January 2024:

Battlefield: Michael Rogers; **Bayston Hill:** Ant Lewis; **Bicton:** Trevor Bowers; **Castlefields:** Steve Walker; **Crescent:** John Groom; **Greenfields:** Nat Norman & Dave Pritchard; **Hadnall:** Elva Collins; **Hanwood:** John Darlington; **Meole Brace:** Brian Jones & Geoff Balshaw; **Pontesbury:** Norman Heritage; **Shelton:** Phil Bateman & Clive Teare;

2 Apologies for Absence

Dorrington. All other clubs were represented together with the President/Treasurer, Chairman, Vice Chairman and League Secretary/Fixtures/Results Secretary.

3 Minutes of 42nd 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 Crescent proposed and Llanymynech 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 2024 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. Also, a big thank you to Old Shrewsbury BC for allowing us to host the semi-finals and finals of the Dick Meyrick and Sponsors Shield team K/O comps and also for allowing us to hold this meeting in their function room.

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

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Roger, 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 2025 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 2024 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 prepared and just needed signing by Paul Adams (Battlefield). 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.

However, again there was a deficit for the year of £695.96, and because of this, Margaret proposed that subs for 2025 would need to be increased by £10 to £35 per team and following a show of hands, this was unanimously passed by those present.

She told the meeting that our bankers, Lloyds Bank, had recently introduced a monthly fee of £40 per month and following much discussion it was agreed that she should contact other banks with a view to moving the account where it would be cheaper.

Margaret pointed out that the Honoraria to be paid to some League Officials needed to be approved at each AGM and so she proposed that they remain the same as the previous year at £50 for the Secretary, £50 for the Treasurer, £100 for the Fixtures/Results Secretary and £50 for the Competitions Organiser and this was unanimously carried.

Finally, Margaret reminded everyone that subs could be paid after the end of the meeting or no later than immediately prior to the Pre-Season Meeting at Meole Brace BC on 10th March either by cheque or cash. Anyone wishing to pay by online transfer could do so and she gave out the bank details.

Oswestry Church proposed and Prince of Wales 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 58 teams with one team (Hanwood B) pulling out soon after the start of the season.

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

9 Competition Secretary's Report

The **Singles** competition was held at Meole Brace with a healthy turnout of 32. The main comp winner was Mark Thomas (Castlefields) who beat Dave Povey (Pontesbury) and the consolation winner was Nick Marshall (Prince Hotel) who beat Ernie Shea (Battlefield).

The **Doubles** competition, also at Meole Brace, was well attended with a record 33 pairs taking part. The main comp winners were Barry Keep and John Nash (Castlefields) who beat Mike Greaves and Brian Richards (Crescent) and the consolation winners were Chris Davies and Vernon Biggs (Meole Brace) who beat Graham Warren and Patrick Bennett (Oswestry Church).

Presidents Day, again at Meole, was as usual a great success although disappointingly we only attracted 28 participants, same as the previous season, with the winner being Dave Povey (Pontesbury). Dave was presented with the Bill Garratt Presidents Cup and an engraved tankard.

Team K/O comps finals: The Dick Meyrick was held on OSBC number 2 and won by Castlefields who beat Telepost. The Ron Smout was held on Meole No 1 green and won by Albert Road B who beat Dorrington. The Sponsors Shield was held on OSBC No 1 green and won by Battlefield D who beat Meole D.

The **Dixon Cup** annual inter-league match v Mid Shropshire Seniors was this year played in our area on OSBC No 1 green where we won by just 2 chinks and 7-5 on games.

I would like to thank Meole Brace BC and OSBC for allowing us to use their greens and facilities this season.

10 County Delegate's Report

Nothing to report.

11A Election of Officers:

Following a proposal by Prince of Wales and seconded by Greenfields, 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 and Competitions Organiser with the County Delegate position remaining vacant.

Competition Organiser: Chris Kershaw

Safeguarding Officer: Chris Kershaw

County Delegates: Vacant

12 Presentation of League Divisional Awards by the President and Chairman

a) Divisional:

Div 1: Battlefield A (123) – Castlefields (111) – Bayston Hill A (103)

Div 2: Hadnall (112) – Meole Brace F (108) – Prince Hotel A (93)

Div 3: Bishops Castle A (131) – OSBC (105) - Oxon (93)

Div 4: Meole Brace E (103) – Atcham B (99) – Atcham A (87)

Div 5: Ye Olde Crofte (113) – Craven Arms B (97) - Worthen & Brock B (94)

b) Individual:

Div 1: Dave Povey (Pontesbury) – played 21, won 19 = 90%

Div 2: Dave Hyde (Preston Brockhurst A) – played 22, won 19 = 86%

Div 3: John Price (Bishops Castle A) – **played 20, won 20 = 100%**

Div 4: Rob Jones (Llanrhaeadr B) – played 20, won 17 = 85%

Div 5: Bryan Parry (Ye Olde Crofte) – played 20, won 18 = 90%

c) Individual Female

Div 1: Sandra Barker (Llanymynech) – played 21, won 9 = 43%

Div 2: Sue Storey (Shelton A) – played 20, won 14 = 70%

Div 3: Rose Overton (Bicton B) – played 18, won 10 = 56%

Div 4: Jill Bishop (Meole Brace E) – played 18, won 15 = 83%

Div 5: Jan Holding (Worthen & Brockton B) – played 18, won 15 = 83%

d) Team K/O Comps:

Dick Meyrick Cup: Castlefields (121) beat **Telepost** (76) on OSBC 2

Ron Smout Cup: Albert Road B (109) beat **Dorrington** (96) on Meole 1

Sponsors Shield: Battlefield D (108) beat **Meole D** (84) on OSBC 1

13 Notices of Motion:

- A** Proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Chairman: Add wording (**in bold**) to the second paragraph of Rule 11(c): *Players may only participate in one of these competitions which means that once a player has played for one team, they cannot play for any other team even if their original team gets knocked out of the competition unless a dispensation is applied for and granted by the Executive Committee. For the semi-final and the final **all players must have been registered with this League for at least 28 days and** where a club has two or more teams, a player is not eligible to play unless that player has played in at least two League matches for that team unless a dispensation is applied for and granted by the Executive Committee. **Motion CARRIED***
- B** Proposed by the Fixtures Secretary and seconded by the Chairman: ***If a player will reach the age of 65 on or before the last match of the current season, they will be eligible to play from the start of the season. Motion CARRIED***
- C** Proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Treasurer: Rule 13, replace first sentence of first paragraph with: *The top three teams, individual **men's winner and individual lady winner** in each division will receive prize monies. **Motion CARRIED***

14 Existing Clubs Withdrawing from the League

No clubs indicated that they might be withdrawing a team(s) from the League in 2025 although the deadline for notifying the Fixtures Secretary will be 12:00noon on 28th February to enable the 2025 fixture lists to be published on 1st March.

15 New Teams Joining the League

Llanymynech, Hanwood and Craven Arms indicated that they hoped to field an additional team in 2025 although the deadline for notifying the Fixtures Secretary will be 12:00noon on 28th February to enable the 2025 fixture lists to be published on 1st 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 10th March 2025.

17 Comments from Clubs

No comments were raised

18 President to Close the Meeting

President Margaret closed the meeting at 15:06 and thanked everyone for their attendance, hoped they would all have an enjoyable season and wished them a safe journey home.

Please Note: the Statement of Accounts for the 2025 season is on page 5 below

