



Shrewsbury Senior Citizens Bowling League

MINUTES OF END of SEASON MEETING

Monday 16th September 2024 at 2:00pm at Meole Brace BC

1. Open meeting with tribute to any deceased members

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and asked that all present stand to show their respect to all recently deceased members namely: **Castlefields:** Steve Walker; **Pontesbury:** Norman Heritage

2. Apologies for Absence

The officers present were: Margaret Cooper (President and Treasurer), Roger Whitfield (Chairman), Chris Kershaw (League Secretary/Fixtures Secretary) and Martin Blizzard (Vice Chairman)

All 29 Clubs were represented

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th March 2024 and Matters Arising

There were no matters arising and it was proposed by Oswestry Church and seconded by Meole Brace that the minutes were a true and accurate record of what took place and unanimously accepted by all present.

4. Chairman's report

Congratulations to all Divisional winners (both teams and individuals) and commiserations to all those teams who will be demoted but the main thing is that hopefully you all enjoyed the 2024 season.

I would like to thank our Secretary Chris Kershaw for all his hard work throughout the season and Margaret Cooper for her excellent work as Treasurer and for assisting Chris at the three one day competitions. We are very fortunate to have two such diligent and dedicated officers and long may it continue.

In conclusion thank you all for your support throughout the season and I am looking forward to the 2025 season which will soon be on us.

5. Hon. Secretary's Report

Another excellent season with minimal problems as far as I was concerned.

We are fortunate that Salop Leisure continued their sponsorship with a cheque for £350 and I will be contacting them after the AGM in the hope they will continue it next season which I am sure they will.

I received an application for membership from Clun BC but as they are not within the 21 mile driven distance limit (they are 28.2 miles) I had to inform them that sadly they were not eligible to join.

I would like to thank my fellow officers for their support throughout the season and to all the clubs and their teams for their help and cooperation.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report

The current balance at the bank is £3,760 (£4,080 this time last year) but by the time of the AGM when all the various bills have been paid I expect this to be reduced to £2,400 (£3,230 last season) which I feel is too low meaning at the AGM I will be recommending an increase in the team subs for 2025 from £25 (it has been at this rate for 10 years) to £35. This might seem a lot percentagewise but it only represents a £1 per year increase over the 10 years it has remained at £25 and equates to just 27p per player per match. Additionally we introduced annual honoraria payments at the last AGM, County fees have increased and we are paying out a little more in prize monies meaning the subs simply cannot realistically remain at £25.

As usual accounts (checked by a third party) will be presented at the AGM for discussion.

The three League one day competitions had been allocated £100 for each as prize monies but because of the excellent turnout at all three, I was able to enhance the value of the prize monies paid out. A raffle was held at the Presidents Day competition and this raised £72 with the League adding a further £28 to enable me to send a cheque for £100 to Shrewsbury Severn Hospice.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who supported Presidents Day by attending, donating raffle prizes and purchasing raffle tickets.

7. Results Secretary's Report

This season we had 57 teams participating having lost 4 teams since the end of the 2023 season. It's obviously far too early to say what the number will be for the 2024 season but there is a good chance we will not lose any teams and hopefully will gain maybe 1 or 2, but we will have to wait and see as the deadline for entering or withdrawing teams is not until 28th February 2025.

This season virtually all results were entered by 8:00pm on the Thursday evening which is excellent and allows everyone to study the form of their opponents!

Finally, a big thank you to all clubs and teams for their cooperation throughout the season.

8. Competition Organiser'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) to 14 and the consolation winner was Nick Marshall (Prince Hotel) who beat Ernie Shea (Battlefield) to 19.

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) to 19 and the consolation winners were Chris Davies and Vernon Biggs (Meole Brace) who beat Graham Warren and Patrick Bennett (Oswestry Church) to 17.

Presidents Day, again at Meole, was as usual a great success although disappointingly we again 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. There needs to be a minor rule change regarding these three competitions which will be discussed under Item 9 of the Agenda.

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 and will be writing to them expressing our appreciation.

9. Notices of Motion for AGM

1) 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.*

2) Proposed by Crescent BC: *If a player will reach the age of 65 before the last match of the current season, they will be allowed to play from the start of the season*

10. Any Other Business

Nothing raised.

11. Confirm the dates of the AGM

Monday 13th January 2025 starting at 2:00pm at a venue to be confirmed nearer the time.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 2:25pm.