

MINUTES OF THE 2023 END OF SEASON CAPTAIN'S MEETING ON THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER 2023 AT ALSTOM BOWLING CLUB

Present :-

Mike Bosson(Chairman, Phoenix A), Brian Belfield(Secretary, Alstom D), Tom Lowbridge, Brian Harris(Amasal P), Pauline Dunn(Burton Manor A), Sue Webb(Burton Manor B), Helen Thompson(County Officers A), Del Milgate(County Officers B), David Thorp(Lea Hall), Bob Perkin, David and Sue Marsden(Littleworth), John Wells(Penkridge B), Pete Randall(Phoenix C), Anne Mace(Phoenix Riverway), Graham Needs(Phoenix Uni), Vilma Allman(Stafford A)

1. Apologies for absence

Colin Dempsey(Treasurer), Steve Barton(Alstom C), John Turner(Amasal P), Nev Ward(Rowley Park)

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Request from Lea Hall to join the league was agreed at the AGM and a team entered in Division 2.

The proposed change to the constitution was made :-

All matches must be played on or before the notified fixture date and can only be postponed due to the condition of the green or inclement weather. This includes a forecast of high temperatures coupled with sunny conditions which the captains consider present a threat to bowler's health and well-being. Otherwise, captains are to decide upon the fitness of the green at the start of the match unless the ground authority has already made the decision to close the green.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Correspondence

A request from Penkridge to add another team has been received. See below.

5. League administration

Roll of Honour

Congratulations to Rowley Park for winning the league and Amasal Uni as runner up.

Congratulations to Lea Hall and Phoenix D for winning Division Two and thus for promotion to Division One.

Commiserations to Penkridge B and County Officers A who will be relegated to Division 2.

League Averages:-

	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners Up</u>
Division 1 Singles	John Middleton	Colin Dempsey
Division 1 Doubles	Terry Wood and Cliff Jenkinson	
Division 2 Singles	Pam Ewan	Rod Ewan
Division 2 Doubles	David Wilkinson	Brian Capps

Had a request from Penkridge to put in another team, captain Lynn Outhwaite.

Not heard back to team name. Will go into 2nd division and thus to balance divisions, Phoenix B will also be promoted. To be ratified at the AGM of course.

Fixtures – complaint(chuntering) from 1st division about 2 weeks break in midsummer, rather than say 4 weeks at end. Also, Lea Hall/Lichfield 50+ clashes and possible team from Little Stoke who have a green free on different weeks against a Stoke league. I rely on the web robot and therefore restricted to available limitations.

Bob Perkin is retiring as captain of Littleworth. David and Sue Marsden will be the new joint captains.

6. Treasurers Report

For the bowling season 2023 our income is £1,420.00 and expenditure £1,202.62 to date. This gives us a profit of £217.38 for the year so far. As I don't envisage any further

transactions I propose the team subscription fee remain at £40.00 and the competition entry fee at £1.

(Sec note: there will be insurance ~£50 to pay in December)

7. Competitions

Thank you to the competition organisers Vilma Allman, Nev Ward, Frank Insull, Del Milgate and Judith Litchfield.

Entries from 2022 up from 215 to 265 (+50)

Non-winners up from 21 to 27 (+6))

American Singles up from 27 to 30(+3)

Triples Merit up from 27 to 39(+12)

Alderman Shield – not the common problem this year of multiple repeated winners but holidays, injuries and no shows reduced the final entry to 12. However, a good day with a win by Julie Alderman but I think a fourth game for Stanley Hugill was one too far.

9. Committee nominations

The current committee is :

Chairman	Mike Bosson
Vice-chairman	Ken Hunt
Treasurer	Colin Dempsey
Secretary	Brian Belfield
Competitions	vacant
President	Ned Elcock

All nominations gratefully received.

Having been ill with a stomach problem at the busy end of season, it has made me more aware that I desperately need an assistant who can be called upon to do some web administration!

10. Any other business

Hopefully Ken Hunt(Vice Chairman) will be able to comment on expectation for next year of our sponsor, Energy Saving Windows. Apparently Peter Randall(Phoenix C) has employed them this year. Thank you, Peter.

Peter Randall has also heard from Barlaston Bowling Club who may be interested in putting forward a team.

11 Next meetings

Captains pre-AGM – Thursday 11th Jan 2024 10.30am at Alstom (Vets 17th Jan)

AGM - Thursday 8th Feb 2024 2pm at Littleworth Community Centre? (Vets 14th Feb)