



Shrewsbury Senior Citizens Crown Green Bowling League

MINUTES OF PRE-SEASON MEETING

Monday 13th March 2023 at 2:00pm at Meole Brace BC

1. Open Meeting and Tributes to Deceased Members

The Chairman opened the meeting by paying tribute to deceased members since the AGM in January: **Bicton:** Ann Potts; **Hanwood:** Tony Beamond & Tony Burton; **Old Shrewsbury:** Derek Griffiths; **Oxon:** Ken Davies; **Pontesbury:** Dave Bennett; **Wem Albion:** Ray Cox & Terry Piggott

2. Apologies for Absence

Martin Blizard (Vice Chairman) and Albert Road BC

3. Minutes of the meeting held 21st September 2022 and Matters Arising

Llanymynech proposed and Worthen & Brockton seconded that the minutes were a true and accurate record of what took place and unanimously accepted by all present. There were no matters arising.

4. President's Comments

The President, Margaret Cooper, welcomed new club Ye Olde Crofte to the League and hoped they would enjoy their bowling in the League. She then said that she hoped that all clubs and teams would have an enjoyable season.

5. Chairman's Comments

Roger had no comments to make other than looking forward to the 2023 season.

6. Hon. Secretary's Report

Having contacted Salop Leisure in January regarding continuing sponsorship, Chris confirmed that they had replied to confirm that they would be delighted to continue sponsorship at the same level of £350 and the cheque will be presented at a photo shoot at Meole Brace BC in early April.

7. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Most clubs have now paid their subs for the season but those who have not must pay them before the season starts.

The following was agreed:

- a) the end of season prize monies paid out to divisional team winners, runners-up and third place in each division will be increased to £60, £40 and £20. Proposed by Meole Brace and seconded by Bayston Hill.
- b) the end of season prize monies paid out to individual divisional winners will remain the same at £15. Proposed by OSBC and seconded by Llanrhaeadr.
- c) the entry fee for the three one day competitions (Singles, Doubles and President's Day) will be increased by 50p to £3 per player. Proposed by Llanymynech and seconded by Oswestry Church.

- d) prize monies paid out in the Singles and Wilf Onion Doubles competition will remain at a minimum of £100 plus enhancement if the number of entries merits it. Proposed by Llanymynech and seconded by Oswestry Church.
- e) prize monies paid out to the winners and runners-up of the three League K/O competitions (Dick Meyrick, Ron Smout and Sponsors) will remain the same at £40 and £25 for each of the three competitions. Proposed by OSBC and seconded by Llanrhaeadr.
- f) prize monies paid out for the President's Day competition will remain at a minimum of £100 plus enhancement if the number of entries merits it. Proposed by Meole Brace and seconded by Hadnall.
- g) amount paid to clubs for use of their green(s) (previously £20) will be increased to £25. Proposed by the Secretary and seconded by Greenfields.
- h) the maximum level of fine for the season as per Rule 14 will remain at £20
- i) place the usual half page advert in the County match programmes (2022 it was £50)

All of the above were unanimously accepted.

8. Results Secretary's Report

Chris Kershaw confirmed that all Clubs present had collected their packs for the 2023 season consisting of: match result sheets and score cards plus the club Player Registration Lists and Contact Details which should be amended as necessary no later than 31st March.

As those of you who have been online to view the 2023 fixture lists will know, we have 61 teams playing this season meaning Div 2 has increased to 13 teams with the other 4 Divisions remaining at 12. However, the first match in division 2 on 30 March can be played at a later date, but no later than 30 April, without penalty points being added.

Bagley will be playing all their home matches on Castlefields No 2 green this season.

9. Competition Organiser's Report

League K/O Competitions: Draws for the Dick Meyrick, Ron Smout and Sponsors team K/O competitions were carried out.

Competitions Dates

Singles: Monday 3rd July at Meole Brace

Doubles: Monday 7th August at Meole Brace

President's Day: Wednesday 13th September at Meole Brace

Dixon Cup: Monday 4th September – now reduced to one team only and this year we play in the Telford area

League Team K/O Comps:

Opening Round by 22 June

Q/F's: by 22 July

S/F's: Monday 21 August on neutral greens (OSBC for Dick Meyrick and Meole Brace for Ron Smout & Sponsors)

Finals Day: Monday 11 September on neutral greens (OSBC for Dick Meyrick and Meole Brace for Ron Smout & Sponsors)

10. County matters update

President Margaret attended the County AGM and gave a very brief report although nothing discussed at the AGM affected this League in any way.

11. Any other relevant business

The question of refreshments was raised and as last season most teams served after match refreshments it was hoped that this would continue in 2023. However, it was left to individual teams to decide if they would serve refreshments or not although the League Officers hoped they would.

12. Date of the the next management committee meeting & close the meeting

The next management committee meeting will be the end of season meeting starting at 2:00pm at Meole Brace BC on Monday 18th September.

13. Close the meeting

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 3:55pm.