

Brief Minutes of the Chester Seniors Captains Meeting, held at St Werburgh's catholic Centre,
Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 2.30p.m..

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He congratulated the Secretary on being awarded Life Membership of the Cheshire County Bowling Association.

Rules Revision The Secretary distributed copies of the Match and Competition Rules from 2023 (enough for one per team) with highlighted suggestions for changes or deletions of now obsolete rules. The meeting went through the rules. The changes discussed and any others are to be sent to the Secretary before the AGM in October and will be formally ratified and adopted at that meeting.

Heat Posters were distributed as far as possible and will be sent to all contacts to be printed and displayed at each club during the 2026 season. (As agreed at the AGM in October)

Contacts and Captains details were distributed. The Secretary asked for any alterations to be emailed to her, then an amended list for 2026 can also be distributed to all clubs.

Handicap Adjustments for the FIRST ROUND ONLY of the Hermitage and American Plaque were suggested by the Chair, but, after a discussion, it was agreed that adjusting the handicap for the first round only would be confusing and too complicated, so it was agreed to leave the handicapping system as it is for the forthcoming season with the possibility of discussing it further at the AGM.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that he had sent invoices to all clubs for their League fees which is £50 per team for 2026. He asked that all teams try to pay before the start of the season if possible. He also mentioned the costs of running the league and asked the meeting to consider having "cash only" i.e. not having a bank account. This again to be discussed at the AGM. The Treasurer also asked about the trophies which are no longer in use. Some clubs may have one or two? He asked Captains to check, the idea being to possibly sell any which may be of any value and use any monies for the benefit of the Seniors League.

Hermitage and American Plaque Draws. As usual, the Captains were asked to participate in the draw for the two team competitions. The Hermitage will be played mid-season and the Plaque at the end of the season. Martin will put the draw on the web as soon as possible. The Burrows Cup draw will be done during the second half of the season.

Any Other Business Both Chairman and Treasurer informed the meeting that they wished to retire from their respective roles and would not be seeking re-election at the AGM.

The Chair wished everyone a good summer's bowling; there being no other business, the Meeting closed at 3.20p.m.