



## **SHREWSBURY & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS BOWLING LEAGUE**

### **MINUTES OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> AGM for the 2025 SEASON**

Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 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: **Albert Road:** Jeff Davies; **Atcham:** Mike Bennett; **Battlefield:** Harold Banks (Honorary Life Member) & Keith Owen; **Bishops Castle:** Dave Pope; **Dorrington:** Dennis Oakley; **Hadnall:** Bryan Thomas; **Llanrhaeadr:** Jimmy Green; **Oswestry Church:** Dave Evans and Brian Oakley; **Prince Hotel:** Tony Parsons; **Pontesbury:** Maureen Hayward; **Shelton:** Barbara Barkley

Finally, could I please ask everyone to turn their mobile phones into silent mode.

#### **2 Apologies for Absence**

Castlefields and Martin Blizard (Vice Chairman). All other clubs were represented together with the President/Treasurer, Chairman, and League Secretary/Fixtures & Results Secretary.

#### **3 Minutes of 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM and Matters Arising**

These had been made available for viewing/downloading from the League website homepage and as an attachment to emails sent out and so were not read out. There were no matters arising and Oswestry Church proposed and Atcham seconded that they be accepted as a true record.

#### **4 President's Annual Report**

Thank you to all clubs for again supporting our League in 2025 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 some of the semi-finals and finals matches of the 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 2026 season.

He mentioned that it would be nice if someone would come forward to take over as Competitions Organiser or to assist Chris with this onerous job.

## **6 Hon. Secretary's Report**

First of all, I'd like to thank my fellow officers together with all clubs, teams and players for their help and support throughout the 2025 season

We are fortunate that Salop Leisure continued to sponsor us and hopefully they will continue their generous sponsorship this year and I will be writing to them later this week

My apologies for one error in this Agenda plus an omission. The error is under Item 12D which states that the Sponsors Shield was held between Battlefield D and Meole D when it should say Llanymynech B against Old Shrewsbury B and the omission is under Item 15 which is new teams joining the League and Baschurch have confirmed that they will be entering a third team this coming season

That's all I have to say and wish you all the best for the 2026 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 6 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.

Thanks to increasing the subs for the 2025 season, the deficit for the year was reduced to only £30.67, and because of this, Margaret proposed that subs for 2026 would stay the same at £35 per team and this was unanimously passed by those present.

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.

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 9<sup>th</sup> March either by cheque or cash. Anyone wishing to pay by online transfer could do so and she gave out the bank details which were: NatWest Bank, sort code: 51-61-06, account number: 76929744, name of account: Shrewsbury Senior Cits Bowling with the name of your club as the reference.

Finally, Margaret announced that after 21 years as Treasurer it was time to hand over to somebody new and under Item 11 would be proposing Paul Adams (Battlefield) as Treasurer. Paul is well known in the bowling world and is Treasurer of the Tanners League. She asked Paul to stand up so those who don't know him would recognise him in the future and he jovially mentioned that he doubted he would be able to give 21 years of service like Margaret!

Hanwood proposed and Oswestry Church seconded that we adopt the Statement of Account as presented and this was passed unanimously.

## **8 Results Secretary's Report**

This season we were up to 61 teams having welcomed Craven Arms C, Llanymynech B and Old Shrewsbury B to our League

The season went extremely well with no major problems and just a handful of postponed matches and all match results were entered on time. However, Chris felt that the rule regarding postponed matches needed tightening up and so he presented a notice of motion at the end of season meeting which was fully discussed and approved as a notice of motion for this AGM and so will be voted on under Item 13A of this Agenda.

The fixtures for 2026 will as usual be formulated on the afternoon of 28<sup>th</sup> February and published online the same evening.

## 9 Competition Secretary's Report

The **Singles** competition was held at Meole Brace with a healthy turnout of 32. The main comp winner was Ian Foster (Battlefield) who beat Nick Marshall (Prince Hotel) and the consolation winner was Roger Candlin (Llanymynech) who beat Den Walton (Pontesbury).

The **Doubles** competition, also at Meole Brace, was not as well attended as usual with 17 pairs taking part. The main comp winners were John Wycherley and Steve Birch (Crescent) who beat Martin Blizard and Andy Corfield (Meole Brace) and the consolation winners were Alan and Sue Potter (Pontesbury) who beat Roger Candlin and Sue Barker (Llanymynech).

**Presidents Day**, again at Meole, was as usual a great success with 28 participants. The winner was Jill Bishop (Meole Brace) and President Margaret presented Jill with the Bill Garratt Presidents Cup and an engraved tankard.

**Team K/O comps finals:** The Dick Meyrick was held on OSBC No 1 green and won by Castlefields who beat Prince Hotel B. The Ron Smout was held on Meole No 1 green and won by Bicton A who beat Shelton A. The Sponsors Shield was held on Meole No 2 green and won by Llanymynech B who beat Old Shrewsbury B. A minor rule change regarding these three competitions was put forward by Oxon at the end of season meeting and will be voted on under Item 13B of the Agenda.

The **Dixon Cup** annual inter-league match v Mid Shropshire Seniors was this year played in the Telford area at Sinclair BC where we won by 20 chalks and drew 6-6 on games.

I would like to thank Meole Brace BC and OSBC for allowing us to use their greens and facilities once again this season for which I am very grateful.

## 10 County Delegate's Report

Nothing to report.

### 11A Election of Officers:

Chairman: **Roger Whitfield** is prepared to continue - no other nominations received

Vice Chairman: **Martin Blizard** is prepared to continue - no other nominations received

Secretary: **Chris Kershaw** is prepared to continue - no other nominations received

Treasurer: **Margaret Cooper** is standing down after 21 years and she would like to propose Paul Adams (Battlefield), seconded by Roger Whitfield (Chairman) as Treasurer

Fixtures Secretary: **Chris Kershaw** is prepared to continue - no other nominations received

Oswestry Church proposed and Atcham seconded that the above be accepted for the 2026 season

### 11B Election of other League Officials:

Competitions Organiser: Nomination required as Chris Kershaw is standing down

Safeguarding Officer: **Chris Kershaw** is prepared to continue

County Delegate: **Vacant** – nomination required

## 12 Presentation of League Divisional Awards by the President and Chairman

### a) Divisional:

**Div 1: Battlefield A** (138) – **Castlefields** (138) – **Meole Brace F** (114)

**Div 2: Battlefield B** (110) – **Prince Hotel A** (107) – **Hanwood A** (102)

**Div 3: Crescent** (116) – **Albert Road B** (116) – **Battlefield C** (104)

**Div 4: Llanymynech B** (134) – **Battlefield D** (98) – **OSBC B** (96)

**Div 5: Craven Arms C** (127) – **Meole Brace D** (117) – **Bayston Hill B** (113)

### b) Individual:

**Div 1: Peter Bound** (Meole Brace F) – played 23, won 21 = 91%

**Div 2: Phil Lyttle** (Hanwood A) – played 22, won 20 = 91%

**Div 3: Steve Birch** (Crescent) – played 22, won 20 = 91%

**Div 4: Andrew Morton** (Bishops Castle B) – played 21, won 19 = 90%

**Div 5: Neil Ross** (Craven Arms C) – played 22, won 18 = 82%

### c) Individual Lady

**Div 1: Jackie Price** (Hadnall) – played 17, won 14 = 82%

**Div 2: Glenys Jones** (Oswestry Church B) – played 21, won 13 = 62%

**Div 3: Ann Parrish** (Oxon) – played 18, won 14 = 78%

**Div 4: Bronwen Jones** (Llanrhaeadr B) – played 21, won 15 = 71%

**Div 5: Julie Clarke** (Bayston Hill B) – played 19, won 15 = 79%

### d) Team K/O Comps:

**Dick Meyrick Cup: Castlefields** (105) beat **Prince Hotel B** (101) on OSBC 1

**Ron Smout Cup: Bicton A** (102) beat **Shelton A** (101) on Meole 1

**Sponsors Shield: Llanymynech B** (99) beat **Old Shrewsbury B** (99) on Meole 2

## 13 Notices of Motion:

### A Proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Chairman: Rule 10(h) to now read:

When rearranging a match, the relevant team Captain must first inform the Results Secretary, then contact their opponents to agree on a new match date within 15 days of the original match date (in the case of a penultimate week match within 8 days) and then inform the Results Secretary of the new agreed playing date. However, if the match is the last match of the season, a postponement will not be allowed except for weather/ground conditions or a funeral affecting the team, although in the latter case the match date should be brought forward if at all possible.

If neither team can agree on a new playing date then each captain must put forward three playing dates and each pick one date from the other captain's suggested dates and then play the match on two separate dates using a 3-3 format or, if both teams agree, a 4-2 format.

Where a rearranged match has not been played within the 15 (or 8) day time period, the Fixture Secretary will automatically impose a penalty deduction of three points to both teams followed by 1 point per week until the match is played. The deduction(s) will be applied from their accumulated points scored to date.

No points deduction will be incurred where a match has to be rearranged due to:

1) weather/ground conditions, 2) a death or funeral affecting the entire team, 3) one or more team players selected by the County Association to play in a Veteran's Competition or 4) for health and safety reasons approved by the Results Secretary.

A 3 point penalty deduction will be incurred by the team initiating the rearrangement of the match for any other reason (especially shortage of players) or conceding the match (other team to receive 8 points for the walkover). The deduction will be applied by the Results Secretary from their accumulated points scored to date.

Non-conformance of any part of this rule will result in the Executive Committee assessing the individual situation and then additionally penalising one or both teams in accordance with Rule 14. **CARRIED**

**B Proposed by Oxon and seconded by Baschurch:** third paragraph of Rule 11(c) to read:

Up to and including the quarter finals, matches will be played at only one venue where the home team is allowed to practice before the match but each away team player will have the jack and the away team may receive additional aggregate points to be added to the final score once the individual games have been completed. If the two teams play in the same division the away team will receive 12 points, if the away team plays in a division higher they will receive 6 points, if they play two divisions higher they will receive no points; if they play in a division lower they will receive 18 points and if they play two divisions lower they will receive 24 points. Where two teams from the same Club playing in the same division are drawn together no points will be awarded to either team. If however they play in different divisions the LOWER placed team will be awarded 6 points per divisional difference. Both teams will be allowed to practice and both teams will lead with 3 jacks having first tossed for odds and evens. The semi-finals and finals will be held at neutral venues selected by the Executive Committee where normal match play rules will apply. **CARRIED**

#### **14 Existing Clubs Withdrawing from the League**

Atcham and Preston Brockhurst confirmed that they might be withdrawing a team(s) from the League in 2026 although the deadline for notifying the Fixtures Secretary will be 12:00noon on 28<sup>th</sup> February to enable the 2026 fixture lists to be published later the same day.

#### **15 New Teams Joining the League**

Baschurch and Craven Arms indicated that they hoped to field an additional team in 2026 and would confirm with the Fixtures Secretary no later than 12:00noon on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

#### **17 Comments from Clubs**

Roger Candlin (Llanymynech) offered to assist Chris Kershaw run the League's one day K/O comps at Meole on 6<sup>th</sup> July (Singles) and 3<sup>rd</sup> August (Doubles).

#### **18 President to Close the Meeting**

President Margaret closed the meeting at 14:55 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 6 below

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DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

INCOME - SUBSCRIPTIONS	2135 00	
COMPETITION ENTRY FEES	279 00	
RAFFLE	53 00	
SPONSORSHIP	400 00	2867 00

EXPENDITURE

COUNTY AFFILIATION FEES ETC.	88 00	
ADMBT. IN SCGBA PROGRAMME	25 00	
PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	55 00	
SCORE CARDS/RESULT SHEETS	312 38	
DONATION	100 00	
PRIZE MONEY COMPETITORS	460 00	
LEAGUE	600 00	
CUPS	195 00	
AGGREGATES	150 00	1405 00
TROPHY, ENCODING, LETIFICATES/AWARDS	128 36	
ON LINE BOWLING SYSTEM	79 50	
OFFICERS EXPENSE - SECRETARY	62 00	
TREASURER	39 50	
GREEN FEES	300 00	
HONORARIA	25 00	
BANK CHARGES	53 13	2897 67

DEFICIT FOR YEAR £ 30 67

RECONCILIATION

BALANCE AS AT 01.12.24 2421 53

DEFICIT FOR YEAR (30 67)

BALANCE AS AT 30.11.25 £ 2390 86