



Shrewsbury Senior Citizens Bowling League

MINUTES OF END of SEASON MEETING

Monday 15th September 2025 at 2:00pm at Meole Brace BC

1. Open meeting with tribute to any deceased members

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and asked that all present stand to show their respect to all recently deceased members namely: **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; **Oswestry Church:** Dave Evans and Brian Oakley; **Prince Hotel:** Tony Parsons; **Shelton:** Barbara Barkley

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from: The Chairman, Dorington, Hadnall and Llanymynech

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

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th March 2025 and Matters Arising

There were no matters arising and it was proposed by Greenfields and seconded by Oswestry Church 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 2025 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.

In conclusion thank you all for supporting the League throughout the season and I am looking forward to the 2026 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 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 just over £3,600 but by the time of the AGM when all the various bills have been paid I expect this to be reduced by around £1,000. As you know we decided to change banks due to Lloyds bringing in a monthly charge and are now banking with NatWest. This changeover was a nightmare and took nearly 4 months to complete and hopefully it will not have to happen again.

7. Results Secretary's Report

This season we had 61 teams participating but it's obviously far too early to say what the number will be for the 2026 season. The deadline for entering or withdrawing teams is not until 27th February 2026.

Only 2 matches were re-arranged due to shortage of players which is excellent

Again 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!

However, I encountered some problems with a minority of teams not rearranging their postponed matches due to weather within 15 days. I therefore recommend that the rule be tightened up and have drafted a new rule amendment for discussion under Item 9 of the Agenda

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

8. Competition Organiser's Report

One Day Competitions

Singles: entry of 32 and the winner was Ian Foster from Battlefield

Doubles: entry of 18 and the winners were John Wycherley and Steve Birch from Crescent

President's Day: entry of 28 and the overall winner was Jill Bishop from Meole Brace

Dixon Cup: we won again this season by 20 chalks at Sinclair

League K/O Draw for the Dick Meyrick, Ron Smout and Sponsors Shield

All three comps went extremely well with very close final matches with the winners being: Castlefields, Bicton A and Llanymynech B

The SCGBA will be holding a Champion of Champions K/O competition at Edgmond BC on Saturday 11th October starting at 10:00am and every League in Shropshire have been invited to send their top player to take part. We will be sending the player who comes top of the division 1 averages.

Finally, I will not be standing as Competitions Organiser at the AGM so unless a candidate comes forward to take on the role, as I did 15 years ago, the only competitions which will take place next season will be President's Day and the Dixon Cup.

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: Rewrite Rule 10(h) to 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 or 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.

A show of hands was in favour of this amended rule going forward to the AGM as a notice of motion.

10. Any Other Business

Les Jones on behalf of Oxon felt that the 12 points which the away team receive in the three Team K/O competitions is not fair when the two teams involved are playing in different divisions. He proposed that if the away team were in a lower division then they should receive an extra 6 points and so get 18 points but if they were in a higher division they should lose 6 points and so only get 6 points. Baschurch seconded this and it will go forward to the AGM as a notice of motion with the Secretary liaising with Les regarding the exact wording.

11. Confirm the dates of the AGM

Monday 12th January 2026 starting at 2:00pm at Old Shrewsbury BC.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 2:20pm.