



Shrewsbury Senior Citizens Crown Green Bowling League

MINUTES OF PRE-SEASON MEETING

Monday 9th March 2026 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: **Bishops Castle:** Bob Burns: **Meole Brace:** Hugo Jones

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies received. All League officers were in attendance plus 27 clubs with only Albert Road not in attendance.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 16th September 2022 and Matters Arising

Pontesbury proposed and Castlefields 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, thanked Chris for distributing all the paperwork and score cards for the coming season and hoped that all clubs and teams would have an enjoyable season in 2026 with lots of warm dry weather.

5. Chairman's Comments

Roger had no comments to make other than hoping that everyone was looking forward to the 2026 season and would enjoy themselves.

6. Hon. Secretary's Report

Having recently contacted Salop Leisure regarding continuing sponsorship, Chris confirmed that they had replied to confirm that they would be delighted to continue sponsorship at £400 (same as 2025) and the cheque will be presented at a photo shoot at Meole Brace BC in early April.

7. Hon. Treasurer's Report

The new treasurer, Paul Adams, was introduced by the Chairman.

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

The following was discussed:

- a) the end of season prize monies paid out to divisional team winners, runners-up and third place will remain at: £60, £40 and £20
- b) the end of season prize monies paid out to individual divisional winners will remain at: £15
- c) the total amount of prize monies paid out by the League in the Doubles competition and the Singles competition to remain at £100 but can be enhanced if entries are high
- d) the level of prize monies paid out to the winners and runners-up of the three Team K/O competitions will remain at: £40 for each winner and £25 for each runner-up

- e) the level of prize monies paid out for the President's Day competition for the winners and runners up from each of the two greens to be a minimum of £100
- f) the amount paid to clubs for use of their green(s) will be: £25 per green
- g) the maximum level of fine for the season as per Rule 14 will remain at: £20
- h) place the usual advert in the County match programmes to a maximum of: £50

All the above items were proposed by Meole Brace and seconded by Bishops Castle and unanimously accepted by those present.

8. Fixtures/Results Secretary's Report

Chris Kershaw confirmed that all Clubs, had collected their packs for the 2026 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.

Just to confirm we have 62 teams playing this season and a big welcome to the three new teams from Baschurch, Castlefields and Craven Arms. Sadly, we have lost Preston Brockhurst as a member club together with their two teams.

Div 1 will start on 26 March with all other divisions on 8/9 April but the first two division 1 matches can be postponed without penalty provided they are played by the end of April

Please ensure registration forms and contact details are dealt with by the end of March to keep things up to date and especially contact details where new captains have taken over.

Finally, there is an important rule change which was voted in at the AGM and it relates to postponed matches. As you all know, all postponed matches must be played within 15 days of the original match date or 8 days if it's the last match of the season. This is what has changed: if the two teams cannot agree on a playing date within the time period 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.

9. Competition Organiser's Report

League Team K/O Competitions: A roll call for the Dick Meyrick, Ron Smout and Sponsors team K/O competitions was conducted and the draw will be carried out by the President and Competitions Organiser on 13th March following which the draw sheets will be circulated to all clubs by email.

One Day Competitions Dates

Singles: Monday 6th July at Meole Brace

Doubles: Monday 3rd August at Meole Brace

President's Day: Wednesday 9th September at Meole Brace

Dixon Cup: Monday 7th September at Old Shrewsbury starting at 1:00pm

Team K/O Competitions (Dick Meyrick, Ron Smout and Sponsors Shield)

Opening Rounds by: 26th June

Quarter Finals by: 24th July

Semi-Finals on neutral greens on **Monday 10 August**

Finals on neutral greens on **Monday 24 August**

New rule change: the points awarded to the away team (previously 12 points) will now vary depending on which divisions the two teams are in. If both teams are in the same division the away team will receive 12 points as before. If the away team is in a lower division they will receive 18 points and if the away team are in a higher division they will receive 6 points. When entering the results online the home team captain will need to enter the relevant points manually. However, prior to each match, I will be emailing each home team captain to tell them the number of handicap points they will need to enter manually at the completion of each match.

10. Any other relevant business

Nothing was raised

11. 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 14th September.

13. Close the meeting

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 2:25pm.