

**Shrewsbury Senior Citizens Crown Green Bowling League****MINUTES OF PRE-SEASON MEETING**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 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:

**2. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies received. All League officers were in attendance plus 28 clubs with only Atcham not in attendance.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> 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, hoped that all clubs and teams would have an enjoyable season in 2025 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 2025 season and would enjoy themselves.

**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 increased level of £400 (up by £50) and the cheque will be presented at a photo shoot at Meole Brace BC in early April.

This season we have introduced a Medical Emergency Form which is for bowlers to fill in, place in an envelope and kept in their bowls bag at all times. If they suffer a medical emergency whilst at a match, the form can be handed to a first responder/para-medical at the scene and could save their life. It is entirely voluntary whether they fill in the form or not. If they do, it is recommended that they inform their team captain, vice-captain and fellow team members so others are aware that they have this form in their bowls bag. The form is available for downloading and printing off from the green area on the left-hand side of the League's Homepage by clicking on "MEDICAL EMERGENCY FORM"

## **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 in April. However, we are in the process of changing banks to Natwest and I will inform all those who haven't yet paid what the online paying in details are once the account is open in a week or so.

The current balance is £3,300 but this will increase as we receive more team subs.

The following was discussed:

- a) the end of season prize monies paid out to divisional team winners, runners-up and third place in each division will remain the same at £60, £40 and £20.
- b) the end of season prize monies paid out to individual divisional winners will remain the same at £15.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) amount paid to clubs for use of their green(s) will remain the same at £25.
- g) the maximum level of fine for the season as per Rule 14 will remain at £20
- h) place the usual half page advert in the County match programmes

Items a) to e) were proposed by Greenfields and seconded by Old Shrewsbury and unanimously accepted by those present. Items f) to h) were proposed by Castlefields and seconded by Albert Road and unanimously accepted by those present.

## **8. Fixtures/Results Secretary's Report**

Chris Kershaw confirmed that all Clubs, with the exception of Atcham, had collected their packs for the 2025 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 31<sup>st</sup> March.

As those of you who have been online to view the 2025 fixture lists will know, we have 61 teams playing this season with division 1 increased to 13 teams and divisions 2 to 5 each having 12 teams.

## **9. Competition Organiser's Report**

**League 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 20<sup>th</sup> March following which the draw sheets will be circulated to all clubs by email.

### **Competitions Dates**

**Singles:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Meole Brace

**Doubles:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August at Meole Brace

**President's Day:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at Meole Brace

**Dixon Cup:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September probably at Sinclair BC, Telford starting at 1:00pm

**League Team K/O Comps:**

Opening Round by 20<sup>th</sup> June

Q/F's: by 18<sup>th</sup> July

S/F's: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August on neutral greens

Finals Day: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September on neutral greens

**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 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**13. Close the meeting**

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 2:32pm.