

Dunchurch & District Skittle Leagues

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MINUTES OF THE SECRETARIES MEETING THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2017

WELCOME

Neil Bubb welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked secretaries for attending.

MINUTES SILENCE

A minutes silence was given to the following skittle players, who had recently passed away:

- Rob Childs (Royal Oak & Workers A)
- Liz Tomlinson (Admiral Nelson)

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUES

Kevin Pearcey reported that he had decided that, rather than invite Charities to the Secretaries Meeting, he would be inviting them to Competition games throughout the season to collect their cheques. This would give players, other than secretaries, the opportunity to be present and see where monies were being paid to.

Kevin Pearcey thanked the Fighting Cocks, Malt Shovel and the Lawford Arms for the generous donations they had given towards the Charities.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SECRETARIES MEETING

The minutes were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM

Neil Bubb said that this year's AGM was better attended than in previous years, however it was still very low. The AGM is the chance for all players to put forward any changes they want to see with the way the League is run, or to make Rule changes.

At the AGM, it was passed to increase the Team Registration fee to £30 and the player registration fee to £3.50, commencing 2018/19 season.

A member raised some very good questions at the AGM, which the Committee had already discussed during the season. These were:

- Why do we spend so much money on trophies?
- Why do we persist with the Benn Hall for Presentation Night?

Trophies

Many years ago we received complaints that the quality of trophies were poor, so we were requested to spend more money to provide better quality.

As trophies are the largest cost to the League, each team is being asked for their feedback on what they would like winners/runners-up to receive. Please can all the Secretaries complete the form handed out with their pack and discuss it with their teams before returning it to the Committee. **Forms to be returned by 15 December 2017.**

Presentation Night – this is seen as the main night of the Skittles calendar. The Benn Hall is expensive to hire and the cost increase per season is well beyond inflationary rates. Other venues, for example Bilton Social and the Railway Club, have been used in the past, when we were requested to stop using the Benn Hall, but clubs can only hold approximately 200 people. Some teams did not get tickets for those venues, and then on the night, the venue was cramped and uncomfortable. These 2 nights were not considered a success, so we were requested to revert to the Benn Hall.

The Committee has considered other alternatives to the Benn Hall during the past season, but due to the capacity required, the Benn Hall is the only suitable venue. However should teams have any other suggestions, then they should put them in writing to the Committee.

Neil Bubb advised Secretaries that it is important for Teams to feedback on all their ideas on the running of the leagues, otherwise we continue to run the League in generally the same way. The Committee acts on behalf of the League and we need to ensure that we are delivering what is required.

FIXTURES SECRETARY REPORT

Kevin Pearcey reported only one mens team had withdrawn from the League but had been replaced by a new team (Jolly Abbot) for the 2017/18 season.

Although there had been a high entry for the men's captains cup, the ladies entries were still low. Kevin Pearcey advised that due to a lack of interest from the ladies, he was considering discontinuing their captain's cup and replacing it with something else.

The summer league had now finished and there were only a few competitions to be played.

PAIRS SECRETARY REPORT

Kay Beers reported that entries for pairs to date were:

Mens 21

Ladies 15

Mixed 14

There is a small change this year with pairs only being able to make one change, in the preliminary/1st round. No other changes can be made after the 1st round.

The closing date for pairs was the 9 September and all entries should be sent to Kay Beers and not Kevin Pearcey.

Kay Beers added that if the ladies and mixed pairs entries were still low when the competitions begin, she would look at maybe changing the format for 2018/19 season.

TREASURER REPORT

The financial report had been agreed at the AGM.

AOB

None

Meeting was closed at 8.15 p.m.