

Thatcham & District Crib League

Chairman Mr. Tony Denny

Secretary Mr. Mark Fordham

Fixture Secretary Mr. David Goddard

Treasurer Mrs. Pam Haines

Minutes of A.G.M. held on 8th July 2008, Shaw Social Club

1. Mark Fordham welcomed everybody to the meeting, which commenced at 8.10 pm.

2. Apologies

No apologies had been received and teams represented were: -

The Swan

Black Horse

Shaw "A"

The Old Bell

Plough on the Green

Lord Lyon

Shaw "B"

B.S.C.

Kings Head and The Lamb will be contacted in due course, and sent a copy of these minutes

3. Minutes of previous A.G.M. held 10th July 2007

The minutes from previous A.G.M held on 10th July 2007 was available if needed, and all team captains accepted these as read.

4. Minutes of most recent meeting held 13th May 2008

Copies of the minutes were made available to all team captains. Tony Denny of the Black Horse proposed that they be accepted as read, with Dave Conquest of the Swan seconding this.

5. Secretary's Report

Mark Fordham confirmed that the season had run smoothly, and expressed that it was particularly pleasing that the Newbury Weekly News had printed a photograph of the Shaw "A" league winners with a small write up. This included Mark Fordham's contact details, for any new teams who may be interested in joining the league, and a list of all winners and runners up. Mark Fordham also confirmed that we now have a contact at the NWN, who are willing to print results and league table if they are e-mailed in. As with previous years, it was stressed that the introduction of new teams is of great importance if the league is to continue

6. Treasurer's Report

Pam Haines confirmed that there was a profit last year of £409.26, and that the balance for this year was £935.26. From this £574 would need to be taken off (expenses for presentation night etc), leaving a total of £361.25

Mark Fordham requested that cash be made available as a gesture of goodwill for his friend who has engraved all the perpetual trophies for the last couple of years. In that time he has not received any monies, but it was felt that a cash payment of £50 would be acceptable. Mark Fordham will confirm this with Pam Haines.

Mark Fordham thanked Pam for her report and for her work on behalf of the committee throughout the year.

7. Fixture Secretary's Report

Dave Goddard confirmed that it there was some difficulties in getting information to Team Captains, unless full contact details were provided. Mark Fordham confirmed that he had mobile numbers for all team captains, with the exception of The Lamb, but e-mail addresses would be better for sending out reports, minutes, results etc. If there are any captains who now have e-mail addresses please contact Mark Fordham on 07768 024152 with the details.

Dave also requested team captains to consider that all players must be registered with their full names, and that this may constitute a change in the rules. This will be discussed at the next meeting, which will take place on 19th August 2008.

There was also discussion that the individual trophies awarded to players of winning teams (and runners-up if applicable), be limited to a maximum of TEN per team. If the team requires more than 10, they will have to pay for the extra trophies. Dave also confirmed that in order to get the 50% discount on the trophies, it was necessary to increase the order, hence the need for the key rings etc.

There was some comment from Stuart Warren about the league tables, but Dave confirmed that the more complex version that is handed out is for the team captains to check that it is correct. If there are any errors, then fixture secretary can be contacted and adjustments made to this table and the simpler version, as necessary.

Mark Fordham thanked Dave for his report and for his work throughout the year.

8. Chairman's Report

As the position is currently vacant, there is not a chairman's report for this year.

All reports were accepted by the committee "en-bloc".

9. Election of Officers

As there was a vacancy for the League Chairman, and Tony Denny of Black Horse had previously stated that he would accept, if nobody else came forward, Mark Fordham of The Plough on the Green proposed that Tony be elected as Chairman. This was seconded by Paul Smith of the Old Bell, and Tony accepted the position. Thanks to Tony for accepting this role.

It was proposed that that the existing Secretary, Fixtures Secretary and Treasurer be re-elected 'en bloc'. This was proposed by John new of the Lord Lyon and seconded by Tony Hutchings of The Swan.

10. Matters arising from 2007-08 Officers' Reports

No urgent matters arose from these reports, which are considered acceptable.

11. Trophies & Awards for 2008-2009 Season

The awards handed out on presentation night were considered to be of an acceptable standard, and Dave Goddard confirmed that glass is the most expensive (due to the cost of the engraving), and that we should also consider other companies for supply of trophies.

12. Memorial Knockouts – Les Black & Tim Steer

It was proposed that both trophies are becoming worn and would most likely have to be replaced in the future. It is felt that a single memorial trophy could be used, and that all previous winners of Les lack & Tim Steer trophies could be engraved on this new trophy.

The new trophy would also be engraved in memory of Les Black, Tim Steer and other members of league who have passed away. Please give this idea some thought, and let your comments be known at the next league meeting.

13. League Rules

At present, we have some teams with 20 players or more signed on. This is unrealistic, and at present there are no rules on the maximum number of players that can be signed on, so please give some thought on this. A possible idea is that as soon as someone plays in the league and is entered on the scorecard, then that player is automatically registered.

14. League Format for 2008-2009 Season

This is dependent on how many teams will be entered, but we would not wish to fall below a minimum of 10 teams. Mark Fordham and Andy Tillen confirmed that they will deliver flyers about the league to pubs/clubs who may possibly be interested in entering. This would include, Conservative Club, Wessex Club, Lamb at Hermitage (already delivered), Rising Sun at Stockcross, and The Woodpecker. Mark Fordham also confirmed that he would chase up other places that had previously shown an interest.

15. Date for pre-season Crib Drive

Confirmed as Tuesday 9th September 2008.

16. Date for first League Matches

Confirmed as Tuesday 16th September 2008.

17. Date for Next Meeting

Confirmed as Tuesday 19th August 2008 (league forming meeting)

18. Date for Presentation Night

Provisionally confirmed for Saturday 13th June 2009.

19. A.O.B.

There was some discussion on the poor turnout for presentation night, which totalled only about 50 people, compared to 100 the previous year. There was some discussion that it could be combined with finals night, but that would possibly exclude partners from attending, and in addition the trophies could not be engraved on the same night. Gill Kay suggested that the tickets could be sold throughout the season, rather than near the end, which seems a reasonable proposal. I would ask team captains to consider this and advise at next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.25 pm

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2006/2007 & 2007/2008

BALANCE SHET

IN THE BANK	£1080.27	Trophies 06/07	£463.01
TICKETS	£385.00	Band	£400.00
RAFFLE	£107.00	Food	£300.00
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	£1572.27		£1163.01

PROFIT £409.26

		2007/2008		
10 TEAMS @ £60.00 =	£600.00	BAND	£300.00	
RAFFLE	£88.00			
CRIB DRIVES	£138.00			

	£1235.26			
LESS BAND	£300.00			

	£935.26			
IN THE BANK	£847.76			
CASH IN HAND	£87.50			

	£935.26			

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