

**Thatcham & District Crib League**  
**8<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
**At The Lamb, Enborne Road, Newbury**

<b>Present:</b>	Nina Hopkinson, Doug Nichols, and representatives from Shaw A, Shaw B, Lamb A, Swan Kingsclere (Now Lamb B), Woodpecker, White Hart, Thatcham Bowls Club
<b>Apologies:</b>	Taste of England

**Action**

**1. Minutes of the previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 were agreed as a true and correct record.

**2. Matters Arising not in the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Pam Haines presented the treasurers report. There was a balance of £2,436 in the bank. Income from subscriptions, crib drives, and raffles, etc. for the 2013/14 season exceeded expenditure by circa £100.

**4. Registration**

Doug Nichols reported that nine teams had registered to play during the coming season. It was noted that the Swan Kingsclere had moved to the Lamb, Enborne Road, and would now be known as Lamb B. Doug Nichols asked all teams to let him have player names for the new season before the first games on 16th September 2014.

**All to action**

**5. Fees for 2014/15**

In view of the strong positive balance at the bank it was proposed by Doug Nichols that fees should be reduced for this season to £30 per team. This was agreed by all teams. Subscriptions should be paid to the Treasurer by no later than 12th September 2014.

**All to action**

**6. Shields and Trophies**

It was noted that some of the trophies were becoming very worn. Because the league currently had a cash surplus it was agreed that we would look at whether any trophies should be replaced this year.

Stuart Warren asked if there were any trophies missing. Doug Nichols agreed that he would look at the existing trophies and report back in December with a list of what might need replacing, and likely costs for the committee to consider.

**DN to action**

## **7. Changes to the Rules**

Nina Hopkinson proposed some minor amendments to the league rules to tidy them up.

These were discussed and accepted with one minor change regarding the Captain's Cup games. The amended version had now been uploaded to the league web site.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Doug Nichols pointed out that although there were 9 teams in the league, there were now only 7 different pubs/clubs, which could make it difficult for knock out competitions which had traditionally been played at 8 venues to produce 8 finalists. To maintain the status quo Pam Haines had agreed that for singles and doubles knockouts there could be 2 lots of entrants at Shaw Club with 2 adjudicators representing Shaw A and Shaw B.

The draw was undertaken for the team knockout with the first 2 teams drawn playing a preliminary round to bring the entrants down to 8 for the first round proper.

Next meeting would be prior to the crib drive on 12th December 2014 at Shaw Club.

*(The meeting concluded at 7.55pm)*