

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 12th July 2011, Shaw Social Club

1. Tony Denny welcomed everybody to the meeting, which commenced at 8.05 pm and also thanked
2. Apologies

None had been received. Teams represented were: -

Shaw "A"

Travellers Friend

Plough – Thatcham

The Lamb

Black Horse

Shaw "B"

Taste of England

The Woodpecker

Old London Apprentice

It was noted that B.S.C. had not sent a representative, even though an Agenda had been dropped off at the Club, and several attempts had been made to contact Andy Tillen. He will be contacted in the next couple of weeks, prior to date for registration of teams.

3. Minutes of previous A.G.M. held 13th July 2010

The minutes from previous A.G.M. held on 13th July 2010 were made available to all teams if required, and were accepted as read.

4. Secretary's Report

Mark Fordham confirmed that there was nothing new to report and commented on the success of the challenge match between our League Winners (Shaw "B") and Basingstoke League Winners (Old Basing British Legion), which the former won (9-6) both Home and Away. Mark confirmed that Old Basing had expressed a desire for another challenge match prior to the start of the League Season, and this has been arranged for 2nd August 2011 at Shaw Social Club, 8.00 for 8.15 pm start (i.e. normal start time for League Matches).

Stuart Warren confirmed that his team would be available to fulfil this fixture and Mark Fordham and David Goddard confirmed that they would be available to play if required. All teams and captains are also invited to attend if they so desire.

Since this meeting, Mark Fordham also confirms that photographs from presentation night on 2nd July 2011 and the full list of Winners for 2010/11 have been sent to Malcolm Howe at NWN and Basingstoke Gazette for publication (hopefully), in the coming weeks.

Whilst not specifically discussed at meeting, it is confirmed that Mark Fordham and David Goddard will also e-mail / deliver invitations to other pubs and clubs who may want to enter a team for forthcoming 2011/12 Season. If you are aware of any other pubs/clubs who may be interested, please contact Mark Fordham on 07768 024152 or markfordham@btinternet.com or visit www.thatchamcribleague.com

Tony Denny thanked Mark for his report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Pam Haines made available the 2010/11 balance sheets, which detailed a balance of £1962.72 and also showed the breakdown of this balance. A copy of this is shown at the end of these minutes, although Mark Fordham and Dave Goddard are still owed monies for trophies and engraving.

Since 30 people turned up at £5 per head, which equates to £150, only £115 was collected, leaving a shortfall of £35. Dave Goddard of Old London Apprentice proposed that league should cover this shortfall and Stuart Warren of Shaw "B" seconded this.

Tony Denny thanked Pam for her report and for her work on behalf of the committee throughout the year.

6. Fixture Secretary's Report

Dave Goddard confirm that of the 18 fixture weeks, there were 7 weeks when at least two teams did not field a full team and that there was one deferred game all Season.

Mark Fordham confirmed that on one occasion, the opposing away team, Burghclere Sports Club, only had 3 players. The fixture was fulfilled, but it is felt that we should revert back to old rulings, that if a team could not fulfil a fixture and had not given the opposing Team Captain sufficient warning, then the default rule of a 6-0 win will be strictly applied, (i.e. 8 points in total).

This will be put into League Rules, which is currently August 2009 Issue, and will be re-issued on League forming night on 23rd August 2011.

All Team captains were happy with results and league positions being made available by text and also by hand delivery and e-mail where possible.

David also confirmed that a Memorial Shield has been purchased and will be played for on same night as Les Black and Tim Steer trophies. It is also our intention to add all the names of players who have died during the course of the League. Can all Team Captains, prepare a list of their players who have died (and year if possible) and present to either Mark Fordham or Dave Goddard, and these names will be engraved on shield.

This was proposed by Doug Nichols of The Woodpecker and Seconded by Tony Hutchings of The Plough – Thatcham.

It was also discussed that the league should be limited to 12 teams, which was proposed by Stuart Warren of Shaw "B" and seconded by Owen Lewis of The Lamb.

A new team to the league was welcomed, The Taste of England, and there were no objections to introducing this team into the crib league.

7. Chairman's Report

Tony Denny offered his thanks to all the officers of the committee for their work throughout the season on behalf of the League.

8. Election of Officers

It was proposed that that the existing Chairman, Secretary, Fixtures Secretary be re-elected 'en bloc'. Colin Woodley of Travellers Friend "A" proposed this. Owen Lewis of The Lamb seconded this proposal.

The existing Chairman (Tony Denny), Secretary (Mark Fordham), Fixtures Secretary (Dave Goddard) and Treasurer (Pam Haines) accepted continuations of these duties.

9. Team Registration

All team registrations must be confirmed by 23rd August 2011 at Shaw Social Club. Registration fee will stand at £60 per team . This was proposed by Stuart Warren of Shaw "B" Monies should also be paid on this date, although a few days grace will be acceptable. Just a reminder that this fee also includes the following: -

- i. Entrance fees for Singles Champion Competition
- ii. Entrance fees for Doubles Champion Competition
- iii. Entrance fee for Team Knockout Competition
- iv. Entrance fee for Les Black memorial shield
- v. Entrance fee for Tim Steer Rose Bowl (and new memorial shield to be played on same night)
- vi. Free entry for players and partners for end of season presentation night.

Please ensure your team is represented on 23rd August 2011, as Team Registration is required on that day.

10. Start of League

This has been confirmed as starting on 20th September 2011, with a crib-drive preceding this on Tuesday 13th September 2011. A possible date of 26th July 2011 for a crib drive was discussed, but this was not possible as Shaw Social Club already have functions for that night.

Fixture list for forthcoming 2011/12 Season will be made available as soon as possible.

11. Date of Next Meeting

This will be as detailed above, with a short meeting prior to the Crib Drive on 13th September 2011.

12. A.O.B.

It was confirmed by Taste of England that they would be using traditional rather than "snake" boards for their home fixtures in the forthcoming season, and contact details were made available to Mark Fordham (mobile number and e-mail address).

Kings Head at Thatcham and British Legion will be contacted shortly, to confirm if they will be entering a team for the forthcoming season.

Crib Drives: All teams are reminded that they must donate a prize, even if they are not attending, as the raffle generates money for the league!!

13. Meeting closed at 8.45pm.