



THATCHAM & DISTRICT CRIB LEAGUE

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Minutes of A.G.M. held on 13th July 2010, Shaw Social Club

1. Tony Denny welcomed everybody to the meeting, which commenced at 8.06 pm.
2. Apologies None had been received. Teams represented were: -
The Lamb Old London Apprentice Black Horse Plough – Thatcham
Shaw “A” Shaw “B” The Lamb Woodpecker
3. Minutes of previous A.G.M. held 21st July 2009
The minutes from the previous A.G.M. held on 21st July 2009 were made available to all Teams if required and were unanimously accepted as read and correct
4. Secretary’s Report
Mark Fordham confirmed that was nothing new to report, but confirmed that he had contacted Ullage, the newsletter for the West Berkshire branch of Camra, to see if they would run a small advertisement promoting the League. A time of writing, no response had been received.

Invitation flyers regarding the League had also been dropped off to several pubs/clubs in and around the area, including those who had expressed an interest in joining the League several years earlier. Several of those who were re-visited are:- The Falmouth, Woolhampton; The Angel, Woolhampton; The Travellers Friend, Crookham Common; Three Horseshoes, Donnington; The Gun, Wash Common; The Wessex Club, Newbury.

If anyone is aware of any other pubs or clubs who may be interested, please contact Mark Fordham on 07768 024152 or markfordham@btinternet.com

Although web-site www.thatchamcribleague.com has been up and running for a while, this has not led to any new Teams joining the League. It is hoped that after presentation night, details and photos will be sent to Malcolm Howe at Newbury Weekly News, and included in a subsequent issue prior to the new Season starting in September.

Tony Denny thanked Mark for his report.

5. Treasurer’s Report
Pam Haines made available the 2009/10 balance sheets, which detailed a balance of £967.45 and also showed the breakdown of this balance. A copy of this is shown at the end of these minutes. Mark Fordham confirmed that when all Trophies had been returned, his colleague at Timsons would perform engraving as in previous years.

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 confirmed that League run fairly smoothly, but frequently some Result Cards were posted / hand delivered very late or had gone missing & not found their way to him at all! It was commented that if results were posted / delivered promptly, e-mailed or text sent to him shortly after the finish of the Match the latest Result Table could be handed out or placed on the web site much earlier. Dave also commented that the Crib Drives do not appear to have been so well attended this season, which is probably due to the smaller number of Teams in the League.

At present there are only 8 Teams in the League, which is only just enough to support an effective League. It is also apparent that some of the Teams are also struggling to have 6



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regular players, which if this is the case, may lead to more Teams dropping out of the League for the forthcoming 2010/11 season. If this happens, there may not be a League in the future, and it was proposed by Dave Goddard that a fixture could be fulfilled by just 4 players, but keeping the same format i.e. six singles and three doubles, with some players possibly playing twice to fulfil the fixture. Doug Nichols of Woodpecker seconded this. If agreeable, the latest League Rules (issued with effect from 13th August 2005) will need to be updated to reflect this.

It was also commented that we did not wish to resort to playing other teams three times within a season, i.e. teams only played each other twice in the league (once Home and Once Away).

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 existing Chairman, Secretary, Fixtures Secretary be re-elected 'en bloc'. 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 24th August 2010 at Shaw Social Club. Registration Fee will stand at £60 per team and it is suggested that all Teams should register 8 players as a minimum. 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: - The Entrance Fees for
A Singles Champion Competition **B** Doubles Champion Competition
C Team Knockout Competition **D** Les Black Memorial Shield **E** Tim Steer Rose Bowl
F Free entry for players and partners for end of season Presentation Night.

10. Start of League

This has been confirmed as starting on Tuesday 21st September 2010, with a Crib-Drive preceding this on Tuesday 14th September 2010. Dave Goddard confirmed that he will produce a draft copy as soon as we know how many Teams will be playing, which may now increase if only 4 players are required to complete a Match.

11. Presentation Night

11. A.O.B.

Although we do have Les Black and Tim Steer Memorial Trophies, it was felt that it would be possible to have an additional Memorial Trophy for players and committee members who have sadly passed away. A Trophy is available for this, so we will require Team Captains to advise Mark Fordham of the names of these players who are sadly no longer with us in order for their names to be engraved on the Trophy. If necessary this Trophy could be competed for on a night separate to that of the existing Tim Steer and Les Black Trophies starting from 2011/12 Season. Andy Tillen of B.S.C. requested that new list of contacts be made available - this will be updated to reflect the 2009/10 Teams and circulated with the Fixtures List in September.

12. Date of Next Meeting

This will be on Tuesday 24th August 2010 at Shaw Social Club, 7.45pm for 8.00pm start.

Please ensure your team is represented, as Team Registration is required on that day.

13. Meeting closed at 8.55pm.