

**Thatcham & District Crib League**  
**15<sup>th</sup> January 2015**  
**At Shaw Social Club, Newbury**

<b>Present:</b>	Angeline Davies, Dave Goddard (arrived at 7.24pm), Pam Haines, Nina Hopkinson, Tony Hutchings, Doug Nichols, Mark Paulin, Stuart Warren (arrived at 7.28pm)
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**Action**

**1. Consequences of the Lamb 'B' withdrawing from the League**

Linda Pye explained that she had received a call from Tricia House to say that due to a number of reasons the Lamb B team would have to withdraw from the Crib League with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015. A sister had died 14 months ago and she had recently lost a brother very suddenly. Added to that a number of members of her team had started working nights which made getting a team together extremely difficult. She did not rule out returning to the league at a later stage once things had settled down. She confirmed that she had spoken to the landlady of The Lamb to inform her of the need to withdraw the team. Nina Hopkinson stated that the meeting had been called in order to determine what would happen with the league points and the Knockout Cup.

Doug Nichols confirmed that all teams had played the Lamb B once in the first half of the year and therefore those results should stand. Mark Paulin disagreed and felt that all points should be removed from the league table completely as this was what had happened in the past. Tony Hutchings agreed that this was the way it had been dealt with on previous occasions. On the vote it was agreed that all points earned as a result of playing the Lamb B would be removed from the league table from the start of the season. The number of singles wins and Captain's Cup results would also need to be adjusted. Any future games against the Lamb B would now be a 'bye' for the remainder of the season.

DN to action

Nina Hopkinson then referred to the Knockout Cup. The Lamb B had not played in this event and it was therefore suggested that the Kings Head should go back into the competition as they had been the runners up in the preliminary round. Doug Nichols confirmed that he would contact Tony Denny to invite the Kings Head back into the Knockout Cup competition.

DN to action

In relation to the Singles finals one player from the Lamb B had got through to the final. It was therefore agreed that the person who came second in that game would go through to the final by default.

The withdrawal of the Lamb B from the league would not affect the 'Doubles Knockout' as this had not yet been drawn. It was agreed that all doubles matches would take place at Shaw Club in February 2015.

All to note

It was noted that no subs would be refunded to the Lamb B as they had played half a season and the fees had been halved in any event at the start of the season.

*(The meeting concluded at 7.26pm)*

Stuart Warren joined the meeting at 7.30pm and as the meeting had already concluded he was informed of what had been agreed. As a result of hearing the outcome of the meeting he declared that if all the points were to be removed as from the start of the season then he would also be withdrawing his team from the league. He confirmed that he had informed the Fixture Secretary that he would be late and that in the past if a team withdrew in the second half of the season then only those points earned in that half would be removed from the league table. However, following further discussion with those remaining he changed his position and confirmed that he would not withdraw the team from the league. He did, however, stress his point that he was disappointed in the decision that had been made.