



THATCHAM & DISTRICT CRIB LEAGUE

Chairman – Tony Denny
Secretary – Mark Fordham
Fixture Secretary – Dave Goddard
Treasurer – Pam Haines



Minutes of Meeting held on 19th October 2008

1. Tony Denny welcomed everybody to the meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Gill Kay of Old London Apprentice.

Teams represented were: -

Shaw "A"	Shaw "B"
Black Horse	Plough on the Green
B.S.C.	The Plough (Thatcham)
The Lamb	

3. Purpose of Meeting

The main reason for calling this meeting was because there was the distinct possibility of Burghclere Sports Club (B.S.C.) resigning from the league – they're struggling to get a team together and had already postponed several matches, due to lack of players. Since the league had already declined to only 10 teams (of which one is a bye), it was felt that a meeting should be called to address the situation, and hopefully come to some form of agreement.

4. Discussion

Since the league now only contains 10 teams, of which one – Team 2, is a bye it was felt that reducing the number of teams further would be farcical, and would also require the fixture lists to be revised and maybe even the league re-started for the 2008/09 season.

It was discussed that perhaps the matches could be played using four players only, but still using the same format i.e. 6 singles & 3 doubles. In this instance, 2 players would be required to play two singles matches each, and one of the doubles teams would also have to play twice. In the singles, only their first match played would count towards the most singles wins. For the doubles matches, the players who had not played an additional singles match would be expected to play the additional doubles match. In this way, the format for each match could remain the same.

Please review this suggestion, which will not happen this season, but will be discussed at the AGM in 2009, and if all agreed may result in changes to the league rules.

To overcome this obstacle and to prevent B.S.C. pulling out of the league, Mr Tony Hutchins of The Plough (Thatcham) has kindly allowed two of his players, Dave Bathe and Mark Bathe, to play for B.S.C. instead. Many thanks to Tony for this kind offer. Please note that this is only a temporary solution, and in order for league to continue we must have new teams entering the league. Mark Fordham and Dave Goddard confirmed that they had visited between 25 – 30 pubs in the area, and had yet to receive a definite response.

5. A.O.B.

Mark Fordham confirmed that he had received a call from Colin Mansell of the Starting Gate, who are interested in entering a team in the League. It was explained to Colin that it was probably too late for this Season, but we will bear it in mind for next season. However, if any teams have a bye and would like to play the Starting Gate in a friendly match then Colin can be contacted on e-mail : cmansell@fsmail.net or contact Mark Fordham on 07768 024152 and I will e-mail Colin on your behalf.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm