

Thatcham & District Crib League
25th September 2014 @ 7:30
At Shaw Social Club, Newbury

Present:	Nina Hopkinson, Doug Nichols, Angeline Davies, Mark Paulin, Stuart Warren, Tony Hutchings, Owen Lewis, Dave Goddard, Pam Haines, Jan Mariner, Steve Rosier, Mark Fordham (from 7.40pm)
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Action

1. Grievance Raised by Thatcham Bowls Club

Angeline Davies presented her case and the reason for the grievance. On the 16th September 2014, which was the first crib meeting of the 2014/15 season, Thatcham Bowls Club was meant to be playing the Lamb A team at home. At 7.07pm she received a telephone call from Mark Fordham stating that as a few members of his team had dropped out he was not able to make a team and therefore the game would have to be cancelled. Angeline had tried to phone some of her team but most of them were already on their way and tables had been set out and food bought.

David Goddard stated that the Lamb A had seven players signed on but one of them was on holiday (Owen Lewis). On Tuesday afternoon two players had contacted the Captain to say that they could not make the match. Attempts had been made to try and contact Jim Barnes and Jason Goddard but Jim Barnes said that he was not playing this year. There were also doubts as to whether Jason Goddard was playing for the Lamb A, Lamb B or not at all. Therefore, an hour before the match was due to start only three players were available to play. Angeline Davies said that one of the Lamb players had actually turned up at Thatcham Bowls Club (Richard Green). However, Owen Lewis said that he was not aware that Richard Green was playing for the Lamb and it was noted that he was not actually signed on as a player. David Goddard said that there had always been a problem with players not signing on properly but Mark Paulin disputed that fact.

The two main issues of the grievance were that Angeline had bought the food for the evening and her team had turned up to play. The question was asked as to whether she should claim the points for the game or not. She had not wanted to put in a card until she had discussed the issue. David Goddard apologised for what had happened but it was something over which he had had no control. Owen Lewis stated that he was happy for the Bowls Club to have the points as it was an embarrassing situation and he also apologised to Thatcham Bowls Club. David Goddard and Owen Lewis gave Angeline £10 between them to cover the cost of the food.

Jan Mariner was of the opinion that Thatcham Bowls Club should be awarded six single wins which was the default position as per the Rules. This

was agreed and Angeline confirmed that she knew who had turned up to play and would put their names down for the Singles wins.

In regard to the Captain's Cup it was agreed that when Thatcham Bowls Club played the Lamb A at the Lamb they would play an additional Captain's Cup game.

Doug Nichols reminded Captains that in terms of registration players needed to be registered 7 days in advance of playing a game. However, it was agreed that in this instance Richard Green would be allowed to play in next week's game provided that he was signed up that evening.

Pam Haines returned the £5 paid by Angeline in order to raise the grievance.

(The meeting concluded at 7.45pm)