

## **Yatton and District Summer Skittles League AGM Minutes from 7th March 2024**

Attended by: David Bussell, Dennis Roper, Kevin Tucker and Team Captains  
Non Attendance: Dambusters, Kingston and Red Angels  
Apologies from: David Spearing, Firecrackers and Blues N Twos

The minutes from the AGM on 23/3/23 were read out and Dave Bussell agreed that they were correct and signed them

David Bussell resigned as Chairman

Election of Officers

**PRESIDENT** Dennis Roper proposed that Dave Bussell be offered the new position of President and this was agreed by all and Dave Bussell thanked everyone for this

**CHAIRMAN** Dennis Roper said he would be happy to take this position and it was agreed by all

**GENERAL SECRETARY** Rachel Geal had resigned so this position was available and Dennis Roper proposed that Sharon Williams take over this role and this was seconded by Tony Leonard (Crackpots) and Brenda Smith (Harriers)

**FIXTURES/WEB SECRETARY** Dennis Roper proposed that David Spearing should carry on with this role and it was agreed by all

**SUB COMMITTEE** Dennis Roper announced that Derek Skillman and Dave Marks would be joining

### **Chairman's Report**

Dave Bussell reported that everyone was happy with the donations to the charities

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dennis Roper handed out the 2023 accounts and proposed that we only keep £1000 in the bank and give the extra money to the charities. This was agreed by all.

Dennis Roper proposed to increase the league match fees by 50p to keep it simple and Dave Marks seconded it. No change to the cup fees

Dennis said that the presentation night was a great success and suggested we stick to the same format for this year. This was agreed by all

### **General Secretary Report**

Rachel Geal was not in attendance as she had resigned prior to the AGM. Dennis Roper thanked her for what she had done on behalf of the league.

### **General Secretary Report**

Dave Spearing wasn't in attendance as he was ill. He sent the following message to be read out:

I apologise for not attending the AGM in person this year. It is health related, and nothing else honestly!

I would like to thank Captain's and the more "phone savvy" members of the team if they were needed, for sending in the scoresheets during the season. I only had the odd fuzzy one or with bits missing, not sure if that was drink or age related!

One of your pieces of paper is the Draft Fixtures for you to look at over the next week, before the final version is circulated and put on the Website. Thank you to both Sharon and Dave Marks for checking them over for me. I am very pleased to say all our existing teams are returning for the 2024 season

We did have an application from the Market Inn to join the League again this year. After giving it careful consideration, it is with great regret that the Committee decided that due to the relatively short summer period we need to operate in, so not to clash with winter league fixtures, and the consequent effects on fixtures, they could not be accommodated. They have been promised first refusal should anybody drop out. The fixture season would have had to be extended by 4 weeks for all 3 Divisions, as it is too difficult to sort home alley congestion. That would have meant Divisions 1 and 2 accommodating 4 vacant dates.

I intend continuing our website in the same format and with the same information. If anybody would like me to consider any changes, please mention

it now, so it can be discussed and agreed if necessary.

I am looking forward to another enjoyable summer season. Regards, Dave

Arising from Dave's statement Luke Smith from the Market Inn advised that he would like to appeal the decision not to let them enter a new team again this year and he asked if it could be reconsidered, Dennis apologised to him and said that we didn't want to turn away teams but it was a big problem to work the fixtures out having different numbers of teams in each league.

It was suggested that the new team be added to the third division and Dennis said he will speak to Dave Spearing on 8 March 2024.

Clint Harding suggested that it shouldn't be a problem as we used to have six divisions and that we shouldn't be turning away a new team because of the revenue. Steve Gumm and Tony Ogbourne agreed that it needs looking into again.

It was proposed that the league should go to four divisions but Kevin Tucker worked out that this would mean less games and less revenue.

The Moulders advised that it could cause them a problem if the season was longer as a lot of her players play darts and it could interfere with that.

Dave Pinnock (Evolution) suggested it could be run like the football league where the team who gets the wooden spoon in division 3 would be removed to make way for the new team Wrington Wobblers stated that they might as well drop out now then. Everyone agreed that this was not a good idea.

Redhill suggested that we split division 3 into two smaller leagues (4+5). Within this teams would play each other home and away twice to accommodate the new team. This request was dismissed.

Rising Stars commented that when this happened previously the number of games was less and they had a lot of vacant dates, players lost interest, so he didn't agree with it.

### **Rule change proposals**

- a) accepted
- b) objected
- c) objected
- d) leave as it is
- e) accepted
- f) Dennis said this will be looked at once we see how many entries we get

- g) Captains were asked to discuss with their players about supporting local charities this year rather than national ones as this was the intention when the league was formed and also the possibility of buying defibrillators/bleed kits for the local area this was agreed by all
- h) objected
- i) it was agreed to change the date for the presentation evening to mid September (21/9/24)

Any other business

Redhill asked how much we are paying this year for the sticker up in a cup match and Dennis confirmed it was staying at £20.

Dennis issued three cheques for £250 each, one for each of the charities selected for the 2023 season.

Meeting closed at 9pm