

## MUCH WENLOCK BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the committee meeting held on 29th JANUARY 2015 A.G.M.

PRESENT B.JARVIS / D. DAVIES / B. DAVIES / R. KINSON / R. MUMFORD / L. MUMFORD / V.SKIDMORE / B. MOORE / J. WESTWOOD / D. WESTWOOD / M. LANGFORD / M. THEOBALDS / V. HODGETTS / K. BANKS / T. SWALES / T. HOWELLS

APOLOGIES. K. GARDNER / B. RUDGE / J. POPE / B. PERRY/ D. TURNER / G. MUMFORD.

CHAIRMAN. Mr. Bill Jarvis, Started the meeting at 7.10

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS season 2015 / CHAIRMAN Mr. Bill Jarvis standing /Mr. Don Davies President standing / Mrs, V Hodgetts Vice President standing / Mr. Brian Davies Treasurer standing / B. Kinson Secretary standing / R. Mumford competitions sec. standing , plus Committee members Barbara Moore / Lis Mumford / Keith Gardner / Bob Perry / Mick Theobalds./ Captains Don Davies Senior Citizens League / Tony Swales – Div. 3. Friday nights / Keith Gardner -Div. 5. Monday nights with Mick Theobalds as vice captain.

MINUTES of A.G.M. 2014 read and accepted by B. Jarvis and seconded by Lis Mumford and the members attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING 1/ Mr. Martin Moore Captain of two teams of players has sent the secretary a letter saying that he will be moving from the Much Wenlock area to Market Drayton and the distance unfortunately means he will not be able to play for Much Wenlock Bowling Club. The committee and the members of M.W.B.C. THANK Martin for all the things he did, being captain of the teams can be a thankless job at best. Martin also obtained items through his contacts for the club, not least obtaining the spot lights and installing them on site around the bowling green. MARTIN will be missed.

Item 2/Doug and Jean Westwood are having a year out of Much Wenlock Bowling Club they will be missed around the place with all the things they have done – on the committee – team captain – always there when jobs around the green are required – working in the club house, Jean saying GIVE US YOUR MONEY on Tuesday nights .I hope they will miss us as much as we will miss them and come back soon.

Item 3/ Apologies from Keith Gardner, Keith is undergoing a new treatment and is not very well at this time. Keith had E-mailed me the details of the Much Wenlock Olympian Games on 23<sup>rd</sup>. January 2015 Keith not being at all well has not managed to attend to the paperwork required and the time is now very limited, he also told me that he had been in contact with Mrs. Helen Cromarty as to the parking spaces required for the participants of the games but had no reply as to the allotment of the parking required. All as above was put to the meeting with the feeling that it may be too late to proceed with the games this season. But then the decision was made that the Chairman would E-mail Mrs Helen Cromarty and find out if the required parking spaces were available and try to resurrect the games. But the general feeling of the meeting was that the games may not happen and the blame lies with the Town Council and the parking situation which has not helped the club in so many ways. (Bill Kinson)



**PRESIDENTS REPORT** Mr Don Davies / **VICE PRESIDENT** Mrs Vera Hodgetts – Dons report, -Welcome to all present. First of all the bad news.

Keith Gardner ---not very well and undergoing new treatment and a very positive man.

John Langford ---started chemotherapy today Trevor Jones also having to undergo treatment , we are also thinking of Dave Hall hope you all get well soon

Martin Moore -- Moved to Market Drayton so not able to play for us this year or be chairman.

We need a new chairman (chairperson) unless Bill will carry on for a further year, and we need a vice-chairperson. Last year was a good year for our bowling – especially our male pensioners who having come second in their league are now in Division 1 for 2015. It looks as if our best pensioner bowler will not be bowling at least for the start of the season but we hope and pray that he will be able to join us as soon as he is able. All our teams did well. I wish to record my thanks to all members of the committee who continue to serve the members of our club so well. My thanks to Keith Gardner who, despite his illness, has inspired people to join in and enjoy bowling with others. I thank all other captains for their endeavours as I know how stressful this position can be. I would like on your behalf to thank Keith Banks for all the work on the Green, with Bob Mumford, Brian Davies and the ladies who look after our needs so well.

Now to the future. With the release of the running of the Gaskell Field from the Town Council to 6 members of the Gaskell Recreation Ground Charity, 3 representing the council and 3 representing the donors (Tim Motley) will run the day to day matters of the Ground, meeting at least monthly instead of 3 times a year. We can hope for some improvement to take place some will not be to our liking but eventually things will improve as funds become available from sponsors on a one project at a time basis. We must get our needs submitted to the G.R.G.C as soon as possible. This next year we shall not see much change in our costs , the maintenance of the green etc., but hopefully the next year will prove to be better. We could canvass and see if any firm, or body of people, could look after our green at a better rate and improved standard for the future. We could ask the newly formed group to intercede on our behalf with the Academy School for access via the fence and using their car park. We must consider that we may be asked to pay for the electricity we use by the installation of a meter. (This was going to be done when we got the electricity but never was). We need to get more new members and ones that are younger than the majority of us. Thank you.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT re-elected** Mr. Bill Jarvis. The Green. There seems to be a general agreement that the condition of the green continued to improve this year. Thanks are due to the contractor and also to Keith Banks, Bob and other members who contributed to its improvement. We are also grateful to Martin for his work in obtaining and installing new floodlights. The Teams. Results were somewhat variable although the pensioners did particularly well in gaining promotion. Thanks are due to the captains, and their substitutes, for all the hard work they put in during the year. Without the commitment none of us would have been able to enjoy our bowling. General help and support. The club could not continue without the help and support of its members. Thanks are extended to all who gave of their time and energy: the various working parties on the green and in the kitchen, those who provided and helped with the refreshments, Vera for the presentation evening, Bob for organizing the competitions, Bill and Brian for secretarial and financial work and everyone else who contributed to the well being of the club. Access. The thorny problem of access to the green



continues. We have had two meetings with the supposed "relevant authorities" but a satisfactory solution to the problem has yet to be reached. Hopefully we shall have reached a satisfactory conclusion by the commencement of the new season.

**CORRESPONDENCE** E- Mail letter and details Olympian Games from Keith Gardner 23 Jan. 2015.  
Item 2/ E- Mail from Dave Turner apologies cannot attend AGM meeting, Dave has commitments same time.

**TREASURERS REPORT** Brian Davies, Brian opened with stating that the balance was [REDACTED] the kitty and relating the details of the incomings and out goings for details please see Brian's report.

**SECRETARIES REPORT** Bill Kinson after receiving Keith Gardner's e/mail I Contacted Bob Mumford and Bill Jarvis for advice in proceeding with the Olympian games details on the 24/Jan. The decision was to take the details to the AGM. Meeting.

**MID – SHROPSHIRE LEAGUE REPORT / MONDAY TEAM** Captain Keith Gardener, Vice Captain Mick Theobalds.

**MID – SHROPSHIRE LEAGUE REPORT/ FRIDAY (A) TEAM** Captain Tony Swales

**HIGHLEY LEAGUE REPORT A** Captain

**HIGHLEY LEAGUE REPORT B** Captain

**SENIOR CITIZENS LEAGUE** Captain Don Davies season 2015 Much Wenlock Team has been promoted to Div.1

**COMPETITION SECRETARIES REPORT.** Robert Mumford - Mr President, fellow members. Another year has soon gone by, we managed to play all the competitions but one, as not enough ladies turned up. The competitions themselves went very well – some played on nights when we had byes in the league programme, the others on weekends. Some were well attended and some not, but all played with Great Spirit and friendliness which is what the game is all about. Congratulations to all winners and everyone who turned up brought refreshments which added to the day. If anyone has any ideas how we can maybe alter the competitions, speak up and it can be discussed. I wish all members a good 2015 bowling season and all the best in the competitions.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** Mick Theobalds asked Don Davies if it was O-K to ask questions regarding the bowling club related to the Much Wenlock Town Council as Don plays a role with the council and the Gaskell Field Board. Don related the details of the meeting to the meeting regarding the new council set up with its board members; please see Dons President report for other details.

Mick Theobalds also raised the point as to the E- mailed sent to the M.W.T.C. from the Bowling Club, he asked if the club had received any response from the E- mail, the answer was no so Mick stated that it was time the bowling club followed up on the first E-mail. Mr. Chairman Bill Jarvis said he would attend to the required letter ASAP.

**DATES & NOTES**

**DATE & TIME NEXT MEETING 11th Feb. 2015 at Lis & Bob Mumford's house meeting 7 p.m.**

**OUTSTANDING MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING 1/** Will the club run two teams in the Highley League this season or not, played Tuesday nights. 2/ New Captain required for the A team on Tuesday nights, and may – be one for the B team. 3/ Response to the chairman's follow up E- mail to the MWTC. 4/ New members required – contact the Shropshire Star and local mags.

**MEETING CLOSED Approx 9.15 p.m.**

**PAGE 5 BEING STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS** AS AT December 2014.