

SEVENOAKS & DISTRICT BAT & TRAP LEAGUE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting (2010)

**The Old Jail
Monday 29th March 2010, 8:00 pm**

Committee Present: Kieran Murray (Chairman)
Clive Martin (Secretary)
Mark Stephens (Treasurer)
Julie Pearson (Minutes)

Teams Present: Blacksmiths Arms
Blue Anchor
Bulls Head
Bull @ Brasted
Chequers 4ths
Chequers A
Dragon Slayers
Five Bells
Gamecock A
Gamecock B
Halsted Hackers
Old Jail
Portabello New Comers
Portabello Old Timers
Real Blacksmiths
Rose & Crown
Stanhope Arms
Tally Whackers

1. Introduction - Kieran Murray (Chairman)

KM welcomed members and introduced the new Board. Gratitude was extended to the members of the outgoing Board and one minute silence for Leighton Evans.

KM explained that the new Mission Statement would be clear interaction between members to make the league easier to arrange and, therefore, more enjoyable for everyone involved.

2. Chairman's Review (2009) - Kieran Murray

KM confirmed that the 2009 season started well with 2 Divisions comprising of 19 Teams but finished sadly with the loss of 2 Teams from Division 2 (Crown Seal & Rising Sun).

KM congratulated all the winners in the League and noted that there was a healthy spread of trophy winners.

3. Financial Review (2009) - Mark Stephens (Treasurer)

MS thanked Keith Russell for his diligent nature in previously managing the league finances. There is a healthy balance of £1,976.24 to carry forward into the new fiscal year.

4. Outstanding Fee's (2009) - Mark Stephens

As noted on the Accounts, only 2 teams have outstanding fees due and these sums should be cleared as soon as possible.

5. Registration & Subscriptions (2010) - Mark Stephens

It was agreed to keep Subscriptions at £30.00 per season, reduced to £25.00 upon payment at the AGM.

Registration forms and Subscriptions were received from 16 Teams.

6. One Day Event & Finals Day - Kieran Murray

KM confirmed that there was a noticeable reduction in numbers and hoped that the Board could rectify this season. It was agreed that dates need to be organized sooner and not to be held on Bank Holidays.

7. Presentation Event - Kieran Murray

KM confirmed that the Presentation Event is seen as a celebration of the season and the Board would consult with Members throughout the season, however, it was agreed that the Event should be held earlier (i.e. end September/beginning October).

8. Proposed Rule Changes (2010) - Clive Martin (Secretary)

Match Start Times

It was proposed that teams should contact each other or attend venue by 20:15 hrs in order to commence all matches by 20:30 hrs. with matches that have not commenced by 21:00 hrs being forfeited.

This was agreed but it was noted that the lines of communication on the website needed to be improved with regards to the contact list for the league. This list needs to be updated regularly and a hard copy printed and sent to all Team Captains.

CM confirmed that he was organising a FaceBook Page for the League. This would not replace the Website but would be in addition to as it was a good site for photo's and comments. Still in it's infancy but CM would advise when up and running proper in due course.

Results Confirmation

CM confirmed that there was a noticeable delay in notifying the game results on the Website.

The existing rule is that the results should be confirmed within 10 days of the match and it was now proposed that this be changed to the Winning Team being responsible for notifying results within 7 days of the match or would forfeit 1 point. In the case of a draw, both Teams would be responsible for reporting the results with 1 point forfeit for non-compliance.

The proposal was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

Doubles & Trebles Tournament

CM motioned the idea to have No Entrance Fee for the Doubles & Trebles Tournament which was carried.

Trophies

CM raised the issue regarding the 'Individual Runners-Up' Trophies and should they be ceased as a cost saving exercise. The 'Team Runners-Up' Trophies would still remain.

The members discussed this for some time with many believing that it is encouraging for new members and showed promotion. However

many Members had numerous trophies that were stored safely in the loft and believed that they were unnecessary award.

A vote was motioned and carried in favour of stopping the said trophies.

9. Any Other Business - Kieran Murray

A motion was raised to re-name the 1 Day Event to “The Leighton Evans Trophy Day” in honour of our past Chairman. The day should also be more of a Fun Day for the Members and their families with the idea of raising funds for a designated charity. It was agreed that the funds raised at the next Leighton Evans Trophy Day would be donated to the Hospice that Leighton E. spent his last days.

It was agreed that the cut-off date for new Teams joining the League will be 2 weeks from the AGM - 12th April 2010.

The first match will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of May 2010 - 11th May 2010.

KM to chase the previous Teams who were not represented at the AGM:-

- The Bull (Brasted)
- The Black Horse
- The Papermakers