

Sevenoaks & District Bat & Trap League 2001

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Minutes of AGM

Held at The Chipstead Lakes Sailing Club, Chipstead, Kent.

Monday 29th October 2001

Committee Present:

Leighton Evans - Chairman.
Will Chatfield - Treasurer.
Carol Darlington - Fixtures and Trebles/Doubles Secretary.
Lee St John - Internet Secretary
John Dagg - Social Secretary.

Pubs Represented:

The Bell	Don	James
	Martin	Eady
	Keith	Russell
The Blacksmiths Arms	Duncan	Moore
The Bull Brasted A	Carl	Crowther
The Chequers	Will	Chatfield
The Crown	John	Dagg
The Miners Arms	Debbie	Parker
The Old Jail	Carol	Darlington
	Leighton	Evans
Rock and Fountain	Kevin	Dodson
	Jenny	Dodson
	Janet	Groves
	Jim	Groves
The Rose & Crown A	Rob	Voice
	Lee	St John
	Shelley	Hughes
The Rose & Crown B	Ashley	Inwood
The Stanhope	Bob	Fern
	Brian	Bingham
	Keith	
The White Rock	Lynsey	Ebdy

Apologies Received: None

Meeting Commenced – 8:30pm

1. **Approval of previous minutes:** Minutes from the 19th March 2001 AGM read and approved.
2. **Matters Arising:** None
3. **Chairman's Report:**

The 2001 season has been played out successfully. Thanks to Will for continuing to be the

Treasurer, thanks to Carol for continuing with her role as Fixtures Secretary together with taking on the added responsibilities of being the Doubles and Trebles Secretary. Our thanks also go to John for continuing with his role as the Social Secretary and Jane for assisting with the presentation evening.

This season opened with a somewhat rocky start as 2 pubs pulled out prior to the season commencement. The Halfway House in Sevenoaks could not play because they do not have a garden at all. The Elephants Head laid a pitch during April, but due to the rain the pitch did not settle in time for this season. Despite many attempts to persuade their team to catch up, they decided not to compete this year, but they have assured us that they will be taking part next year.

This meant that all the division 2 fixtures had to be rearranged immediately and the original fixtures lists in the presentation folders were incorrect. Also in Division 1, The Kentish Yeoman team pulled out on the 17th July, although here again I am assured they will be taking part next season.

To avoid this problem again, during the summer months we have visited 51 pubs in the Sevenoaks and District areas and identified 13 pubs, which could join our league including some which, have taken part previously.

A letter and e-mails were issued to all the Captains informing them of the revised position together with details of the one-day event and the knockout Competition on 3rd May ahead of the start of the season.

The one-Day event this year was played at The Crown in Knockholt on Sunday, 2nd September. The turn out was the highest ever seen with 14 teams taking part. We have received many comments about how good the food was and the day turned out to be most enjoyable apart from the rain towards the end of the evening.

The presentation evening at Park Wood Golf Club also turned out to be a great success with 130 guests enjoying the evening. Here again we have received thank you notes and well wishes.

The Internet site www.batandtrap.org.uk was secured and written as under construction on 16th February, however, all the information in the promotional folders and much more was not placed on it until 7th September. This was due to finding someone to write the information in HTML format for free, as all enquiries lead to a substantial bill. As you were all made aware by e-mail the site was written by Lee of the Rose and Crown at no expense to the League.

The site is also self-financing as The Crown, The Old Jail and The Miners Arms sponsor it. This has been achieved ahead of the 2002 season, and every pub apart from The Rising Sun has kindly informed the committee of at least one e-mail address for their team in most cases we have more.

This means that next season all correspondence will be carried out via the Internet. We will however, inform the Sevenoaks Chronicle of the results half way through and towards the end of the season.

There have also been some mistakes in the results schedules. To put this in perspective a total of 241 games were scheduled this season and 3 errors were made and rectified. This amounts to errors of 1.24%.

I trust this statement clarifies some of the points raised this season and hope our league will

continue stronger than ever next year.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Will Chatfield provided a breakdown of the total income and expenditure for the year, this would also be made available to any players requesting it by e-mailing from him on chatfield@achatfield.freeserve.co.uk. Will advised the meeting that the amount in the building society account book included £150 not yet requested from Park Wood Golf Club for the presentation night. The overall account is £10.31 in credit for the 2002 season.

The Bell asked if there were any outstanding charges for admin, phone calls, petrol etc. for the committee. The floor was advised that all stationery had been provided free of charge along with phone calls and petrol and therefore, there is no charge for administration for the year 2001. It was confirmed that hopefully due to the web site there would be no administration or postal charges for 2002 and that all subscriptions would go towards trophies and the presentation night.

It was agreed that subscriptions would remain at £30 for 2002 however doubles and trebles would be increased to £2 per head.

There was a suggestion from The Bell that due to the largest cost item to the league of £503.55 for individual trophies that they should not be purchased in the future, just the major trophies should be presented each year. The vote was put to the floor and it was agreed that individual trophies would be purchased and presented along with the major trophies.

5. **Election of the Committee:**

It was proposed by Leighton Evans that Lee St John of Rose and Crown be elected to the committee as the Internet Secretary; Will Chatfield and Debbie Parker of Miners Arms seconded this. Don James from The Bell proposed that the remaining committee of Leighton Evans - Chairman, Will Chatfield – Treasurer, Carol Darlington – Fixtures Secretary and John Dagg – Social Secretary be re-elected as a whole, this was seconded by Carl Crowther of the Bull Brasted, and confirmed by Lynsey Ebdy of White Rock and Debbie Parker of Miners Arms. No other players offered their services to stand; everyone present voted and agreed with these decisions.

6. **Subscriptions:** As stated in the treasurers' report it was agreed that subscriptions would remain at £30 for 2002 however doubles and trebles would be increased to £2 per head, to assist with increased trophy costs.

7. **Rule Changes:** Leighton advised that players had raised the following items during the 2001 season, which required some modifications to the rules.

Current Rule 37:

A declaration is sometimes made when a team reaches 50 runs, but this is not compulsory and is usually decided between the two Captains. For example if a player were in contention for the top runs award this would not be the case.

New rule 37:

A declaration must be made when a team reaches 50 runs at the fall of the next wicket, unless otherwise decided by the two Captains. For example if a player is in contention for the top runs award this would not be the case. The reason for this change is to save time. If the other team reaches 50 then the first team returns to the trap and so on until the game is decided.

All voted and agreed with this change.

Current Rule 24:

Matches must commence by 8.15pm or by mutual agreement between the team Captains. If a team is not ready to play at its allotted fixture venue by 9:00 p.m. and the 2 team has agreed no other arrangements Captains, the team in default will be deemed to have lost the match. Some matches are postponed due to inclement weather or power cuts etc.

New rule 24 overwrites rule 26 as well

Matches must commence by 8.30pm or by mutual agreement between the team Captains. If a team is not ready to play at its allotted fixture venue by 8:45 p.m. and has not notified the other Captain prior to the commencement of the match, then that team will forfeit the game and receive no points. The side ready to play will be awarded 3 points for a win but not 4, as the game was not played.

If a team notifies the other at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the match that it cannot play at the scheduled time then that team must rearrange the match within 1 month at a date to suit the Captain who has been inconvenienced. If this does not take place then points are awarded as above.

These rules can be varied only by agreement between the two Captains or if this is not possible the committee will decide. These rules apply to all matches including Knockouts.

Some matches are postponed due to inclement weather or power cuts etc. this is at the discretion of the two Captains.

Vote for 3 or 4 points being awarded to the teams that did not advise 24hrs in advance of cancellation.

3 points: Rock & Fountain, Stanhope, Bull A, Rose & Crown, Miners Arms, White Rock, Crown, Old Jail, Chequers.

4 points: Blacksmiths, Bell.

Vote carried that 3 points will be awarded and not 4 in the case of a team that does not turn up or give 24hrs notice.

Current Rule 21:

The overall winner is the team that wins 2 or more of the 3 legs per league match. 1 point is awarded for each leg and an additional point is awarded to the victors. Therefore a team winning all 3 legs will score 4 points. A team will play both 1 home and 1 away match with all other teams in their division during a season. The Team with the greatest number of points will win the division. At the end of the season, the bottom two teams of each division (except the bottom division) will be relegated, and the two top teams (except the top division) will be promoted. If, however the committee adjust the size of each division to suit the number of teams available at the commencement of the season, the two up two down may not be possible. Should there be a tie on points there will be a play off.

New Rule 21:

Same but for last sentence. Should there be a tie at the end of the season for league places, which affect winners etc., the winner will be the team with the most wins in the season. If this is the same the winner will be the team who beat the other home and or away during the season collecting more points for those matches. If this is the same there will be a play off or the title

will be shared. This is the case unless otherwise agreed between the two Captains.

All voted and agreed with this change.

Rule 29:

Should a team withdraw before the end of the season, all points involved with the team will be deducted.

New rule 29:

If a team drops out of the league altogether during a season but they reached the halfway point then the points scored will stand. All points after half way will be deducted. If they drop out prior to half way all points will be deducted.

All voted and agreed with this change.

New Rule:

All matches are to be completed by finals day, any matches played after that time will not be recorded in the season's results. This is to allow time for the collection of trophies and engraving etc. in preparation for the presentation night.

All voted and agreed with this change.

Current Rule 20:

A leg is over when the second team is either all out or has scored more than the first team. The leg is awarded to the team with the most total runs. If both teams have the same score, the teams have to replay the leg.

New Rule 20:

A leg is over when the second team is either all out or has scored more than the first team. The leg is awarded to the team with the most total runs. If both teams have the same score the game is null and void and no wickets taken can be used towards most wickets or runs for the season. However, an individual run score can be used towards the highest runs for the season. The teams then have to replay the leg.

Other points of administration:

We have received various complaints of un sportsman like behaviour, We would like to point out that this is a friendly league and it should be played accordingly.

Fixtures next year will be decided when we know exactly how many teams wish to take part. Only 3 teams will be relegated from division 1. Namely The Kentish Yeoman, The White Rock and The Rising Sun. Also note that at the end of next season 3 teams will be relegated from division 1 again to return it to 8 teams.

Would teams not wishing to enter the league knockout competitions please indicate their choice prior to the draw being made at the beginning of the season. A reminding e-mail will be issued to everyone prior to the draw being made.

A discussion took place concerning playing doubles/trebles knockout competitions on a Sunday rather than Thursdays. A vote was taken as follows:

Thursday: Rock & Fountain, Stanhope, Bull A, Bell, Blacksmiths, Miners Arms , White Rock, Crown, Old Jail, Chequers

Sunday: Rose & Crown

Therefore Doubles/Trebles will remain on Thursdays.

The Miners Arms have suggested that we have most runs and wickets trophies for division 2 as well as division 1. Everyone agreed with idea if we have sufficient fund to purchase the new trophies.

The Rose and Crown suggest that there should be a mid season meeting (IGM) to discuss any points of issue on rules etc. This meeting could not be used for any other purposes. It was agreed that Committee Meeting dates would be made available and Captains could attend these if there were any mid-season urgent matters to discuss.

The Rose and Crown suggest the season is moved to the end of May, to ensure better weather. But not clash with Darts season. It was stated that this was not possible due to the number of teams in division 1, it may be possible in the future when division 1 is reduced to 8 sides.

One-day event – Ashley from Rose & Crown requested that they be put forward to hold one-day event in June/July 2002. He was advised that the committee in March/April 2002 would request proposals from all the pubs wishing to host the event. Ashley then requested six months notice to organise this. Again he was advised that his proposals will be looked at along with any others received and he will be advised as soon as possible.

Ashley from The Rose & Crown suggested that if a Division 3 was created that teams of 4 should play possibly scheduling the best of 5 games. It was agreed that if the situation does arise the Committee would look it at in detail.

Don James from Bell and Keith from The Stanhope requested that results should be placed in The Chronicle. They also advised that The Chronicle accepted the results by e-mail. Carol confirmed that if The Chronicle confirmed that they would accept results by e-mail she will send them weekly – however if they will only accept by fax she would place them twice during the season.

Lynsey Ebdy voiced her appreciation at an excellent job done by the committee during 2001, including web site, brochures, folders and presentation evening this was seconded by Don James from the Bell, Debbie Parker from The Miners Arms and Carl Crowther from Bull A there was then was a show of general appreciation from the floor.

Mention was made of the one day event and Will pointed out that Leighton Evans and Carol Darlington has taken a considerable amount of criticism for the slight confusion at the one-day event even though they were not due to be involved, other than playing. John Dagg went on to apologise as he should have been organising the day.

8. **Any other business:** These minutes will be entered on the web site for all to see.

The meeting concluded at 9:45 p.m.