

Sevenoaks & District Bat & Trap League Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2007

The Chequers Inn
Monday 2nd April 2007, 8:00 p.m.

Committee present: Mike Curd – Chairman
Keith Russell – Treasurer

Teams represented:

- Blacksmiths Arms
- Bull's Head
- Chequers 4ths
- Chequers A
- Chequers B
- Crown Knockholt A
- Crown Knockholt B
- Crown Seal A
- Crown Seal B
- Five Bells
- Gamecock
- George & Dragon
- Heaverham Hackers
- Old Jail
- Rose & Crown
- Stanhope Arms A
- Stanhope Arms B

1. Registration

Registration forms and subscriptions were received from 18 teams.

The meeting proper was opened by the Chairman at 20.15

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 3rd April 2006 were approved

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairman's Report

2006 was the first year with 3 divisions, which meant that the team knockout could also be played on a Tuesday with the result that more teams than ever entered. Unfortunately this meant a play-off for the 16 places available and therefore some teams only getting one game.

The season generally ran smoothly with the exception of one week, which clashed with the World Cup, some teams elected to postpone their games to a later date which proved difficult to follow up and, indeed, some games never got played at all.

A reminder that matches can only be delayed or postponed due to bad weather. It is unfair on the opposition to delay a match for any other reason.

Administration this year was again done solely by email and the website which seems to suit everybody. Rankings and fixtures can be downloaded whenever needed and will always be up-to-date. An effort will be made this year to make the results more printer-friendly so they can be stuck on pub notice boards. There are a few pages with missing pictures, if anybody has any they would like to contribute please upload the directly to the site - it is a really simple process.

An extra award was in place last year for Player of the Season. This proved extremely difficult to administer with some teams not bothering to nominate anyone at all. I would like to propose that we find an alternative system or drop the idea altogether.

Thanks to George and Joyce Cole, Duncan and everyone at the Blacksmiths for hosting the One-Day Event, 15 teams took part, much the same as last year. Well done to the Cup winners The Rose & Crown A (again) and the Plate winners The St. Georges (George & Dragon).

Finals day ran a lot more smoothly this year than it has in the past. All matches were finished in good time. Thanks to Pauline and Roy Gleeson, Les and Clive at the Crown Knockholt for organising it.

A big thank you to Peter Crowther and Lynsey Ebdy for organising the presentation evening. A change of venue and a change of band this year. Comments about the venue were all positive but some did mention they preferred our previous band, Cold Tuesdays. Perhaps we can get them back for this year.

Every year there seems to be a complaint from one team or another regarding unsporting behavior. Please be nice to each other and remember that not all pubs have the same tolerance to bad language and others now have different licensing rules regarding their gardens.

5. Financial Report

Keith Russell explained accounts for the previous season which were approved and are available on the website.

6. Election of the Committee

Current committee are:

Mike Curd – Chairman/General Secretary (willing to stand)

Keith Russell – Treasurer (willing to stand)

Peter Crowther (standing down)

The Chairman asked for volunteers to join the committee, as he and Keith Russell will be standing down at the next AGM. Simon Cuffe and Spike Storey were proposed and approved by the floor.

7. Subscriptions

It was agreed to keep the subscriptions the same at £30 per season, reduced to £25 upon attending the AGM.

8. Rule changes

None

9. Any other business

It was agreed that the Player of the Season award should not take place this year, it being too difficult to administer.

A question was raised regarding teams only receiving three points when the opposition fails to turn up or cancels at the last minute as it seems unfair that they can't get the full four points. A vote was taken and it was agreed to keep it at three points.

The Presentation Evening was discussed and the general opinion was that the new venue at the Westerham Golf Club was better but that we should try and book our old band, Cold Tuesdays, for this year's evening.

Being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00