Minutes of the Lincoln and District Crib League Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 19:30 at Brant Road Social Club

Present: Rod West, Chair, Brant Road Social Club
Cathie Nicoll, Treasurer/Assistant Secretary (Minutes)
Sarah-Jane Nicoll, Plough Inn
Mark Evans, Adam and Eve
Sue Freeman, Adam and Eve
Nick Ruffle, Anglers B
Simon Debenham, Waggon and Horses A

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**
   Apologies received from Pat Atkin (retrospectively)
2. **AGM**
   Agreed with the change of the AGM to Tuesday evening to try to encourage more teams/players to attend.
   Resolved that the constitution be amended. Also **resolved** that the constitution be amended to allow the AGM to be held on any evening in October.
3. **Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**
   The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2024 having been circulated were taken as read and agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true record.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
   There were no matters arising from the minutes.
5. **Chairman's Report**
   The Chairman thanked John and Pat Atkin for their work over the years and noted the sad passing of John Atkin.
   The Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and Sarah-Jane Nicoll were thanked for their input to the league which had run well.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
   The audited accounts were presented to those present. **Resolved** the accounts be accepted.

   Noted there is an overall excess of income over expenditure for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 of £195.31 mainly due to the sale of raffle tickets at the mid-season presentation evening and reduction in the cost of trophies and the generosity of the trophy supplier.

   The League continues to be fully solvent with a healthy bank balance. The committee meeting following the AGM will consider prize monies and the trophies to be awarded for the 2025 season.

   The current balance at the bank should be reduced by the amount of the 2025 presentations which could be c£1250.
7. **Secretary's Report**
   2025 has seen a year where we have lost a number of longstanding members of the crib league including John Atkin who has been a stalwart of the league for many years. Condolences have been offered to his wife Pat who has served on the committee alongside John.

   The league has operated with just one section during 2025 which seems to have been a success; it is likely that this format will continue to 2026 and assuming we have the same number of teams the season will start at the end of January/beginning of February. This format could also be used should there be an increase in the number of entered teams to say 16. A mid-season break and invitation pairs evening will be discussed at a committee meeting following this AGM.

   The committee has become rather depleted and an appeal for more members has resulted in three players offering themselves for election. The election is the last agenda item.

Thanks offered to:

- team captains for managing their teams and for forwarding results of matches promptly (mostly!),
- pub and club landlords/managers for suppers on match nights and especially for hosting the semi-final and finals of the knockout competitions and providing suppers when asked
- players for the camaraderie which is evident amongst all players in the league

8. Rule Changes

Suggestion was received to bring the start time of matches forward to 8:00pm.

After discussion it was **resolved** to advise all teams of this suggestion and conduct a poll on Presentation Evening to ascertain the views of teams/players. Should not all teams agree to the change of time the committee will discuss further to achieve a resolution.

9. Election of Committee

Proposed Cathie Nicoll seconded Rod West and **resolved** that the following be elected to the committee: Rod West, Brant Road Social Club; Cathie Nicoll, Plough Inn; Sarah-Jane Nicoll, Plough Inn and following receipt of nominations Mark Evans, Adam and Eve; Nick Ruffle, Anglers B; Simon Debenham, Waggon and Horses A.

Committee Officers to be elected at the committee meeting immediately following the AGM.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20:10



Chair
20 October 2026