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# Burton & District Clubs Snooker League

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## Minutes Of The AGM Held At Belmont July 2011

Tony Coleman (TC) opened the meeting at 19:30 with one minutes silence in memory of Tony Ayre (Ivanhoe) who had passed away earlier in the year.

Apologies received from Linda Harrison (SDSC).

Minutes from 2010 confirmed as a true record. Proposed: - A. Vaughan. Seconded: - M. Morris.

**Matters Arising:** - M. Hickebottom suggested that the minutes were rather short for an AGM meeting lasting 1hr and 5minutes. He asked if anything had been missed from the minutes. D. Budworth told him that the minutes had been condensed so as not to include the discussions that drifted away from the meeting. C. Keen replied by saying that everything at an AGM had to be in the minutes and there was no such thing as chit-chat at an AGM. There were no further comments.

<b>Election of Officers:</b> -	President	Dave Powell	Pr. A. Davies	Sec. A. Vaughan
	Vice President	Mick Morris	Pr. D. Powell	Sec. B. Fieldsend
	Chairman	Tony Coleman	Pr. D. Powell	Sec. M. Morris
	Vice Chairman	Mark Vaughan	Pr. A. Winson	Sec. M. Hickebottom
	Fixtures Secretary	No Candidate		
	Secretary	Dave Budworth	Pr. M. Hickenottom	Sec. C. Jeffcoate
	Treasurer	Mark Vaughan	Pr. A. Winson	Sec. M. Morris
	Auditor			

**Election of Standing Committee** - A. Vaughan, C. Jeffcoat, F. McNulty, P. Maguire, M. Hickebottom, A. Winson, B. Stewart.  
These people were voted for in one vote. Nobody objected. Pr. D. Powell Sec. P. Slater

A. Winson suggested that a letter be sent to each club advertising the vacancy of F&C Secretary.

A. Davies thought that the job would be done better if it were split into two.

C. Keen said that the competitions could be better organised.

C. Keen also asked that Brian Alford be sent a letter of thanks for his years of service to the league.

M. Hickebottom suggested that the committee meetings should be attended by at least one person from each club. C. Keen added that there should be a points deduction for the teams from the club that did not attend. He then said that the statement should not be minuted. D. Budworth commented on the earlier statement that everything should be in the minutes. T. Coleman answered by saying that in an ideal world that is what we would have but in an amateur league it is not easy to get people to commit to a regular meeting.

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**Treasurers Report:** - M. Vaughan presented the statement of accounts and asked if there were any questions. M. Hickebottom asked about the category of 'Referees & Committee Drinks'. M. Vaughan told him that this was not correct and the category should have read 'Raffle Prizes'.

T. Coleman informed the meeting that this year the trophies had cost more but next year it would be envisaged that the spend would only come from the entry money of the relevant competition.

C. Keen asked who the honorarium for treasurer had been split with. M. Vaughan replied that this was with T. Coleman as they had transferred the position of treasurer approximately half way through the year.

M. Hickebottom asked why the minutes quoted a loss but the financial statement did not. M. Vaughan highlighted the fact that the minutes were for the meeting held in 2010 and the financial statement was for 2011.

M. Vaughan let the meeting know that if the auditor became too expensive then we would look elsewhere to fulfil the end of year accounts. C. Keen suggested a person from his work that was a qualified accountant that could do this, probably at a cheaper rate.

**Prize Presentation:** - T. Coleman asked for peoples opinions on how the PPE had gone. It was generally thought that the comedian was poor. C. Keen said that even though the attendance seemed less than the previous year that this was only because the divisions had been reduced from 4 to 3.

B. Fieldsend suggested that each club should sell at least £40 of raffle tickets. C. Keen suggested that each team pay £1 per week towards the PPE. All these ideas would be discussed at future committee meetings.

T. Coleman asked if the league should do away with the PPE and asked for a vote. The result was an overwhelming vote to keep the PPE of 14:1.

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AOB: -

The proposed rule change to Rule 9 that quoted 'All matches to be played as per the Fixture Book. The only exception will be when snow makes driving conditions dangerous and this will be announced on the website. In this circumstance matches must be played within three weeks of the original date. Any matches not played as above will be claimed and the guilty team will also be docked 9pts.' was voted against. The opinion was that the rule allowed the committee full power to deal with teams not playing as per the fixture list and should therefore remain in its current form.

The proposed rule change to Rule 21 that quoted 'That any new club or teams entering the league should be placed in the lowest division unless the team played in the previous season. In which case they shall retain their league position so long as this does not effect promotion or relegation. Also the club that the team came from has the right to keep their team allocation and this also must be considered when teams move. In addition any team that is allowed to keep their position will play at least four players from the original team by week seven or be docked 20pts per man not played.' was subject to a lengthy discussion. M. Hickebottom believed that teams should always go to the bottom division if they move clubs. D. Budworth explained that the rule had been changed and agreed at previous meetings and that this modification to the rule was to ensure that a team that indicated that it was moving to another club did actually take with it at least four of its players. The rule change 4 seasons ago was not to help the higher ranked teams but to ensure that the lower ranked teams did not have to endure countless thrashings by teams that were clearly playing in a division lower than their ability. This discussion eventually went to a vote and resulted in 16 voting to modify the rule, 1 voting not to modify and 1 abstaining. C. Keen asked for clarification on the meaning of a team and also that if any future rule changes are put forward that a letter be sent to each club with a copy of the old and the modified rule.

T. Coleman informed all present that the 2011/12 season would start on the 13th and 15th September depending on whether it was a Tuesday or Thursday team. Also the Ken Shipton Memorial Trophy would be played on the 11th September at Rileys.

Meeting closed 21:47

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## Role Call

Club	No. Teams	£	Cash	Cheque
Burton Cons				
Tutbury Institute				
Rolleston				
Newhall Social				
Stapenhill Institute				
Swad Cons				
Belmont				
Alrewas British Legion				
SDSC				
Ashby Ivanhoe				
Woodville S&S				
Rileys				
Willington				





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## New Rule

Trophies are consistently being returned at the end of the season dirty and/or broken.

Whilst the option below would be available to the committee anyway it was felt that if it were added to the rules then everyone would be aware of what was required. This was passed unanimously at the previous committee meeting for proposal at the AGM.

Rule

Proposed: - T. Coleman

Seconded: - P. Maguire

The winner/s of a trophy will be responsible for returning it in the same condition it was presented in. Failure to do so will result in that person/s responsible being fined the cost for cleaning and/or repair. This must be paid prior to the start of the next season. Should this not be paid then that person/s will be excluded from the league and competitions until payment is received.