Burton and District Clubs Snooker League
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Minutes of the 2023 AGM meeting
Held at Belmont Club 20 July 2023

1. **Meeting opened** at 19:35

   Apologies: Tony Wills

2. **Minutes from 2022:** Confirmed as a true record: Proposed: Mark Vaughan, Seconded: Ant Moore

   Matters Arising: None.

3. **Election of Officers:**

   President: Tony Coleman, Vice President: Mark Vaughan, Chairman: Paul Slater, Vice Chairman: Mark Vaughan, Secretary (Fix/Comps/Sec): Carl Poulton, Treasurer: Carl Poulton

   The same committee as last year was unanimously re-elected.

4. **Election of Standing Committee:**

   S Deakin, A Moore, M Hurdman, K Stirling.

   No additional members stepped forward to standing committee so the current group were unanimously re-elected.

5. **Treasurers Report:**

   Current balance: £3691.54.

   A new web hosting account has been opened and the website moved to it saving the league £180 per year.

   Trophy costs were outlined as per the accounts. 115 trophies were purchased at an average cost of £25. Trophy prices have increases significantly in the last 4 years. There was a good discussion of moving to cash/vouchers instead of trophies. This was discussed further in AOB.

   Sponsorship of the league continues and we about covered costs of the Presentation evening. We should note that the waistcoat raffle was the last that is being provided by Pete Maguire.

   EPSB membership has not been paid as it seems their organisation is in flux.

Accounts true and fair reflection: Proposed: Rob Sanders Seconded: Rich O'Dell

6. Proposals

a. Rule 4 – Miss Rule

Further discussion on the miss rule was undertaken. Reasons for why the rule was added last year were covered again and a discussion about its validity. Same issues were covered as last year so we moved to the vote.

The AGM attendees voted to keep the miss rule in place for the Premier Division for the coming year.

b. Rule 7: Floating players

The proposal provided by Simon Shilton was discussed. The feeling from the attendees was that the current rule was adequate and the proposal may introduce potential problems.

The AGM attendees voted unanimously against this proposal.

c. Rule 17a: Orme Plate

The proposal to remove Premier Division teams from the Orme Plate provided by Carl Poulton was discussed. The attendees were generally of the mind that Premier Division teams should not be excluded from the Orme Plate but it was clear that the Premier Division teams had an unfair advantage in the Plate that the current handicaps were not equalising correctly.

The AGM attendees voted unanimously against this proposal, however, a secondary proposal to change the handicapping of the Division 1 and Division 2 teams were put forward for discussion.

Two ideas were floated: a) just up the handicap to 14pts for Division 1 teams and 28pts to Division 2 teams and b) use the 14 and 28pts as a basis for Division 1/2 team's handicaps but leave the overall handicapping for the Orme Plate to the discretion of the Competitions and Fixtures secretary with approval from Committee.

Idea b) was proposed by Ant Moore seconded by Greg Britton.

The AGM attendees voted in favour of this proposal.

7. League and Competitions

No changes to any of the other existing rules for league and competitions. League games will start in the third week of September.

8. AOB

- **Trophies** – the condition of the trophies on return yet again was appalling. Clubs and players should ensure trophies are returned in good condition. Ones received from the clubs seemed to be in reasonable condition but the ones from players seemed in poor order.

  It was suggested that we hand out a note with the major trophies at the next presentation evening to winners with a reminder to bring the trophy back in the same condition.

- **Sponsorship** - Pete Maguire wants to stop his sponsorship of the league. Thanks to Pete for his longstanding contribution. His is willing to continue if nobody comes forward but would prefer to stop. Attendees were asked to find new sponsors.

- **Playing conditions** - The standard of conditions at clubs for playing snooker was raised again. We will continue to encourage clubs to provide the best conditions possible.

- **Trophies** - We returned to the discussion of the cost of purchasing of trophies. Experience from the floor is that for other sporting clubs and leagues trophies were no longer purchased and cash/vouchers are being provided instead. The AGM attendees were in favour of this approach given the cost of trophies and that many people never actually pick their trophies up and are left in clubs and, as mentioned, sporting clubs usually issue vouchers/cash now.

  A proposal to move to vouchers/cash instead of purchasing trophies was made and AGM attendees voted for this proposal.

  The secretary was asked to check on the validity issue cash prizes to ensure we are not breaking any particular rules.

Meeting closed 20.36pm.

Belmont Mark Vaughan Arron Vaughan Simon Deakin Kate Stirling	**Newhall** Martin Hurdman
Rolleston Rich O'Dell	**Tutbury** Rob Sanders
Burton Cons	**Potters** Neil Orton Phil Dayton
Alrewas Lee Louch Karl Hancox	**Spot On**
Swad Cons Paul Jones	**Stapenhill** Greg Britton
Ivanhoe Ant Moore	**Break Room**
Woodville	