

Stafford & District Billiards and Snooker League

Committee Meeting – 2nd December 2013- Stafford Rangers Club

Meeting commenced at 7:45pm.

Members Present:

John Foster (JF) Brian Houston (BH) Paul Aston (PA) Brian Coppin (BC) Dave Bishop (DB) Richard Maddocks (RM)
 Robert Wharne (RW) Jim Seaman (JS)

Apologies: Adrian Hughes (AH) Dan Scott (DS)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
1) Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved	There were no matters arising not covered by the meeting agenda.
2) Committee membership	PA Confirmed that Jim Halpin had resigned from the committee due to personal problems which were affecting the time available to do the job of Match Secretary – All present wished to thank Jim for all his efforts and support. Jim Seaman had stepped in to act as interim Match Secretary until the end of the snooker season.	
3) Accounts	DB stated the current balance was £4221.37 – he confirmed that invoices for the Billiards season would be sent out within the next 7 days.	DB to send out invoices as agreed.
4) Presentation Evening / AGM	Present members thanked both PA and AH for the work they put in to the presentation evening. The opinion of the 70+ players who attended was positive, the venue and the buffet were well received by all present. It was agreed that JF Would write to Reg Booth thanking him for presenting the trophies. PA said the AGM would be on the 2 ^{1st} July 2014 – venue to be confirmed.	PA to confirm venue for the AGM and Presentation evening (2014) JF To write to Reg Booth

	Presentation evening to be the third week in November 2014.	
5) League Fixtures update.	<p>JS Confirmed no issues regarding the Billiard League except the issue with Division 3 detailed below.</p> <p>The problem regarding handicapping of a former 1st division player from Rugeley playing in Division 3 had resulted in a number of serious complaints so it had been decided to have a sub group to try and resolve the matter – on the group are DB, BH, RM who were tasked to contact all concerned ASAP – BH to draft a letter to both captains concerned regarding an un-played match - the group to report to all committee members before the next meeting. The dispute raised possible rule changes needed to manage any future issue regarding a premier player playing in a lower division – this would also affect the merit and hi break award RW said a precedent had previously been set when he made a 90 break playing in Division 2 and was not given the award. He also made the point that a top player who is off a negative handicap has more chance of making a higher break. RW agreed to review handicapping prior to the next Billiards season.</p> <p>BC confirmed that match reports were being submitted weekly to the Newsletter but they do not print every report.</p> <p>JS confirmed that entry forms for the snooker season had been sent with a closing date of the 12th December.</p>	<p>DB, BH, RW to work with the division 3 teams to resolve the issues and report back to committee members.</p> <p>RW To review how handicapping is handled prior to the start of the next Billiards season.</p>
6) League Development	<p>JS confirmed he had responded to requests from Kenny's in Stafford and a Tamworth team asking about possible entries into our Snooker League – he had sent entry forms to both clubs with a</p>	

	covering E mail.	
7) AOB	All present thanked JS for taking over the match secretary position at such short notice. Next meeting dates agreed as follows: 13 th January – 10 th February – 16 th March.	
8) Next meeting	It was agreed the next meeting would be on the 13 th January – 7:45 start – Venue TBC	

No other business – meeting closed at 9:50pm

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Proposed rule changes & AGM proposals

Review and firm up match day definitions.	
In the event of any office becoming vacant, the Management Committee shall have the power to appoint a successor until the next Annual General Meeting.	
Handicapping – Billiards	
Premier standard players playing in lower divisions – handicapping, merit award and hi-break award.	