Stafford & District Billiards and Snooker League

Committee Meeting – 4th November 2013- Stafford Rangers Club

Meeting commenced at 7:45pm.

Members Present:

John Foster (JF)

Dave Bishop (DB)

Brian Houston (BH)

Dan Scott (DS)

Jim Halpin (JH) Paul Aston (PA)

Brian Coppin (BC)

Richard Maddocks (RM)

Paul Wilson (PW)

Apologies: Adrian Hughes (AH)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
1) Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved	Matters arising – DS produced electronic match card to be published on website. DS provided a letter in response to a complaint letter from Stewart Fletcher – accepted – DS to send letter electronically.
2) Accounts	DB stated the current balance of £6,415.37 was unchanged from last month. DB required a cheque for £2070.00 to cover prize monies for the Presentation night. An additional cost for hiring the venue would be required on the night.	
3) Presentation Evening / AGM	PA To arrange AGM Venue and date – PA Confirmed he now had all the trophies and was arranging cleaning and engraving work to be carried out. He required support from 7:00 on the evening to arrange the room – DB agreed to contact Kane Perry to act a s compare for the evening and to ask Reg Booth to present the trophies JF To open the evening event. JH To get signatures for prizes and trophies based on a spread sheet to be provided by DB – BC To send a flyer out to all Clubs asking for approximate numbers of people attending. PA Confirmed the	PA to provide date and venue for the SGM at the next meeting. DB To contact and confirm special guests. BC To send flyer asking for numbers attending. DB To provide a spread sheet with names of prize and trophy winners.

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	buffet for 40 people had been asked for but could	
	be changed based on the request for numbers.	
4) Communication Issues		BC To meet with Peter Shelley and others if
	received regarding the handicapping, part way	required to resolve the handicapping issues
	through the season, of Peter Shelley (Division 3)	– Division 3.
	All agreed that this was unacceptable – BC To	BC To meet with JH to progress changes as
		asked for by the committee.
	understand the situation and seek to resolve the	
	matter – he will contact all committee members	
	before the 7 th November – Note that although	
	Peter was a registered player the League was told	
	that he would only be acting in a coaching role	
	and not as a League player – A general discussion	
	took place regarding the many complaints	
	regarding an apparent lack of communication	
	including delays in getting information onto the	
	website took place. It was agreed that BC was	
	appointed as an assistant to the Match secretary -	
	JH – The two to work at bringing the outstanding	
	obs and issues back on track and report progress	
	by the next meeting but to inform all members	
	before (if necessary) of any potential problems. It	
	was also agreed, at the next meeting, to review	
	the payments to run the function. The position of	
	Match Secretary to be reviewed at the end of the	
	current Billiard season.	
5) League Fixtures update.	JH Confirmed not issues with the billiard leagues	JH & BC To publish the electronic match
	except the Division 3 handicapping problem	card And to add entry forms to the website
	detailed elsewhere.	and sent out to all Clubs.
	There were a number of issues with competition	
	entries JH & BC To resolve ASAP as part of their	
	changed roles.	
	BC Confirmed he is now sending reports to the	
	local paper although they don't always publish the	
	information – It was agreed that all reports should	

	be published on the League website. JH & BC To publish the electronic match card on the website and to investigate adding a link on the front page to access it. JH & BC To update the website and ask for entries for the new snooker season to commence January 2014 – they were tasked to make sure all teams fully understood that match night was a Wednesday unless circumstances, agreed by the Committee, dictated that a different night could be used. JH Informed all that he had sent the Inter Town entry form, with a cheque, to the Chairman of the West midlands Snooker League on the 15th October – the League said they had not received the entry form and as such we do not have any teams in entered into this year's event – The whole committee were very upset at this state of affairs JF said had been recently in conversation with the West Midlands Match Secretary regarding another matter and had said that we would be entering teams into the event – Even at this late date the League were still pursuing the possibility of having a team in the competition.
6)Rule Changes	JF Proposed a rule change that had been the norm for many years, to allow the committee to vote new members on to the committee outside of the AGM.
7) League Development	JF Stated he had spoken with Darren Pountney, who plays in the SDBSL and the Newport League, regarding an additional team from Newport entering the snooker League – It was decided to ask AH to make contact with both the Newport and Rugeley Leagues to try and get other teams to join the SDBSL.
8) AOB	JF Said that both Paul Wilson and Darren All To contact JF with acceptable days they

Pountney had made an approach to join the committee – this was agreed by all present. JF asked that all members contact him with days of the week they could attend meetings so future dates could be set.	could attend future meetings.
It was agreed the next meeting would be held at Stafford Rangers on the 2 nd December 2013 – 7:45 start.	

No other business – meeting closed at 9:40pm

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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.	