

Stafford & District Billiards and Snooker League

Committee Meeting – 24th march 2014 - Stafford Rangers Club

Meeting commenced at 7:45pm.

Members Present:

John Foster (JF) Paul Aston (PA) Brian Coppin (BC) Dave Bishop (DB)
 Jim Seaman (JS) Brian Houston (BH)

Apologies: Adrian Hughes (AH) Dan Scott (DS) Robert Wharne (RW) Richard Maddocks (RM)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
1) Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved	
2) Accounts	DB stated the current balance was £3320.88 – he confirmed there were 3 invoices outstanding from the Billiards season – 2 from the Cons and 1 from Derrington – he confirmed all honorariums had been paid. Also confirmed snooker invoices were ready to be sent out. DB also said that due to a recent bereavement the League needed 2 auditors appointed ASAP.	DB to send out snooker invoices by the 7 th April. JS to publish, on the website, the requirement for 2 auditors ASAP.
3) League Fixtures update.	JS Updated the committee regarding Chris Ward playing in division 2 and Kevin Leonard playing in division 3 – both players had division 1 experience – it was agreed to handicap Chris by -40 and Kevin by -16 with immediate effect. All venues for snooker finals had been allocated and confirmed except the Institute JS confirmed he was allocating referees for each event using committee members where possible. BC said he was getting good support from the Newsletter who was regularly printing reports for the League. It was agreed to get quotes for the printing of match cards – PA agreed to try and get a local company	JS to inform the relevant team captains regarding the imposed handicaps. DB & BC to get quotes for match cards PA to try and get sponsorship for match cards JS to arrange summer league

	to sponsor the printing. JS said that using Facebook was proving popular with the site being used on a regular basis – he said that within 24 hours of entering details of a summer League the site had been accessed 100 times. JS confirmed that there was a lot of interest in a summer league – he suggested an entry fee of £12.00 with a 10 to 12 week playing period with a start date of the 21 st or the 28 th may – all agreed.	
4) Presentation Evening / AGM	JF confirmed the Constitutional Club had been booked for Monday 21 st July for the League AGM. Also confirmed the following dates where information needs to be managed – 42 Days' notice – 09/06/2014 – 28 days' notice 23/06/2014 and 14 days' notice 07/07/2014 – PA said that the Morrisman (as last year) had been provisionally booked for the 19 th November – needs confirmation.	All to attend to the necessary documentation required to meet the AGM deadlines PS to confirm presentation night date
5) Communication	No adverse communication issues received except former division 1 players playing in lower leagues which was dealt with under League update.	
6) Rule Changes	BC detailed his progress with the rule changes required for the AGM – BH agreed to support BC to finalise documentation required for the next committee meeting. BC felt that the honorarium payments needed amendment within the rules of the club – it was agreed that a change be made so that limited upfront payments could only be made to a maximum of 4 months in advance – agreed.	BC & BH to finalise rule changes for the next committee meeting.
7) AOB	It was agreed that a program of trophy refurbishment was required – the committee agreed to look a fitting memorial to the late Reg Booth and as such felt that a renaming of the Team knockout trophy would be appropriate. PA	PS to evaluate options with regards to the league trophies.

	to review options for the league – to be discussed at a later meeting.	
8) Next meeting	Sunday 27 th April – Stafford Rangers – 7:00pm start.	

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.	
Amendment to the honorarium payments	