

Stafford & District Billiards and Snooker League

Committee Meeting – 12th October 2015 – Constitutional Club

Meeting commenced at 8:00pm.

Members Present:

John Foster (JF) Brian Houston (BH) Darren Pountney (DP) Dan Scott (DS) Paul Weatherer (PW) Brian Coppin (BC)
 Stan Meddings (SM) Robert Wharne (RW) Mark Silvester (MS)

Apologies:

Ivan Blount (IB) Dave Bishop (DB) Dave Sykes (DDS)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
1) Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. No actions that were not covered by the current meeting agenda. Mark Silvester and Dave Sykes had asked to join the committee which was approved.	JF To publish on website
2) Finance	DB Had provided details to the committee in advance of the meeting - current bank balance was £2822.10 – monies required for Presentation evening £1430.00 – this does not cover the cost of catering. League Fees – After the AGM discussion and information provided by the Treasurer DB it was agreed to increase the League fees to £1.20p to start from the beginning of the season noting that fees had not been adjusted for a number of years. A discussion took place regarding a possible increase to competition fees – noting the views expressed by players at the recent AGM regarding only paying out what had been received for each competition – it was agreed to ask DB to review the current situation to include a review of League fees as well.	DP – to amend league fees. DB – to review competition costs
3) League Fixtures update.	DP confirmed the only League issues was an incorrectly completed match card which he had identified and corrected on the website – Blymhill D had not completed any fixtures and had not followed the League rules regarding cancelations – DP To write to their captain to seek further information regarding the team’s position. Inter-Town	DP – to write to Blymhill D

	teams had been agreed – Perkins to host the first home fixture – draw not yet been made. Finals Nights – it was agreed drop neutral venues for semi-finals – provide refreshments, referees and markers for Finals and to hold more than one final on the same evening.	
4) Presentation Evening	JF Confirmed that the Constitutional Club would host this year’s event on Friday 20 th November – PW to organise trophies – DB to arrange prizes – IB to arrange catering – Ade Hughes had agreed to act as compare for the evening – RW & JF to look at inviting a guest to present trophies. ALL committee members asked to try and get a prize for the evening’s raffle.	PW – Trophies DB – Prizes IB – Catering RW & JF – guest to present trophies
5) Rules Update	Rule 61 is the only outstanding issue with the current rules – after much discussion it was agreed to add this rule to the next AGM where members to retain, amend or remove.	
6) Communication	DP – said only issue was where a number of players did not want their contact details which was causing problems re-arranging games.	
7) Billiards Season	DP – The committee had asked, through the website, for comments on how the Billiard league should be run – DP said he had not received any responses – it was then agreed the sub group of RW, PW, IB put together options for running the league – it was also agreed to arrange, in the New Year, for a meeting to discuss – all players would be asked to attend.	RW, PW, IB – to document options for the League DP – to add an update to the website.
8) AOB	SM – said that due to personal reasons he was resigning from the League – the committee thanked Stan for his help and support. SM – also detailed that his Club, Kenny’s, were improving the facilities for teams and players and that the club did have many snooker players not playing in our League – DP & SM to discuss, offline, how to encourage more teams from Kenny’s.	
9) Reports	BC – said he had made contact with the Newsletter who had agreed to publish reports for the League – he had also contacted the Express & Star but was having difficulty getting to the person dealing with the sports section – DP agreed to ask the West Midlands League how they communicated with the paper and report back to BC .	BC – to arrange reports to the Newsletter DP – to support BC to get reports to the Express & Star
10) Committee Job Functions	It was agreed to address job functions as follows:	

	BH – Rules Official BC – Communications Officer DS – Vice Chairman	
11) Next meeting	TBC	

No other business – meeting closed at 9:55pm

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Proposed rule changes & AGM proposals