

Stafford & District Billiards and Snooker League

Minutes from - Annual General Meeting held in the Perkins Social Club, Tixall Road, Stafford
19th July 2016 at 7.30pm

Agenda Summary

- 1 Chairperson's Welcome**
- 2 Apologies & Attendance**
- 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- 4 Election of Committee Members**
- 5 Annual Financial Statement**
- 6 Rule Changes**
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- 8 Close**

1 Chairperson's Welcome

Carried out by John Foster

2 Apologies & Attendance

25 attendees

6 apologies

All current SDBSL participating clubs represented.

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Attendees

Name	Club	Voting Card	Open Discussion Item?
John Foster	CONS	Yes / No	Yes / No
Brian Houston	CONS	Yes / No	Yes / No
Brian Poppin	PERKINS	Yes / No	Yes / No
Dave Sykes	ROGEELEY	Yes / No	Yes / No
RAD SMITH	KENNY'S	Yes / No	Yes / No
D. Bishop	Treasurer/DERRINGTON	Yes / No	Yes / No
STEVE HEATH	INSTITUTE.	Yes / No	Yes / No
Stewart Fletcher	DERRINGTON	(Yes) / No	Yes (No)
Stephen Barber	Bradley House	Yes / No	Yes / No
JAMES HARVEY	DERRINGTON	Yes / No	Yes / No
ALAN CLEW	CONS.	Yes / No	Yes / No
STAN MIDDING	Kenny's	(Yes) / No	Yes / No
Jim Cunningham	Boston Manor	Yes / No	Yes / No
John Connor	Kenny's CTR	Yes / No	Yes / No
KEVIN CROFTON	Kenny's C	Yes / No	Yes / No
JOHN TAYLOR	BLYMILL	(Yes) / No	Yes / No
ALAN FLETCHER	DERRINGTON	(Yes) / No	Yes / No
DAN SCOTT	BOSTON MANOR	(Yes) / No	Yes / No

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PAUL WEATHERER	WOODSOWES	Yes / No	Yes / No
David Haddock	Blymhill	Yes / No	Yes / No
Den Tomkinn	Blymhill	Yes / No	Yes / No
Owen Hughes	Blymhill	Yes / No	Yes / No
ANDY PENNACAST	PERKINS	Yes / No	Yes / No
* APOLOGIES		Yes / No	Yes / No
* MARK SILVESTER		Yes / No	Yes / No
* ROBERT WARNE		Yes / No	Yes / No
* ALAN FAIRBROTHER		Yes / No	Yes / No
* JOHN RHIND		Yes / No	Yes / No
* KEV LEONARD		Yes / No	Yes / No
* JIM HARVEY		Yes / No	Yes / No
* ADAM LEONARD		Yes / No	Yes / No
		Yes / No	Yes / No
DARREN POWELL	PERKINS	Yes / No	Yes / No
ROSS BRITTON	BOSTON MANOR	Yes / No	Yes / No
		Yes / No	Yes / No
		Yes / No	Yes / No

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of 2015 AGM minutes (available on website) - Brian Coppin / Alan Clewes - proposed / seconded - carried unanimously.

4 Election of Committee Members

Reinstatement of existing committee / officers - with following changes - Brian Coppin resigning / Andy Prendergast joining - carried unanimously.

Nomination of Blymhill representation - Owen Hughes - to be confirmed.

5 Annual Financial Statement

SDBSL AGM 2016 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Firstly may I thank all the club representatives for their efforts in ensuring that invoices have been paid promptly to ensure that almost all match fees have been included in the income and expenditure account and also thanks to Brian Coppin and Frank Curtis for their prompt auditing of that account.

I am pleased to report that financially the league has enjoyed a much better year and I am able to report a surplus of £359.12 with the current assets standing at £3099.52.

This has been due in the main to the following actions taken by the committee in order to streamline our income and expenditure :-

- 1) An increase in match fees from £1.00 to £1.20 per person per match plus an increase in knockout fees from £2.00 to £2.50 per entry.
- 2) A reduction of snooker divisions to two instead of three to increase income by having a longer season and also to reduce the number of divisional prizes
- 3) Ensuring that the prize money for knockout competitions does not exceed the total entry fees
- 4) Ensuring that finals nights are run more cost effectively.

You will also see that I have included an analysis of income and expenditure relating to this year alone which has been used to determine the prize fund for this year. A small amount has been held back to offset previous losses and also to begin a refurbishment process for some of the older trophies.

I have also included the prize money due to be paid out in November as a creditor this year to give a more accurate position of the league's assets.

It should be noted that because the AGM falls some months before the presentation evening the cash balance always looks healthy at this time but at one stage of the year this balance dropped to £774.92 because we were receiving no income between July and March while the snooker season was in progress.

Finally I would like to thank everybody for their support and co-operation during the last twelve months.

Dave Bishop

League Treasurer

Auditors thanked for their efforts.

Accounts review - Alan Fletcher / Stuart Fletcher - proposed / seconded - carried unanimously.

6 Rule Changes

6, 10, 13, 16, 17, 36 - modifications agreed and carried unanimously.

42 - 1 objection noted, majority carried.

60 - Miss Rule changes approved with changes.

61 – Proposed Alteration 1 – majority carried.

65 – Majority carried.

SDBSL RULE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS FOR AGM-2016.

New/Amended Rules

6b) SDBSL Management Committee will endeavour to maintain / increase the number of participating players/teams/clubs at every opportunity.

Comment: Section moved from rule 10

10) All clubs wishing to continue membership of the SDBSL shall be represented at the Annual General Meeting. Any club not attending or not having given notice to the Administration Secretary, in writing, of their intention to remain in the league shall be liable to lose their place in the respective division, group or section. Such clubs, however, will remain liable for any moneys due in respect of the previous season.

SDBSL Management Committee will endeavour to maintain / increase the number of participating players/teams/clubs at every opportunity. If there is a requirement to be flexible with fixtures on an individual basis then these will be fully reviewed on each occasion. This may lead to teams fulfilling fixtures prior to scheduled dates or fulfilling fixtures over additional dates, these will always be prior to the last match of the season.

Comment: The crossed out section appears out of place with Rule 10 and has been removed and include elsewhere.

13) The Management Committee shall have the power to decide in which division a new team to league competition shall play. The Management Committee shall have the power to order any match to be replayed should circumstances warrant it.

16) In all league and team competitions the match shall be played to the order of the card. If one team believes they will be short of players, the opposition team captain can determine which position on the card is to remain blank. In the case of a player playing the wrong opponent, should the frame be completed, then the result stands.

17) League matches can be pre-arranged and played before their original date without informing the Match Secretary. If there is a requirement to be flexible with fixtures on an individual basis then these will be fully reviewed on each occasion. This may lead to teams fulfilling fixtures prior to scheduled dates or fulfilling fixtures over additional dates, these will always be prior to the last match of the season.

Comment: Section move from rule 10

36b) The Committee shall have the power to reprimand, suspend from membership for a period not exceeding one year, or expel from membership of the League, any member or Club, who is adjudged guilty by the Committee of any Infringement of the Rules or Bye-Laws or whose conduct within or outside the League, in the opinion of the Committee, could undermine the effective management of the League, or bring the League into disrepute. Or in any other way be prejudicial to the interests of the League.

42) Prizes shall be awarded (6 per team) for each Division, at the discretion of the Management Committee.

42b) Trophy winners who do not attend the Presentation Night or nominate a representative will have their winnings withheld until the end of the presently active season.

43) High breaks shall be recorded on the Result Cards and no claim for the Highest Break can be entertained unless it has been recorded. The player(s) with the greatest number of wins in any one division shall be awarded a prize, (known as the Merit Award), as shall the player with the highest break. Should there be a tie for the Merit Award or the Highest Break, then all players concerned shall be awarded prizes.

Members present at the AGM will be requested to vote for the following options in regard of rule 61

1. Retain existing rule
2. Amend rule in line with SDBSL Proposed Alternative 1
3. Amend rule in line with SDBSL Proposed Alternative 2

Existing Rule 61

61) Members of the Management Committee will, at all times, prioritise the ongoing running of the SDBSL, therefore will not consider any individual who is employed in a Management position by a participating SDBSL member club.

SDBSL Proposed Alteration 1

61) To reduce/remove the possibility of a conflict of interests, members of the Management Committee will, at all times, prioritise the ongoing running of the SDBSL, therefore will not consider any individual who is employed in a paid Management position by a participating SDBSL member club.

SDBSL Management Committee Members have an obligation to act in the best interests of SDBSL, and in accordance with SDBSL's governing document. Conflicts of interests may arise where an individual's personal or family interests and/or loyalties conflict with those of SDBSL. Such conflicts may create problems; they can:

- Inhibit free discussion;
- Result in decisions or actions that are not in the interests of SDBSL; and
- Risk the impression that SDBSL Management Committee has acted improperly.

The aim of this ruling is to protect both SDBSL and the SDBSL Committee Members involved from any appearance of impropriety.

Alternative Proposed Alteration 2

61) Members of the Management Committee will, at all times, prioritise the ongoing running of the SDBSL. Therefore to stop any conflict of interest taking place any individual on the SDBSL Committee who is employed in a Management Position by a participating SDBSL

Member Club, may remain a Committee Member but may not hold or be nominated for any of the officer roles on the Management Committee.

Comment: the AGM is an ideal forum for players who have qualified for both Stafford A & B teams to have an open discussion about what they want going forwards.

65) A Stafford A and Stafford B team will be entered each season. The top 10 ranked players in the previous season MOST WINS will be invited to represent the Stafford A team, with the top ranked player accepting to play, taking captaincy for the A team. On feedback from these invitations, if any of the players cannot or do not wish to represent the town then the next ranking positions will be considered. the top 8 players will become the Stafford A Team squad and then

The same process shall be followed for the B team can then proceed going down the list of MOST WINS. In the event of players having to cancel at the last minute (e.g. on the day of the match), each team captain has the option "wild card" selections but these must be approved by the League Match Secretary.

7 Open Discussion – 30 Minutes

- Request for consideration of an over 80s Competition
- Under 25's - last year had only four entries - look at options available
- John Connor suggested a number of rule changes, requested further info or to join the committee.
- General discussion on miss rule for Hatfield Cup - looking at common sense options.

8 Close