

2022/23 Knutsford And District Amateur Snooker League AGM
27th April – 7.30pm at Wilmslow Conservative Club

1. Attendance (38):

League Officers:

- Chairperson: Andy Long (AL)
- President: ~~Geoff Jackson (GJ)~~
- League Secretary: Mark Newall (MN)
- Treasurer: Dave Nuttall (DN)
- Competition / Trophy Secretary: David Taylor (DT)

League Clubs:

- Mere (5): Alec Willis, Alec McDonagh, James Owen, Richard Owen, Hong Quach
- Mobberley (5): Dave Lingard, Leung Yu, Mike Roylance, Rick Timms, Bruce Tulley
- Shaw Heath (2): Scott Marshall, Chris Jackson
- Morley Green (5): George Chadwick, Paul Thrower, Paul Hart, Keith Aldred, Arthur Faux
- Tatton (8): Rob Clarke, Paul Townsend, Ian Snelson, Francis Evans, Carl Prince, Dave Blackburn, Steve Prosser, PB
- Wilmslow Cons (8): Martin Hawkins, Mike Sullivan, Dave Wilkinson, Matt Dale, Ralph Robertson, Vic McAfee, JP Diamond, Richard Bailey

Total Attendance including guests: 38

2. Opening remarks by the chairperson

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4. Apologies for absence

Geoff Jackson, Gary Long, Bob Jones, Dave Rainford, Ian Paton, Allen Jackson, Vinni Rossi

5. Minutes of the previous AGM

- a. Proposed as a true and accurate reflection by Matt Dale
- b. Seconded by Dave Wilkinson

6. Any items arising from the minutes of the previous AGM
n/a

7. Report by Chairperson

8. Report by Treasurer

Dave provided details of the finances and has prepared a balance sheet which is available on request. We'll be carrying forward a balance of £19.50 meaning we've made a small loss over the course of the season. Next season we'll need to look to reduce costs slightly or increase income to be able to cover running expenses.

9. Report by Secretary

10. Chairperson to propose Honoraria

League Secretary 800, Comps and Trophies Secretary 445, Treasurer 140

Unanimously accepted

11. 11 Election of officers:

- President; Geoff Jackson
- Chairperson; Andy Long
- Treasurer; David Nuttall
- Secretary; Mark Newall
- Trophy / Competitions Secretary; David Taylor

All officers re-elected unopposed

12. Proposals from members and management committee

Before we proceed – we aren't hear to debate this tonight – that happens at management meetings. Nor are we going to debate alternative proposals.

Handicap Cap Reduction Proposal from Morley Green to reduce from 50 to 40.

Proposal to reduce the handicap cap from 50 to 40 from Morley Green. This was rejected at the AGM last year (in a close vote). The committee see no reason why this shouldn't be allowed to be brought up again – there is nothing in our rules to prevent someone from making the same proposal season after season. Proposal by PH (Morley Green) to reduce the cap from 50 to 40. Seconded by Chris Jackson (Shaw Heath) This has been discussed at length in previous meetings. Morley feel that 50 points is too much for amateurs to be giving away and that the current rules favour the higher handicappers. The thoughts against this are that a quick glance at the table suggests the teams that have lower handicappers tend to be in the top half of the table and the higher handicappers in the bottom half. On that basis the lower handicappers still tend to win more frames than they lose (generally). The proposal passed by 5 votes for to 1 against. It should be said – and will be highlighted at the AGM – that some of the clubs voting yes such as Tatton and Mobberley aren't voting yes because they support reducing the handicap.

**This has been accepted. The cap will now be reduced from 50 down to 40.
After a recount it was 17 votes for, 15 votes against, 3 abstentions.**

Proposal to allow a match to be rearranged after the original date

A scenario arose earlier in the year where a team realised a week before a match that they could only field 3 players and so needed to rearrange the match or simply give a walk over. They weren't able to offer an alternative date before the original date and so wanted to play it a week or 2 after. This was perfectly acceptable to their opponents but is prohibited by the existing league rules.

This was discussed at a committee meeting and it was unanimously felt that the existing rules are too inflexible and that what the 2 teams wanted to do should be acceptable. Nobody wants to see a situation where a team falls a number of games behind or where the league table looks a mess because all of the teams have played different amounts of games so the new wording will be careful to ensure that this doesn't happen.

15.2 No matches to be re-arranged without first obtaining the sanction of the league secretary at least 72 hours before the original set date; 15.3 Any request to cancel a match must be accompanied by an alternative date that is agreeable to both parties and must be either before or in the same week* as the original match. * The week being defined as Mon-Sun

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original date. No team can fall more than one game behind the rest of the league. All matches must be finished by the date of the final league game of the season.

This was unanimously accepted.

13. Management Meeting rota - Mere, Morley Green, Shaw Heath, Mobberley, Wilmslow

14. AGM rota - Mobberley, Shaw Heath, Morley Green, Mere, Wilmslow Cons

15. League Formation Meetings - Will all be held at Mobberley (league HQ) in August each pre-season.

16. Life Members

- Currently playing in the league: Rob Clarke / Francis Evans / Arthur Hasford / Any Long / David Nuttall / David Rainford / Philip Simpson / Bruce Tulley / Ed Wakefield / Mervyn Pike
- Not currently playing in the league: Tony Crompton / Ray Dale / Barry Lineham / David Potter / David Sykes / Ronnie Tagg / John Thompson / Peter Watson