

MALVERN GAZETTE MENS SKITTLE LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE MALVERN MOTOR CYCLE CLUB HOWSELL ROAD ON THURSDAY 29TH JUNE 2006 AT 8.00PM

NON ATTENDANCE: Over the Hillers

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the last AGM: These were accepted as a true record by the meeting and duly signed by the chairman.

3. Matters Arising: None

4. Chairmans Report: The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. His thanks were extended to the committee members for there hard work throughout the year. The Chairman passed on his condolences to the family of our late Honorary President Mr Joe Hughes. He also extended his thanks to Mr Paul Jackson who was stepping down this year from his role of fixtures secretary. The Chairman commented that at last years AGM he asked if anyone else would like to take on the Chairmanship as he will only stand for one more year, and that he felt it may be time for new ideas. Presentation evening was not an enjoyable experience and every effort will be made to ensure a better evening next year. He was particularly aggrieved that teams had not taken the time to purchase tickets before the event and asked for feed back from the delegates to make presentation night a better experience. The chairman thanked all those who took time out to set up the event, and also the people selling the raffle tickets and doing the door who spent most of the evening doing this, a big thank you to all. He congratulated all trophy winners and expressed regret that the Radar were not represented and therefore would not receive their trophies. Thanks were also extended to the R.S.R.E Club for the use of their premises and the excellent service provided by their staff.

5. Secretarys Report:

Thank you all for attending this years A.G.M (not that you had a choice) I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee for their continued support and help over the last season. We also gained a new committee member Mr K.Reynolds during the season that also helped out. It was nice to have new ideas thrown around. We sadly lost our President Joe Hughes during the season and I'm sure we all have a long way to go to match the number of years he played for.

The season has been one of highs and lows, highs such as Mr J.Phillips winning the singles and doubles something I have not seen before and the County Cup side under Mr K.Barnett almost won the League. To the lows Hayden's Hero's pulling out of division three and the farce we had with League games being missed. We even missed one in the Ken Baker Cup. Hopefully however we

resolved these issues as quickly as possible. I'm sure that the teams involved are now fully committed to making next season a great one.

I'm afraid to say that this season has been very stressful for all of us at times, and although some of the problems can be squarely laid at the committee's doorstep. The league in general also needs to recognise the fact that you do not make our jobs any easier. How many times do we send out forms with dates for you to return them by? How many teams have brought their Application for League membership with them tonight? They should have been returned by 15 June! How many teams returned their Trophies in time? All season long it has been this sense of apathy throughout the league that has frustrated the committee so much. We also have lives outside of skittles. I know that this does not apply to most of you in this room but it is filtering through, and needs to be stopped. Please try to bear this in mind when we send you letters or information.

I do not want to dwell on presentation evening I would just like to thank all the people that made the time to help set up the R.S.R.E and the bar staff who were great. I have gained experience from the event; tickets will not be sold on the door again! I would like to congratulate all trophy winners and commiserations to everyone else.

Now is the time for us to begin the new handbook if anyone wishes to place an advert please contact me a.s.a.p.

The handbook is becoming ever more important for you and I hope you will read them and support our advertisers where possible. One added extra next season there will be a page dedicated to Delegate meetings dates. There will no excuse for not coming! Thank you for listening and Good Luck for next season.

6. Treasurers Report: The treasurer talked the delegates through the balance sheet, itemising the accounts and inviting questions from meeting. The meeting were happy with the report and did not query any item. They did however express their thanks for the way the accounts had been dealt with. Bank a/c £590.18, Petty Cash £132.14, B/S a/c £731.49. Total at June 2006 £1453.81

7. Acceptance of League Accounts: These were proposed by Mr A. Ledington and seconded by Mr R.Monk, agreed by the meeting.

8. Ratification of Existing Teams: The fixture secretary reported that 30 teams had registered and payment in full had been received from all 30 teams. Proposed Mr K.Jackson & seconded Mr R.Monk. Delegates agreed to accept the registered teams.

9. Ratification of New Teams: There were one new team requesting acceptance to the league, the Anchor Pirates they would play from the Anchor. Proposed Mr K.Jackson & seconded Mr C. Dunn the new team was accepted unanimously.

10. Subscriptions: Subscriptions are currently £50.00 and the delegates felt that no increase was necessary. Proposed Mr S.Hodges seconded Mr T.Digger.

11. League Structure / Commencement of season dates: With 30 teams accepted by the league this would mean three divisions with a start date of 07/09/06 with the final game being played on 31/05/07.

12. Rule Changes: There was one rule changes to be voted on;

Rule 3

G) Postponement of a match

The League Secretary shall be the final arbiter on whether or not a match may be postponed.

The Team unable to fulfil the fixture shall give the League Secretary 7 days notification of the proposed postponement and at the same time a revised date on which the match will be played agreed by both Teams.

In any event the match shall be played within 4 weeks of the original date or before the end of the season (whichever is the shorter period).

The Home Team shall notify the Landlord of the postponement and arrange the revised date for the fixture.

In the event that the Teams cannot agree a date the Committee's decision shall be final.

This was proposed by Mr S. Freeman and seconded by Mr J. Portman and after lengthy debate and several suggestions were rejected by the delegates 3 for & 10 against.

13. Election of officers: the officers who stand down for the coming season are, the Chairman Mr L.Gillam, Secretary Mr M.Evans, Treasurer Mr N.Taylor (not standing for re-election), Fixture secretary Mr P.Jackson. The Chairman Mr L. Gillam asked if anyone was prepared to take on the chairmanship, on one came forward and Mr Gillam said he would continue for one further year only. This was proposed by Mr P. Trussler & seconded by Mr N.Taylor. Mr M.Evans confirmed he was willing to stand once more and this was proposed by Mr N.Taylor & seconded by Mr K.Reynolds. Mr N.Taylor agreed to stand for one further year only as treasurer, two further candidates agreed to join the committee with a view of standing for the position of treasurer next season (Mr A.Ledington & Mr R.Thomas) this was proposed by Mr R.Monk & seconded by Mr K.Jackson. Mr D.Badsey agreed to stand for the fixtures secretary position this was proposed by Mr K.Jackson & seconded by Mr S. Freeman. All other officers will stand for at least one more season as will the general committee.

14. Honoraria: The honoraria will remain the same this was proposed by Mr R. Monk & seconded by Mr B.Maund the proposal carried.

15. A.O.B: The question was raised from the floor if the league games could be played without having too many breaks for the various competitions leading to a fractured fixture list, the committee responded by saying they felt that change was needed and will discuss this at committee level.

With no further questions the meeting finished.

