

MALVERN GAZETTE MENS SKITTLE LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE MALVERN MOTOR CYCLE CLUB HOWSELL ROAD ON THURSDAY 28TH JUNE 2007 AT 8.00PM

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: This will be my last report as chairman, but I must say I have enjoyed doing it. Tonight I will start by thanking all the committee members for their support and hard work keeping the league running smoothly. This has made my job a lot easier, so I hope the next Chairman will get the same support. The presentation evening was the best for a long time, and all the tickets were sold which was a good achievement. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up, it was regrettable that the Anchor Pirates could not find a team member to collect their trophies, I wonder if the teams ever stop to think how much work goes into organising a league so you can play skittles? So in future please make sure if you win a trophy you attend the presentation evening. Thank you to the committee members for putting the tables and chairs out for the evening and thanks to Neville Farley and Kevin Monk for selling raffle tickets and collecting entrance tickets, also to Nick Taylor for being m.c. Thanks also to the R.S.R.E for use of the room and staff.

As you are all aware I am stepping down as Chairman and would like to become President, I still wish to be part of the League, but would prefer to take a back seat. I started as a committee member in 1977, became Vice Chairman in 1979, and Chairman in 1983, I think it's time to retire.

I very much appreciated the decanter and inscribed base, with the six glasses that was presented to me on presentation night, it was such a surprise I was lost for words, thank you all very much. I have brought a photo of this to show you. Thank you all once again for the gift and your support over years.

5. Secretarys Report:

Thank you all for attending this years A.G.M. (if you think last years speech was long get ready)I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and help over the last season. We gained new members to the committee this season Mr A.Ledington & Mr R Thomas with a view to one of them taking on the treasurers role, Mr D.Badsey as fixture secretary and Mr T.Burford a seasoned campaigner that has seen it all in the world of skittles. These guys along with the rest of the committee have been of immense help to me throughout the season.

During this season I have been archiving some of our records for the web site that we are setting up, it has been a long painstaking task, but I did find some rather interesting information. Mr L.Gillam was vice Chairman in 1979/80 when it would seem records began and became Chairman for the 1983/84 season that means he has held this post for a staggering 23 years!! How many stories I'm sure he could tell, and how many times has he seen the same arguments with the same results?

If anyone has any older handbooks or league tables going back before 1979 I'd love to get a copy.

It would be unfair of me to give to a seasons review without mentioning Mr P.Jackson who stepped down last year as fixture secretary but still provided the league with a fixture list before he left and has been available to assist Dave throughout the season if necessary.

Unfortunately we discovered rather early in the season that we actually missed a rule change in the handbook for the last two seasons rule 12 result sheets will be added. Sorry if this oversight has caused any confusion. This will be rectified this season.

The county cup side again did us proud with Second place, well done to Mr K.Barnett and the team. If anyone would be interested in the sponsoring the side please contact myself or Kevin.

Presentation night was a massive success and I would to thank the committee for setting up the R.S.R.E club and all the hard work to make the evening happen, I would also like to personally thank Mr Nick Taylor for taking over the sale of tickets while I was away on holiday, the final thanks must go to you the League for supporting the event.

During the season the committee has looked at various plans, ways to improve this coming season. We have tried to listen to some of the more sensible suggestions (e.g. presentation night & rule changes) and have some ideas still on the back burner, including the fixture list, which we'll get to later.

We have also set our selves some targets for the coming season, we intend to decrease costs, and increase sponsorship / advert revenue. The website will happen and when up will give you the league tables & results weekly. Please ensure that you get your results sheets back to Geoff in plenty of time so we can upload it ready to view from Tuesday morning each week. Ken Baker Groups and all cup draws will also be available to view. The forums will give you all the opportunity to contact the committee or another team, voice your concerns or even propose new rule changes. Now you know why we have asked for your email addresses, this will also save the purchase of stamps.

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

One final note I would like the meeting to consider an increase in the honoraria this year, there has not been an increase for over 8 years and with the extra work load we are all taking on I think this is now overdue.

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 £563.78, Petty Cash £74.32, B/S a/c £736.22. Total at June 2006 £1374.32

7. Acceptance of League Accounts: These were proposed by Mr T. Burford and seconded by Mr A.Wanklin, 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 N.Farley & seconded Mr K.Jackson. Delegates agreed to accept the registered teams.

9. Ratification of New Teams: There was one new team requesting acceptance to the league, the Over The Hillers they would play from the The Lamb Inn. Proposed Mr P.Jackson & seconded Mr M. Evans the new team was accepted, however doubts were raised over the reliability of the team.

10. Subscriptions: Subscriptions are currently £50.00 and the delegates felt that no increase was necessary. Proposed Mr T.Burford seconded Mr P.Roome.

11. League Structure / Commencement of season dates: With 31 teams accepted by the league this would mean three divisions (two of ten teams and one of eleven) with a start date of 30/08/07 with the final game being played on 05/06/09.

12. Rule Changes: There were seven rule changes to be voted on;

3. D1) Postponement of a Match.

The fixture 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 fixture 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 within 4 weeks or the end of 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.

Not proposed, rejected by the meeting

3. D2) The fixture secretary shall be the final arbiter on whether or not a match may be postponed. In the event that the Teams cannot agree a date the Committee's decision shall be final (including the awarding of points). Proposed By Mr T.Burford seconded Mr M.Evans 27 for 2 against carried by the meeting.

4. E) Trophies presented on presentation evening will become the responsibility of the team or individual they are presented to. Teams failing to attend presentation evening will receive no trophies. Failure to return any trophy to the league will result in the team or individual being

asked to replace the said trophy.

Proposed Mr P.Roome seconded Mr L. Gillam 27 for 3 against carried by the meeting.

5. King Pin

If a player is no-balled only the King pin shall be re-set (if floored)

Proposed Mr R.Dance seconded Mr T.Burford 15 for 1 against carried by the meeting.

11. To be added at the bottom

if the teams are still tied then a play-off game will be arranged by the fixtures secretary. Please note a Thursday night may not be available (Rule 3 will apply) **Not proposed, rejected by the meeting.**

13. D) Transfer of Players No transfers to take place after 31st December each year; however no restriction will be made for signing new players after this date. **Proposed Mr P.Jackson seconded Mr R.Jenkins 30 for 1 against carried by the meeting.**

16. Teams failing to send delegates to a delegates meeting shall receive a monetary fine. Failure to attend another meeting during the season will result in the monetary fine being doubled and six points being deducted. Failure to attend other meetings shall result in pervious fine doubled along with point's deduction also being doubled.

e.g. 1st meeting £10.00

2nd meeting £20.00 & six points deducted

3rd meeting £40.00 & twelve points deducted act.

Monetary fines to be set by the management committee, all teams to be notified before the start of each season the current rates for late result sheets, incorrectly filled result sheets and non-attendance of delegates meetings.

Proposed Mr P.Jackson seconded Mr A.Ledington for 10 against 19

Rejected by the meeting

13. Election of officers: The officers who stand down for the coming season are, the Chairman Mr L.Gillam (not standing for re-election), Vice Chairman Mr N.Farley, Treasurer Mr N.Taylor (not standing for re-election), Results secretary Mr G. Robinson.

Mr L.Gillam was proposed by Mr M.Evans seconded by Mr T.Burford and carried unanimously as Honourary President

Mr T.Burford was proposed by Mr L.Gillam seconded by Mr A.Ledington and unanimously voted as new Chairman.

Mr N.Farley was willing to stand again and was voted in unanimously.

Mr A.Ledington was proposed by Mr N.Farley seconded Mr D.Badsey and unanimously voted as treasurer.

Mr G.Robinson was willing to stand again and was voted in unanimously.

All other officers will stand for at least one more season, the general committee will made up of the following Mr K.Barnett, Mr K.Reynolds, Mr K.Monk & Mr N.Taylor

14. Honoraria: A raise in the honoraria was proposed by Mr T.Burford and carried unanimously to the amount of £175.00.

15. A.O.B:

With no further questions the meeting ended.