

MALVERN GAZETTE MENS SKITTLE LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE MALVERN MOTOR CYCLE CLUB HOWSELL ROAD ON THURSDAY 26TH JUNE 2008 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:

Welcome to everyone, Len must have known that problems lay ahead when he moved on to be our President. It has been a year of lost venues. Firstly with the closure of Willie Thorne's alley, and then the really big loss of the RSRE club. This has proved a blow not only as a skittles venue but also as a place to hold the presentation evening. We have just heard about the closure of the Express and it's likely that it may not be available for the beginning of next season Thank you to Newtown Club for stepping in at such short notice and offering their facilities for the presentation night. The presentation went extremely well, and I would like to thank all those involved in the organisation.

A big plus this season has been the sponsorship from Marston's and Clarke Roxborough, the support from both sponsors has been tremendous and in the short term has provided the League with financial stability we were seeking.

Inevitably we have made errors, all of which were overcome. We are in some respects still on a learning curve and this season will be interesting. I wish to thank the committee for the way they have operated and organised skittle matters this season. I can assure you that you have a very good committee working for you. I would like particularly to highlight the volume of work put in by your Secretary in getting the website up and running. I Hope those of you able to log in are enjoying it. May I also say how much I appreciate the clarity with which the Treasurer has presented the accounts throughout the season, also a big mention to Dave Badsey who has for the most part facilitated the sponsorship deal with Marston's.

Congratulations to all trophy winners, runners up and all those of you who took part. We can put the league together but without your support it would all be to no avail.

Finally a big mention to the County Cup team who put in a good performance on the League's behalf and in particular what a fabulous effort their social evenings are with all monies collected go to Charity, well done and thank you to Kevin Barnett.

5. Secretarys Report: Thank you all for attending this years A.G.M. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and help over the last season. As you will recall during last years lengthy speech I said that the committee had set it's self some targets for this season, and I'm sure you'll all agree we have met those targets. We have increased monies received through sponsorship deals; the website has been a revelation with us regularly getting over 3000 hits a month. Other leagues are logging onto our website to check County Cup fixtures and results .We were unable to find a better deal for the supply of trophies even though we did receive quotations from several other supplies. We even had quotations from different suppliers for producing the handbooks, raffle tickets and results sheets.

We have had to over come several obstacles during this season which have included loosing four alleys (if you include The Express) and a venue for the presentation evening. We tried a new fixtures format this season, starting with the Ken Baker groups (apart from Division three) then straight into the league games, this has been received well by all, and we'll be looking to carry on with this format for next season, with a few minor changes. We have several fixture suggestions for you to look over before we decide later this evening. We have also learnt some valuable lessons during the season with regard to cup completions, and have already began the work of resolving these minor annoyances for next season. The finals went well, I again managed to get to them all, and the added incentive of some Marston's beer for the winner's helped.

Once more we discovered rather early in the season that we had again made a few errors in the handbook. We have measures in place to hopefully eradicate this problem for next season.

Presentation night was a great success and I would like to thank the committee for all the hard work to make the evening happen, and also Newtown club for being able to host the event, considering the short notice and obvious other problems that it threw up. Congratulations to all winners, it was nice to see different names on some of the trophies giving a broader spectrum of teams at presentation evening. The final thanks must go to you the League for supporting the event.

I would like to discuss next year's presentation evening in greater detail later this evening.

The county cup side again did us proud with third place, well done to Mr K.Barnett and the team.

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. Total income for 07/08 £4507.88, Expenditure £3967.36 with together with the sum of £1374.32 carried over from 06/07 leaves £1914.84 to carried forward into next season. £255.89 in petty cash.

7. Acceptance of League Accounts: These were proposed by Mr K.Douglas and seconded by Mr P.Branfield, agreed by the meeting.

8. Ratification of Existing Teams: The fixture secretary reported that 31 teams had registered and payment in full had been received from all 31 teams. Proposed Mr N.Taylor & seconded Mr G.Bass the delegates agreed to accept the registered teams.

9. Ratification of New Teams: No new applications had been received.

10. Subscriptions: Subscriptions are currently £50.00 and the delegates felt that no increase was necessary. Proposed Mr M.Evans seconded Mr A.Ledington, carried by the meeting.

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) The meeting was given the option of two fixture lists A & B. (A) Would commence on 11/11/08 with the final game being played on 04/06/09 (Ken Baker cup would be straight knockout and all games would be played on Thursday evenings). (B) Would have a start date of 28/08/08 with the final game being played on 11/06/09 (Singles and pairs finals would be on Friday evenings). The meeting decided fixture list B was the best option.

12. Rule Changes: There were no suggested rule changes to be voted on;

13. Election of officers: the officers who stand down for the coming season are, League Secretary Mr M.Evans, Fixture Secretary Mr.D.Badsey and the general committee all were unanimously voted back into office. Mr M.Smith joined the general committee and was unanimously voted in.

14. Honoraria: A raise in the honoraria of the League Secretary was proposed by Mr T.Burford and carried unanimously to the amount of £225.00.

15. A.O.B:

The Secretary asked the meeting for feedback and if they wanted to look at alternative venues for Presentation evening, the unanimous answer was to keep presentation evening at Newtown Club for 2008-2009 season.

With no further questions the meeting ended.