

Stafford & District Billiards and Snooker League

Committee Meeting – 5th November 2018 – Constitutional Club

Meeting commenced at 7:15pm.

Members Present: Brian Houston (BH), Owen Hughes (OH), Grant Houghton (GH), Michael Holmes (MH)

Club Representatives: Tony Forbes (TF – Bradley House), Brian Coppin (BC – Perkins), Ken Lancaster (KL – Universal), Dan Clarke (DC – Universal), Peter Randall (PR – Constitutional)

Apologies: Paul Weatherer (PW) Stewart Fletcher (SF)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
1) Minutes of Meeting	Minutes of meeting from the 4 th September were reviewed and accepted	SF – Update web site
2) Committee members & roles	<p>MH – To contact all clubs to confirm their appointed representatives to the committee in accordance with new rule 5c</p> <p>BH - Set-up new 'What's App' group to simplify communication between committee members</p> <p>Roles of chair & vice chair to be agreed at next meeting once all new committee members are confirmed. Interim positions accepted as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair – Brian Houston• Vice Chair – Grant Houghton <p>New role to administer the trophies is required, it may be necessary to form a sub-committee to support the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation – engraving, cleaning, repairs	<p>MH – to contact all clubs to confirm committee representation</p> <p>BH – Set-up What's App group</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuation • General storage • Renaming of trophies • Maintain records of trophy holders <p>Pete Randall to consider administrator role</p>	PR – To confirm
3) Finance	<p>The following information was provided by PW prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Current Balance £4183.91 as of the 31st October 2018</p> <p>No outstanding debtors and we have unrepresented cheques totalling £1607.50 (S Fletcher £62.50, Presentation evening prizes £1545.00)</p> <p>Copy of invoice for engraving required to reimburse John Foster who kindly supported this activity</p> <p>League sponsorship – MH has secured £150 sponsorship from the 'Unite' union. Committee to decide how to recognise this sponsorship</p> <p>Continued sponsorship from Kenny's to be confirmed</p> <p>Income and Expenditure 2017/2018 record was reviewed at the meeting, no issues raised.</p>	<p>BH – contact John re invoice</p> <p>All</p> <p>GH – to discuss with Kenny's</p>

5) Presentation Evening	<p>A date could not be secured for a Friday before Christmas. Committee considered proposals for a Saturday night (with the possibility of additional activities) or a Wednesday night but these were rejected for this year's event.</p> <p>Committee agreed that a Friday evening date should be secured early in the new year.</p> <p>A Buffer for 40 people to be arranged</p> <p>Ade Hughes to be asked to compare the evening John Foster (past SDBSL chairman) has agreed to hand out trophies</p>	<p>IB – to confirm date available for presentation evening and organise buffet</p> <p>BH – to contact Ade</p>
6) AOB	<p>Handicap System: A number of those present expressed their concerns about the use of team handicaps and would prefer the use of individual handicaps for all competitions. Committee agreed that this should be put to the wider league community. Committee to secure input from the teams via a survey prior to the next AGM.</p> <p>Captain's Contact Details: Not all of the team captain's contact details are available on the web site, which makes it difficult when trying to rearrange matches or discuss other issues between teams. The committee does not have all the contact details and would need to secure the permission of all involved when publishing on the web site.</p> <p>Web administrator to advise on the possibility of using password protection to limit access to the contact details to team captains only.</p>	<p>MH – to put out general request for team captain contact details and their permission to display on the web site.</p> <p>SF - to review password protection for contact details on the present web site.</p>

	<p>Promotion/Relegation: TF questioned the present promotion/relegation structure, which has two teams promoted/relegated. It was stated that some teams would prefer a one team promotion/relegation especially when being promoted to the first division. The present structure has been in place for some time and is at the discretion of the Match Secretary according to rule 41. Committee agreed that this should be put to the wider league community. Committee to secure input from the teams via a survey prior to the next AGM.</p> <p>Match Start time: DC expressed concerns about the misuse of match start times. Match start time is defined in rule 27 and is republished here as reminder to all teams.</p> <p>Rule 27) All matches will commence no later than 7.30 p.m. except where permission to start at 8.00 p.m. has been granted. Four players from each team must be present at the commencement of play and the fifth player in each team must be available by 8.15 p.m. or 45 minutes after the start of play except where otherwise agreed between the captains. (Other times can be arranged for re-arranged matches). This rule applies to both home and away players. Failure to comply may result in matches being forfeited/claimed and the player(s) being treated as absent with Rule 31 being applied.</p>	
7) Next meeting	Monday 14 th January 2019	All - confirm availability

No other business – meeting closed at 9:30pm

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