

Frodsham & District Snooker League

Minutes of the AGM held Monday 4th September 2023 at RWMC

The meeting was opened at 19:30pm by the Chairman Howard Davison (HD), the agenda having been circulated via email by Graham Miller (GM) beforehand.

HD advised the meeting of the sad passing of Gary Charnock of HRBL who had been a league player for many years.

1. Attendees and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Justin Garnett, Ade Marshall and Gary Southerton.

Attending were Dave Padley, Mark Gilson, Tommy Hatton, Tony Penney, Ian Lowe, Lee Wood, Pete Best, Mark Butchers, Mike Ellison, Howard Davison and Graham Miller.

HD noted that the turnout for this AGM was quite disappointing.

2. Last AGM held 30th August 2022 – actions completed:

- a. 'Shoot-out' singles competition held on 26 Feb 2023 at RWMC was a success with 16 players competing and it is planned to do the same this season.
- b. League fees were increased from 70p to £1 per player and the Rules had been updated accordingly.
- c. The revised handicapping system was now bedded in with a very tight finish in the lower half of the 1st division.
- d. An agreed dress code for cup finals was implemented and written into the Rules.

The meeting unanimously accepted the minutes of the 2022 AGM as a true record.

3. Finances

GM presented a Balance Sheet showing a balance in hand of £950.16 along with a full set of accounts for further information.

Proposed by Mike Ellison, seconded by Mark Gilson that Honoraria for the combined Secretary / Treasurer role to remain at £500.

4. Election of Officers

Proposed by Graham Miller and unanimously agreed by the meeting that the current officers be re-elected en bloc, i.e.

President: Graham White

Chairman: Howard Davison

Secretary / Treasurer: Graham Miller

Committee: Dave Padley, Tommy Hatton, Mark Gilson, Pete Best and Mike Ellison.

There were no other members wishing to join the Committee.

5. Divisions, teams, fixtures & results reporting

Given that Kingsley were not returning and R Cons A had dropped out of the league due to not being able to form a team, 14 teams remained for the forthcoming season. GM explained the recent Committee discussions and their proposals below were unanimously supported by the meeting.

- a. Season 2023-24 will have 8 teams in Div 1 and 6 teams in Div 2. RWMC A and Helsby C are relegated from Div 1 and OMH B and HRBL B promoted from Div 2.
- b. Teams in Div 1 will play each other 3 times so 21 matches.
- c. Teams in Div 2 will play each other 4 times, so 20 matches.
- d. If 14 teams remain, then season 2024-25 will have 7 teams in each division formed on the results of the 2023-24 season whereby 2 teams will be relegated from Div 1 and 1 team will be promoted from Div 2.

[GM Note to Captains: The 'UK League Snooker' website will continue and results sheets can be sent by email or What's App to the secretary for uploading to the web, ideally straight after the match before 11:30pm.]

6. League rules update

The Committee had made two proposals for the AGM, both of which were unanimously carried.

- a. League positions are first determined by the number of points then wins and only then if two or more teams are equal, does the team with least losses preside. In the event that teams are equal on points, wins and losses, then head-to-head results are taken into account.
- b. Wrong handicap on the score sheet – the current rules to be amended to read 'both players / captains shall agree player handicaps before the start of each frame. If a mistake is noticed later, it will have no consequences.....'

A discussion then followed regarding current rule 5.5.2 'Lateness' and the Committee agreed to review this rule at their next meeting.

ACTION: SECRETARY / COMMITTEE

7. Handicapping

GM explained the handicapping process for the forthcoming season which was agreed by the meeting.

- a. All players will be reviewed based upon 2nd half of last season providing a minimum of 7 games played.
- b. All players will be reviewed at the halfway stage providing a minimum of 7 games played.
- c. All players changing divisions will be reviewed after 5 games with no further change for the remainder of the season.

8. Teams and players

GM reported that all teams had submitted their player lists and their handicaps were now updated on the website.

9. Any other business

None

The meeting closed at 20:55.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Miller', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Graham Miller

Secretary / Treasurer