



Farndon & District Pool League

Annual General Meeting 2009 – Meeting Minutes

The following is an account of the minutes taken at the Annual General Meeting held at 8:00pm on Tuesday 28th July 2009 at Farndon Sports & Social Club. Minutes taken by Amanda Fenlon.

1. Attendees

Lloyd Baker – Chairman
John Fenlon – Secretary
Peter Hughes – Treasurer

C Hughes
A Fenlon

A Baker	P W Marrubbi	P A Marrubbi	P Mulvaney	M Mulvaney
S Parry	A Edwards	C Roberts	A Baker	A Macdonald
P Williams	H Roberts	A Formstone	C Higgle	P Harvey
R Williams	R Taylor	S Baker	R Johnson	M Stokes
P Harper	C Mapp	M Rogers	R Platt	A Ward
P Digby	D Philips			

2. Apologies

The Buck
Durham Heifer

3. Review & Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Not available

4. Announcements

Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting.

5. Topics of discussion & Conclusions

- **Topic #1: Election of Officers.** Lloyd Baker stated he was happy to continue as Chairman if no-one had any objections, also John Fenlon and Peter Hughes would continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. This was agreed.
- **Topic #2: New teams.** The Red Lion Malpas and Red Lion Marford have played in the Summer Cup and wish to join the winter league. This would potentially mean the Red Lion Malpas having three teams in the league as the Durham Heifer team have moved there following the closure of their venue. Paul A Marrubbi (Cunliffe A) raised the issue of the larger table at the Red Lion Malpas not being completely flat and that tables should meet a certain standard if they are to enter the league. No one else had a problem with this as had been discussed at previous meetings and agreed that if tables had to be perfect there would only be a couple of teams in the league. The secretary said he had a problem if there were more than 20 teams in the winter league as it made the fixtures difficult to arrange and could result in several byes in



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each half of the season unless we had 24 teams. Andy Edwards (Mighty Phoenix) asked if we should just take those who are present and then offer up the remaining places on a first come basis. The secretary pointed out that we have existing winter league teams who weren't present. Charles Higgin (Red Lion Malpas) asked why not split the league into 3 divisions rather than 2 if we have 21 teams and play each other 3 times. This was said by several not to work well. A vote was taken and the result was that the first 20 teams to register and pay their fees were in.

- **Topic #3: Reports.** Paul A Marubbi (Cunliffe A) queried that the knock out fees received were less than the prizes paid out and asked if the league subsidised this. The treasurer said that more fees had been received and were on the previous reports however the league had subsidised the prizes by a small amount. Paul A Marubbi (Cunliffe A) asked if everyone was happy with the quality of the trophies as they seemed expensive and maybe a cash prize would be preferable. Paul Williams (Ridlers) pointed out that the Farndon & District Pool League is not a cash league. The general consensus was that the trophies were of a good quality and had not increased significantly in price over the years. The treasurer also stated that the Buck had not attended the presentation night nor sent a representative and so their trophies would be re-used next year.
- **Topic #4: Rule Changes.** Paul Williams (Ridlers) proposed that in order to alleviate the pressure of having to call a deliberate foul off the referee that combination shots be allowed. Carol Hughes (Ridlers) asked what is a combination shot. The chairman explained how a combination shot works. Following some general debate over the merits of this a vote was taken. There were four votes for the change and the majority were against. The rules are to stay as they were. Hywel Roberts (Ridlers) proposed that the combination shot be introduced as a trial in next years summer cup and then voted on again in next years AGM. The vote for this was an even outcome so Captains only were asked to vote, the result being 8 for and 7 against so the combination shot will be tried in the 2010 summer cup.
- **Topic #5: Format for summer cup.** The chairman proposed that for next years summer cup 7 games be played rather than the 5 that are currently as he had received feedback from teams that the night was over too soon with just the 5 games. It was agreed that 5 singles and 2 doubles would be played although still only requiring 5 players, as 4 players could play twice.

6. Any other Business

- **Interference by non-players.** Clwyd Roberts (FSSC A) asked for clarification on the rules concerning interference by non-players. He stated it was his understanding that when an issue arises during play only the referee and players can comment. As a situation had occurred during one of their matches and a non-player had commented repeatedly about the referees decision and caused bad feeling. Paul A Marubbi (Cunliffe A) said he was the person concerned and apologised for his actions. The secretary clarified that the rules state the decisions are to be made by the referee with the agreement of the players concerned and also the captains can be consulted. However, non-players should not be involved.