Annual General Meeting 2022 – Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 21st 2022 at The Gresford Royal British Legion

The following is an account of the minutes taken at the Annual General Meeting held at 8:00pm on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at The Gresford Royal British Legion. Minutes were taken by Amanda Fenlon.

Attendees:

Lloyd Baker – Chairman Griffin GRBL Travellers

John Fenlon – Secretary Overton Club GRBL Wanderers

Grant Carrington – Treasurer Peal O Bells The Sportsman's

Wheatsheaf Poachers Wheatsheaf Red Lion Original White Lion

Bickley Club Red Lion B

1. Apologies.

Overton B.

Malpas Sports Club

2. Announcements.

Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting.

3. Election of Officers.

Lloyd Baker stated he was happy to continue as Chairman, also John Fenlon will continue as Secretary and Grant Carrington as Treasurer.

4. New Teams.

Peal O Bells.

Sportsmans B

5. **Teams Leaving.**

None.

6. Treasurers Report.

The balance has increased by £96.53 since the previous season.

Trophies cost £1458.33, this includes the "Reg Taylor" doubles trophy and 100 plates which needed to be re-engraved with new dates due to the purchase of the trophies prior to the previous season's cancellation. There was an overall saving though as the price of trophies has increased since lockdown.

Farndon & District Pool League

Internet hosting costs of £97.14
Pool competition cash prizes £210
Presentation night costs £200
Total £1965.47
This year there was no raffle
Balance £1398.73

7. Presentation night selection

Matt Dymond proposed the Griffin Lloyd Baker proposed the Red Lion Grant Carrington and Maggie Rastall proposed the GRBL

2022/2023 – Griffin Inn. 2023/2024 – Gresford Royal British Legion. 2024/2025 – Red Lion Marchwiel

Should there be any problems the venues will be promoted by one year each.

8. Football World Cup will be in the middle of 2022/3 season

Maggie Rastall suggested changing from Tuesday to a Monday night John Fenlon suggested suspending the league for the duration of the WC John Fenlon suggested scheduling byes when England or Wales play Grant Carrington suggested longer Christmas break for catch-up matches Maggie Rastall suggested to just carry on as normal.

Dave Williams suggested byes for definite England and Wales games with catchup weeks should either team proceed to knockout phases – **this was agreed**

9. Cheshire West County Pool Trials

Anyone interested should contact Dave Williams.

10. Summer Cup Format

John Fenlon clarified why the summer cup format is different to the winter league format and that it will not be changed.

11. Venues not providing hospitality

Grant Carrington suggested scratch cards to raise the funds.

John Fenlon advised that venues not supporting the league by providing hospitality would not be eligible for neutral table fixtures – ie cup finals and semi finals.

Farndon & District Pool League

12. Change Winter league rules to "blackball rules" format

Much debate as to why this would be a good idea:

Pro:

Some of the assembled already play these rules and prefer them.

Younger player prefer them.

Sticking to an official rule set means no arguing over rule changes.

To bring us in line with other leagues and allow players to progress to county/country.

Con:

John Fenlon told the league that there would be a lot of effort involved to change the website.

Captains only vote was carried 8 to 4 to change the rules to Blackball Rules.

Due to the speed of the new format – Aaron Crofts suggested that it could be significantly quicker - the league will play 9 games in a match. As now, 6 players will be the minimum, so up to 3 can play twice (selected by their own captain).

First game only will count to the merit.

For the first season the referee will call "total".

13. Any other Business.

Topic #1: Rule on rearranging games.

Peter Mulvany asked how much notice should a team give to rearrange a game John Fenlon reminded everyone that games cannot be rearranged apart from in exceptional circumstances and then only through the league secretary.

• Topic #2: Player transfers.

Players are deemed as "cup tied" once they have played a game in a cup, meaning that if they transfer, they cannot play for their new team in that cup.

• Topic #3: Potentially more trophies for 8 balls.

Hywel Roberts made the point that it is much easier to make a clearance under blackball rules and suggested that trophies should only be awarded for a total clearance (15 balls).

it was decided for this season to award a trophy for all 8 ball clearances

Meeting closed by Lloyd Baker at 21:17.