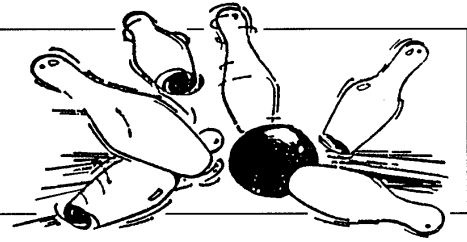


**Central Roofing and  
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HEREFORD & DISTRICT  
SKITTLE LEAGUE**



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE  
RICHMOND PLACE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 2015.**

**PRESENT:** Hon. Officers and Committee Members.  
Members of 63 teams signed the register.

Prior to opening the meeting Mr D Smith – Is Lonsdale in Hiding, winners of the Charity Cup presented a cheque for £3000 to Angela Tyler, Director of The ELY Memorial Fund which was this year's nominated charity. Mrs Tyler responded with a speech of gratitude.

The Chairman then welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7.40pm.

**ROLL CALL:** 3 teams – Shipwrecks, and Welsh Club 'B' failed to be represented. It was proposed and seconded that they be fined as per Rule 20. This was carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS:**

Mr M Davies (Committee) and Mr I Collins (Committee) were proposed and seconded

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 2nd July 2014 were agreed. It was proposed by Mr A Collett (GWRSA 'C') and seconded by Mr D Prosser (M & B Seven Stars) that the minutes be signed as a true record. This motion was carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS REPORT:**

Mr. A. Marchant outlined the contents of the accounts for the year 2014/2015. He reported that the balance sheet showed a deficit of £37 which was due to some income being outstanding. He said that he was happy with the situation which showed that we were operating well within our means. He expressed thanks to all those who contributed to the charity donations which enabled us to make the presentation this evening. There being no questions it was proposed by Mr S Bailey (Oakapples) and seconded by Mr S Benjamin (Antelopers) that the report be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE FOR SEASON 2015/2016**

Mr. J Martin reported that Romans had advised that they would not be competing next season due to a shortage of players, which left a total of 66 teams. This now left 14 teams in Divisions 1 to 3 with 13 teams in Division 4 and 11 teams in Division 5. It was therefore proposed that Division 1 remain with three teams relegated and Divisions 2 to 3 with three teams promoted and three teams relegated. To avoid a bye in both Divisions 4 and 5 it was proposed that 4 teams be relegated from Division 4 to 5 to make two Divisions of 12 teams.

This format was proposed by Mr A Collett (GWRSA 'C') and seconded by Mr R Owen (Richmond Drakes). The proposal was accepted a majority with 2 against.

The league will therefore consist of 3 Divisions of 14 teams and 2 Divisions of 12 teams.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**Secretary:** Mr. J Martin was proposed by Mr M Davies (Committee) and seconded by Mr D Sawkins (Ramblers) to continue as Secretary.

**Treasurer:** Mr A. Marchant was proposed by Mr D Prosser (M & B Seven Stars) and seconded by Mr S Benjamin (Antelopers) to continue as Treasurer.

**Assistant Secretary:** Mr R. F. Jones announced to the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election and would stand down at the end of the Summer season. In the event of there being no candidates for the position the post was left unfilled.

All proposals were carried unanimously.

## **ELECTION OF AUDITORS**

It was proposed by Mr L Walker (Committee) and seconded by Mr S Apperley (Richmond HUSC) that we change to Chestnut Accountancy as Auditors. The motions was carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Mr A Collett (GWRSA 'C'), Mr S Fleet (Beevers) and Mr M Oliver (Evans S C) are willing to stand again serve on the Committee. It was proposed by Mr R F Jones (Richmond Lions) and seconded by Mr B Thomas (Busbars) and unanimously agreed that they be elected to serve on Committee for the next three years.

## **NOMINATION OF CHARITY 2015/2016**

The Secretary informed the meeting that he has received three charity nominations from St Michael's Hospice, Herefordshire Prostate Cancer Screening and Hereford Shopmobility and gave a brief outline of the work of each charity.

It was proposed by Mr D Prosser (M & B Seven Stars) and seconded by Mr A Collett (GWRSA 'C') that Herefordshire Prostate Cancer Screening be nominated as the Charity for Season 2015/2016. This was carried unanimously.

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

- 1 (a) That the registration fee per team remain at £35.00.  
This was carried unanimously.
- 1 (b) That the signing on fee per player remain at £3.00.  
This was carried unanimously.
- 1 (c) That the registration fee per team for the Summer Cup remain at £5.00.  
This was carried unanimously.
- 1 (d) That the signing on fee per player for the Summer Cup remains £1.00 per player  
This was carried unanimously.
- 1 (e) That the singles/pairs entrance fees remains at 50p per player. It was proposed by Mr M Davies (Busbars) and seconded by Mr W Jones (Committee) that the fee be increased to £1.00 per player. This was carried unanimously.
- 1 (f) That the charity donation remains at £15.00 per team.

This was carried unanimously.

- 1 (g) That the Charity Cup entrance fee remains at £1.00 per player.  
This was carried unanimously.
2. Motion submitted by Executive Committee that Rule 8 'The Rules of the game of skittles' eligibility of players, be amended to read 'in the event of less than twelve players present at the start of a game a person who may be present be allowed to sign on and play with the agreement of both captains. Both captains to sign the scorecard and the player concerned to sign to say that he is not signed on with any other team'. This was proposed by Mr M Davies (Committee) and seconded by Mr A Collett (GWRSA 'C') and carried unanimously.
  3. Motion submitted by Executive that 'Singles and Pairs Competition - Rule 29' - be changed to read 'the Competition shall be run on a knock out basis from the quarter Final stage only. On rounds one to four half the players with the highest score on each alley shall go through to the next round'. This rule change to be trialled for one season and reviewed at the next A G M. There was no proposer for this motion and on a show of hands all but 2 were against.
  4. Motion by Executive Committee that 'Cup winners be included in the Champion of Champions competition at the end of the Season. Any team winning both a cup and a Division will receive a bye in the first round of the competition'. This was proposed by Mr M Davies and seconded by Mr A Collett (GWRSA 'C'), on a show of hands members voted 25 for and 30 against, therefore the motion was defeated.
  5. Motion by Executive Committee that there be **NO RE-ARRANGED GAMES** except in an emergency. The proposal therefore to be - Rule 15 Fixtures – 'The date upon which all matches for League and cup games shall be played are to be arranged by or under the supervision of the Executive Committee. All such matches must be played on or before the the date so fixed except in cases of emergency **ONLY**. In cases of emergency a Club unable to play must contact the opposing team, the Hon Secretary and the proprietor of the alley by telephone, with a reason, at the earliest opportunity, with a follow up to the opposing team and the Hon Secretary.  
If any team calls off a match **not deemed an emergency** then the match will be forfeited and two points awarded to their opponents and the team fined £10 as per Rule 20. The team has the right to appeal in writing to the Executive Committee. If a game is to be re-arranged a new date is to be organised by the team unable to play that is within 21 days of the original date, or on a date agreed with the Executive Committee. The opposing team must make every effort to assist with this. If this is not possible the game will be forfeited and 2 points awarded to the opposition. The Executive Committee will investigate any cancelled game to ensure fair play and will penalise an offending team or teams as Committee sees fit.  
**Definition of an Emergency** – Heavy snowfall within 48 hours of the match being played, power cut, flood, fire, sudden death of an organising member of a team, sudden unexpected closure of a venue or venue being unavailable'. This was proposed by Mr M Davies (Committee) and seconded by Mr A Collett (GWRSA 'C') and was voted through by a majority with 1 against.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Mr R F Jones for his 37 years of loyal and unsparing service to the Hereford & District Skittle League and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Mr W T Jones (Chairman)

