

Hereford and District Invitation Skittle League

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE RICHMOND PLACE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY 2013.

PRESENT: Hon. Officers and Committee Members.
Members of 65 teams signed the register.

Prior to opening the meeting Mr R F Jones – Richmond Lions, winners of the Charity Cup presented a cheque for £2700 to Helen and Brendan who represented Herefordshire M S Therapy Centre which was this year's nominated charity. Both responded with a short speech of gratitude.

The Chairman then welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7.40pm. He then asked for a minutes silence in memory of the late Mr George Ayres, a Vice President.

ROLL CALL: 4 teams – Marsh's Marauders, Military GPO, Phoenix Nights and Wellies 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 S Fleet (Committee) were proposed and seconded

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 4th July 2012 were agreed. It was proposed by Mr D Prosser (M & B Sags) and seconded by Mr A Collett (GWRSA 'C') 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 2012/2013. He reported that the balance sheet showed a surplus of £446 and thanked the Richmond Club for the use of the hall for the Bingo sessions which contributed to the healthy charity donations. There being no questions it was proposed by Mr S Benjamin (Antelopers) and seconded by Mr D Prosser (M & B Sags) that the report be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE FOR SEASON 2013/2014
Mr. J Martin reported that 69 teams had applied to join the league. The Regulars and Vaga Misfits have not reapplied for next season.
The format of the league should consist of 14 teams in Divisions 1 to 4 with 3 teams promoted from Divisions 2 to 5. 3 teams will then be relegated from Divisions 1 to 4 with 2 teams relegated to Division 5 which will consist of 13 teams. This proposal was unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Secretary: Mr. J Martin was proposed by Mr M Davies (Committee) and seconded by Mr A Collett (GWRSA'C') to continue as Secretary.

3. **Treasurer:** Mr A. Marchant was proposed by Mr A Collett (GWRSA'C') and seconded by Mr B Thomas (Busbars) to continue as Treasurer.

4. **Assistant Secretary:** Mr R. F. Jones was proposed by Mr M Davies (Committee) and seconded by Mr S Benjamin (Antelopers) to continue as Assistant Secretary.

All proposals were carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr D Prosser (M & B Sags) and seconded by Mr A Collett (GWRSA 'C') and carried unanimously that we remain with Knipe Whiting Heath & Associates as Auditors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mr J Rosser (Beevers) is willing to stand again and Mr S Benjamin (Antelopers) has expressed a desire to serve on the Committee. It was proposed by Mr M Davies (Committee) and seconded by Mr S Fleet (Committee) and unanimously agreed that they be elected to serve on Committee for the next three years.

NOMINATION OF CHARITY 2013/2014

The Secretary informed the meeting that there was one outstanding charity nomination from the previous year which was from Herefordshire Heartstart. There being no other nomination this was the Executive Committee's recommendation. It was proposed by Mr D Prosser (M & B Sags) and seconded by Mr S Apperley (Richmond HUSC) that Herefordshire Heartstart be nominated as the Charity for Season 2013/2014. 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.
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 Busbars that in the event of a team having less than 12 players, the playing of one player twice, once as A N Other, be replaced by inserting the lowest individual player score on each leg in the number twelve A N Other position. For example two players 5 on leg one and 5 being the lowest score would be inserted at twelve at the end of the leg. In leg two if the lowest score was 8, this would be inserted at twelve at the end of leg two. This will ensure that no advantage is gained from playing a player twice who may be one of the better players in a team and therefore giving that team an advantage. (Rule 15).
- Amendment a) – Submitted by Richmond HUSC that the playing of A N Other remain unchanged as per Rule 5. This amendment was voted upon with 30 for and 34 against. The original motion was therefore proposed by Mr M Davies (Committee), seconded by Mr A. Hunt (Tattibogoes) and was carried unanimously.
3. Motion submitted by GWRSA 'C', seconded by Richmond HUSC that in the event of a cancellation of a fixture (Rule 15) be amended as follows:-
- Paragraph 1 – In cases of an 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 letter to the opposing team and the Hon Secretary. Paragraph 2 – If any team calls off a match on the day of the fixture and this is not deemed an emergency, then the game will be forfeited and two points warded to their opponents and the team fined £10. The team has the right of appeal in writing to the Executive Committee. If a game is to be re-arranged for non emergency reasons it must be done in full compliance of Paragraph 1 of this Rule, and a new date is to be organised by the team unable to play that is within twenty one days of the original date or on a date previously agreed by the Executive Committee. The opposing team must make all effort to assist with this. If this is not possible the game will be forfeited and 2 points awarded to the opposition. The team has the right of appeal in writing to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will investigate any cancelled game to ensure fair play and will penalise an offending team or teams as Committee sees fit.

Paragraph 4 – Definition of an Emergency, Heavy snow fall within 48 hours of the game being played, Power cut, Flood, Fire, Sudden death of an organising member of a team, Sudden unexpected closure of a venue.

Amendment to Rule 20 Penalties – Rule 15 Fine £10.

The motion was proposed by Mr D Prosser (M & B Sags), seconded by Mr S Apperley (Richmond HUSC) and was carried unanimously.

4. Motion submitted by Richmond HUSC that Times of start of matches (Rule 16) be reinforced. There are instances where teams are not starting matches until 8.30. This was carried unanimously.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.04pm.

Mr P A Woolf (Chairman)