

Nazareth House Snooker League

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 11 September 2008

President:	D Chapman	Absent
Chairman:	P Gormley	Present
Vice Chairman:	D Peet	Present
Secretary:	S Butler	Present
Treasurer:	D Buckley	Present

Club	Present	Absent	Club	Present	Absent
Arnold CD	✓		Oakleigh Lodge	✓	
BCI		✓	Pegasus SC	✓	
Beeston	✓		Peoples Hall	✓	
City Hospital	✓		Phoenix CS		✓
Cotgrave	✓		Sherwood SC		✓
Lenton LC	✓		Stadium	✓	
Mapperley CC		✓	Wollaton RBL		✓

1. Chairman opens the meeting

At 2010 hours the Chairman opened the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Wayne Martin (BCI), Geoff Merry (Mapperley), Stephen Lally (Phoenix) and Jack Packer (Wollaton).

3. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Chairman and these were accepted as a true record of the meeting and approved.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the last AGM.

5. Appointment of Officers

Steve Butler proposed that Mike Langdon (Pegasus) be appointed on the committee as a new Tournament Secretary. His duties would involve organising all singles and pairs competitions, including the new singles league which was his idea. The appointment was seconded by Pete Gormley and the meeting were in agreement.

Therefore, the new structure of the Committee will be:

President:	Don Chapman
Chairman:	Pete Gormley
Vice Chairman:	Dennis Peet
Treasurer:	Dave Buckley
League Secretary:	Steve Butler
Tournament Secretary:	Mike Langdon

Dave Buckley also informed the meeting that he may be unavailable for a couple of months for medical reasons.

6. Treasurer's report

All box money had been paid, totalling £1,860 for the season, an increase of £245 on the previous season.

The balance sheet showed a loss for the year of £358.64. This was mainly due to the necessary purchase of ten new trophies and also the expenditure on the golf day and presentation dinner.

The sundry expenses of £85 consisted of £60 for the buffet at last years AGM and £25 for Molly Newbold who refereed the Singles Championship final.

The Treasurer's role is a very time consuming one and a number of changes have been implemented to reduce the burden on the Treasurer, in particular:

- All entry fees for singles and pairs competitions will be scrapped for the majority of competitors.
- Match fees will be the same for every team and payable in three installments during the season.

This will significantly reduce the amount of chasing and running around the Treasurer has to do.

7. Secretary's report

The Secretary informed the meeting that EMI, Lenton A, Sherwood A and The Rutland Club would not be entering teams into the league this season. However, Steve Cheung was introduced to the meeting as the new team captain for Beeston Snooker Hall who will be going straight into division 1 this season. Also, BCI will be entering a second team into division 2, to be known as BCI 'B'.

There will be sixteen teams in total split into two divisions of eight teams. Sherwood Social Club will be in division 2 as they were relegated last season. Peoples Hall and Arnold 'B' will compete in division 1 as they were promoted.

8. Amendent to rules

The following rule amendments were accepted by the meeting:

Postponement of league and team knockout matches

If a captain needs to postpone a match he must inform the League Secretary by 8pm on the day before the match. The Secretary will then contact the opposing team's captain to inform them and try to make arrangements for the match to be re-scheduled. Two blank fixtures will be inserted into the fixture list specifically for postponed matches to be played.

Submitting results of league and team knockout matches

All team captains must submit results to the League Secretary within 48 hours of the match. It is not just the responsibility of the winning team's captain.

Inspection of club premises and tables for new clubs

The requirement for club premises and tables to be inspected by two officers and approved by a full Committee meeting has been removed from the rules.

Miss Rule

The league does not play the miss rule in any league or knockout cup match. However, the miss rule will be played in singles or pairs FINALS where there is a qualified referee officiating and both players/pairs agree to play the miss rule.

Calculation of final league positions

When all fixtures have been played at the end of the season, league positions will be decided in the following sequence:

- (i) Points scored
- (ii) Frame difference
- (iii) Record between the two teams
- (iv) Play-off as per rules for play-off matches (see below)

Play-offs

The team finishing 3rd will play the team finishing 6th in semi-final 1. The team finishing 4th will play the team finishing 5th in semi-final 2. The winners of both semi-finals will play in the final and the winner of the final will be awarded the Third Place Trophy and the appropriate cash prize.

All play-off matches will be played at a neutral venue. Six singles frames will be played. In the event of a tie after the six frames have been played, a seventh pairs frame will be played. The pair can consist of players who have already played a singles frame, or different players from the team.

Match Fees

Match fees will be at an amount agreed by the Committee and reviewed on an annual basis. Payment of match fees will be in three installments. The amounts of installments and payment dates will be set by the Committee.

Entry fees for all other competitions, if any, will be set by the Committee annually.

Cash Prizes

The value and distribution of cash prizes will be set by the Committee annually and will be dependent on income generated throughout the season.

Penalty for match not played

If a team captain fails to notify the secretary of a postponement 24 hours prior to the match and his team then fails to fulfill their fixture, the match will be awarded 8-0 to the opposing team. The offending team will also have 2 points deducted from their points tally as a penalty.

9. Any other business

Captains were reminded that matches can still be played even if a team has less than 6 players available on a match night. In light of the introduction of the 2 point penalty above, it would be more beneficial to play the match rather than not play it at all.

Since the start of the 2007/08 season the rules have stated that:

“If a team is unable to field at least 3 players at either the home or away venue (meaning it will not be able to play all 3 singles frames) it will not be allowed to play the 4th (pairs) frame and must forfeit all unplayed frames to the opposing team.”

Therefore, with 4 players, a team can only draw at best. With 5 players it is possible to win the match 6-2 at best.

10. Date of next meeting 13 November 2008

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2155 hours.