



## Gatehouse Snooker Club

**9<sup>th</sup> AGM : 15th February 2019**

**Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Present:-** Dennis Coombs, Pete Haslam, Stuart Jamieson, Douglas McDavid, (acting Chair) Nick Morris, John Morton (Secretary), Alastair Richardson, Graham Wright (Handicap Secretary)

**Apologies:-** Richard Glass, Keith Hamblin, David Hannay, Brian Napper.

**The meeting was opened** by Douglas McDavid who explained that following the sad death of our club founder and Chairman, **Willie McKie**, in April last year, he (Douglas) had been invited by the committee to act as interim chairman, and he wished to record that the club owed its existence to Willie's foresight and generosity. A warm tribute, (written by Graham Wright) had been published on the Snooker Club section of the Gatehouse Folk web-site.

**The Minutes** of the Eighth A.G.M. held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 were approved.

**Review of the year** Douglas believed the club had had a successful year despite the death of our chairman. Five new members had joined following a short local publicity drive; our annual match versus Kirkcudbright was an enjoyable event although after an initial lead, we had lost 12 frames to 8. A provisionally arranged match against a Corsock club had fallen through. He thanked Graham Wright for his hard work in organising the club competitions: also Brian Napper -Treasurer- and John Morton - Secretary who were both standing down after the meeting. As had been agreed at last year's A.G.M. a sub-committee had been formed to assess the financial position of the club. Following recommendations of this sub-committee, floor level heaters had been placed beneath the table and estimates obtained for the re-decoration of the snooker room which is planned for July.

### **Financial Report and Accounts.**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Graham Wright presented the **Club Accounts**.

Total income less expenses: £534.04 Cash balance - 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: £4880.24

**Noted** *The club account is now being managed on-line*

**Membership fees and the light meter charge.** were discussed.

**Agreed** that they should remain unchanged.

### **On-line booking system**

**Noted** This is working very well

### **Competitions - Results 2018.**

**Club Championship (scratch) Pete Haslam**

**Billiards (handicap) Ian Carson**

**Snooker (handicap) Nick Morris**

**Annual Selkirk Shield match** Won by **Kirkcudbright** by 12 frames to 8

It had been agreed by the committee that:- The Cup for the Club Snooker Championship should be replaced with a Trophy in memory of our founder Chairman and named after him.

As this competition had already been completed, the **Willie McKie Trophy** for the winner of the **Club Championship 2019** was presented to **Stuart Jamieson** by Douglas McDavid.

## **Election of Officers.**

**Chairman:- Douglas McDavid** Proposed, seconded and agreed.

**Membership Secretary and Treasurer:- Graham Wright** Proposed, seconded and agreed.

**Minutes Secretary:- Ian Carson** Proposed seconded and agreed (in his absence, but previously agreed).

Graham Wright will continue as **Competitions Secretary** (previously called Handicap Secretary).

The on-line banking procedures have now been set up and the process of automatically producing the accounts from a spreadsheet make the Treasurer's job somewhat easier. As such the club will be seeking the *appointment of a new Membership Secretary and Treasurer at some point during the year.*

**Constitution.** The constitution had been reviewed in detail by the committee and a number of changes had been considered desirable: -

Item **4 a. Membership** .... open to all who have passed their **18<sup>th</sup>** birthday (previously 19<sup>th</sup>)

**e.** paragraph to be deleted.

**5 a. General Meetings** to read: - "A General Meeting (A.G.M.) will be held annually to receive an annual report by the chair, to approve the annual accounts, and elect the Management Committee.

**6 Management Committee**

**d.** to read "... will meet annually." and "...and signed by the Chair" to be deleted.

**7 Finances**

**a.** to read "A bank account in the name of the Club will be opened. There will be at least three authorised signatories."

**b.** to read " A statement of accounts shall be made up to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year and signed by the treasurer"

These changes were approved without dissent.

**A.O.B.** Community Centre Main Door. The Centre Management Committee had asked that the main entrance door be locked when the Snooker Room is in use, most especially when there was no other activity in the building.

The Room Heater had been found to cut out in very cold weather. Graham thought that it seemed to occur when it was set at an excessively high temperature, and suggested that it should generally be set at 18<sup>o</sup>C.

**Next A.G.M.** Subsequently agreed as Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7:30 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at approx. 8.10 p.m.