



Gatehouse Snooker Club

**2nd AGM : Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Community Centre at 6.00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Present:-** W. McKie (Chairman), M. Ashmore, P. Benney, D. Budd, J. Donald, D. Ho, B. Jones, T. Mckie, J. Morton (Secretary), T. Myers (Treasurer), B. Napper, D. Samways, J. Stanford.

**Apologies:-** Douglas, Murray and Hugh McDavid.

**Chairman's Review** Willie McKie welcomed the members attending and said that there had been an encouraging first year with a membership of twenty four. Sadly two founder members and keen players - Michael Scott and David Crowley - had died in the course of the year: one member had decided not to rejoin. There had been a number of temporary members and two new full members were anticipated in the near future. Further new members would be extremely welcome and were necessary for long term viability. The club was grateful to the Community Centre Committee for the facilities and its support.

### **Club Competition 2011**

The Club Competition won by Damon Ho attracted sixteen members and resulted in a closely fought final between Jack Donald and Damian. The Chairman was pleased to present the **Winner's Prize** of an extendable cue to Damian and the **runner-up prize** of whisky and chocolates to Jack.

### **Treasurer's Report**

*Full accounts statement (unaudited) to year end 2011 attached.*

Total income for the year £3915.60 including joining fees £1225 and £1225 membership fees.

The table meter income - £612.40.

2012 membership fees recd. - £300

Total expenditure £2171.16.

After repayment of £1400 of the unsecured loan there was a year-end balance of  
£1744.44

This has allowed a further loan repayment of £600 since Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 leaving the loan  
outstanding £2080.37 (as of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012)

It was noted that the rent for the snooker room until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 had been paid in advance from the unsecured loan.

### **Other matters**

**Junior protocol** The Chairman thought that junior membership should be encouraged. He agreed to implement a protocol.

**Club room** The room and the table needed regular attention for which committee members were at present assuming responsibility. Jack Donald said that as there a slope on the floor it was proving difficult to level the table. To be investigated..

**An Annual Open Competition Agreed** should continue.

**Handicaps** Based upon scores achieved in the club competition it had been possible to produce an approximate rating of members by allotting a handicap. This would allow the introduction of :-

**A ladder competition** in which members were ranked by handicap. A member on the ladder would be able to challenge the player one or two places above him and if he beat the player challenged, would replace that player on the ladder. Bryan Jones said that the maximum handicap advantage (in professional competition) of which he was aware was five blacks — 35 points. After some discussion it was agreed to start a ladder competition to run for ten weeks from Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> Matches would be decided by games of one frame. The ladder positions would be revised weekly to take account of challenges issued and decided. Members without a current handicap who wished to enter should contact Graham Wright. Detailed rules to be published and placed on the notice board.

**Other variations** Five ball snooker; volunteer snooker and cricket snooker were mentioned. Rules of these and other variants were available on the internet.

**The Committee.** was unanimously re-elected, the members all agreeing to continue.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.