



Gatehouse Snooker Club

**3rd AGM : Friday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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

**Minutes**

**Present** — W McKie (Chairman), B. Napper (Treasurer), G. Wright (Handicap Secretary), B.Jones, J.Donald, K.Hamblin, D McDavid, A. Richardson.

**Apologies** — M Ashmore, J Morton.

**Chairman's Review.** After welcoming the members present, the Chairman reported on a generally successful year with stable membership, the establishment of a handicap system and the completion of two competitions, a summer ladder won by John Morton and the Annual Handicap Competition won by new member David Lappin. Two trophies have been purchased by the Club, one for the winner of the Handicap Competition and the second for the winner of the Club Championship to be played for the first time by the end of February 2013. There had been a number of temporary memberships taken out during the year. The Club would wish to record its sincere regrets at the demise of two of its full members, Graham Carson and Derek Budd, and the departure from Gatehouse of its Treasurer, Tom Myers. In an effort to help to attract more full new memberships, a decision had been taken during the year to abolish the joining fee, making full annual membership £50 for adults and £25 for juniors. The Chairman urged all existing members to promote the advantages of membership to their friends as new members will be made very welcome to the excellent facilities that the Club offers for a very low annual subscription. There has been a weakening of interest in snooker among junior members and the previous arrangement to offer special arrangements for members of the Drop-in Centre has lapsed; efforts have been made to revive interest, but so far without success.

**Election of Officers.** The Chairman, Willie McKie, Secretary John Morton and Handicap Secretary Graham Wright were unanimously re-elected, and Brian Napper elected as Treasurer.

**Financial Report and Membership subs.** — The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts which were duly approved. As the Chairman had agreed that no further repayments will be required on the loan made to the Club, the balance in favour of the Club before the payments of rental for the coming year (£900) and outstanding electricity usage (to be advised) to the Community Centre stands at a healthy £1832.75. Members are to be reminded that their membership subscriptions for the current year of £50 for adults and £25 for juniors must be paid to the Treasurer no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. 2013. Cheques to be made out to "Gatehouse of Fleet Snooker Club".

**Club Competitions** There will be a suitable presentation to David Lappin as winner of the Handicap Competition 2012. For 2013 the Club Championship Competition will be completed by the end of February, followed by a Ladder during the spring and summer months and the Handicap Competition 2013 in the autumn. Graham Wright is to be congratulated on his successful work on developing and maintaining the handicap system. The reduction in the maximum level of handicap to 40 was generally welcomed.

**Club Facilities** — Whilst it was accepted that the general condition of the Club Room was acceptable, it was agreed that the sink should be removed and be replaced with a suitable work top; Jack Donald has kindly undertaken to have this carried out as soon as possible in conjunction with Sanny Kirkpatrick in respect of the removal of the sink. Some discussion followed over the condition and levelling of the snooker table, which it was acknowledged required attention. With thanks to Brian Jones, the Chairman will make contact with an expert in Glasgow to obtain costing for some remedial action as soon as possible. The Chairman also undertook to obtain a suitable cue rest for the long cue.

**The meeting closed at 7.15.**