



4th AGM : Friday 10th January 2014

Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes

Present: - K. Hamblin, P. Haslam, B. Jones, W.McKie (Chairman) J.Morton (Secretary), B.Napper (Treasurer), A. Richardson, G. Wright (Handicap Secretary).

Apologies: - J. Brennan, D. Hannay, G Keating, T. McKee.

Chairman's Review: -

After welcoming all the members present, the chairman reported that the club had successfully staged two competitions. The Club Championship had been won by Jack Donald, in a closely contested final with David Lappin. Thanks to Graham Wright's hard work, the Autumn Handicap competition had been successfully completed.

Membership was relatively static, with losses compensated for by new members and he was pleased to welcome Peter Haslam, present this evening. He thought that the membership fees were at the right level and proposed that they remain unchanged.

He would like to see a more active junior membership.

The snooker table had been much improved and was now in a first class condition, thanks to Brian Jones who had arranged repairs by a knowledgeable friend and also to Peter Haslam for some regular cleaning. Relations with the Community Centre had been less than satisfactory for most of the year due to the Centre's own management difficulties but he thought that matters would improve now that a new Community Centre committee was in place. There was a potentially serious damp problem on the outside corner of the snooker room which required early attention and he hoped that this would be addressed In the near future.

Club Championship 2014

Ten members had entered their names and the Chairman proposed a way in which the competition could be conducted, to allow all the entrants to score points; to encourage matches to be played promptly and cause The Championship to be decided by Easter (Good Friday 18th April). His suggestions were: matches on a scratch basis: first round match to be the best of three frames; all entrants to play one match against all other entrants.

Points would be awarded. - one point for playing a match — regardless of outcome:

one point per player who completes a match before midnight on 14th March (with a maximum of six points for achieving this). Each first round match winner to be awarded an additional two points. The top four points scorers to qualify for five frame semi-finals. The winner of each semi-final would then play each other in a seven frame final.

Reservations were expressed that the points awarded for taking part and playing early might diminish the worth of the championship, but after further discussion of the pros and cons of the chairman's ideas, it was agreed by a clear majority that The Club Championship should proceed along these lines. Graham Wright would circulate members accordingly, with the competition commencing January 12th.

Possible monetary prizes for winners of the final and perhaps the semi-finals, in addition to the award of The Championship Cup, were also discussed but it was agreed they were unnecessary. A Handicap Competition would again be organized for the autumn.

Financial Report and Club Membership Subscriptions.

The Treasurer, Brian Napper presented the accounts — (see copy attached for full details.)

Total income for the year amounted to £1324.20

Total expenditure was £1194.18

Current Bank Balance £1947.77

Invoices for electricity used and snooker room hire are awaited.

Membership subscriptions are now due and should be paid before February 28th.

Election of Officers

Present Incumbents: - Willie McKie - Chairman

John Morton Secretary

Brian Napper - Treasurer

Graham Wright - Handicap Secretary were all willing to stand and were re-elected.

The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20