



Gatehouse Snooker Club

5th AGM : 9th January 2015
Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.
Minutes

Present:- Jack Donald, Keith Hamblin, Douglas McDavid, Willie McKie(Chairman), John Morton(Sec.), Brian Napper(Treasurer), Graham Wright(Handicap Secretary)

Apologies:- John Brennan, David Hannay, Pete Haslam, David Lappin.

Chairman's Review

Willie McKie welcomed members and said that he believed that the club had functioned fairly well throughout the year and drew particular attention to two features:-

i) The successful social snooker evenings on Wednesdays, open to all members and well attended most weeks. An agreement negotiated with the Community Centre allowed us to keep (in a locked cupboard) a small supply of liquid refreshment which aided conviviality.

ii) A first competitive match had been played in November against Kirkcudbright Snooker Club, which – although we had lost – had been a very successful event. This had been master-minded by Douglas McDavid who had very generously provided the hospitality and a trophy; for all of which he thanked David to general applause.

A return match is to be arranged this year.

There had been two successful competitions in the course of the year. The club championship held in the early Spring had been won by Pete Haslam. The Handicap Competition in the Autumn had been won by Jack Donald to whom Willie was pleased to present a new Club Trophy.

The table was in quite good condition, not least due to Pete Haslam's regular care, but would benefit from leveling and repair of a nick in the baize. For this and general attention, it may be possible to co-ordinate an arrangement with the Kirkcudbright club. Douglas offered to investigate this.

The snooker room was in reasonable order following attention to the damp area in the north-west corner junction of wall and ceiling. The rent for 2015 had been agreed as £900 - unchanged from this year. The floor would benefit from a regular clean and John Wilson, the Centre caretaker would be approached to see if he would be interested.

Financial Report and Accounts.

Brian Napper presented the annual accounts which showed annual income balanced by expenditure, resulting in a healthy balance; -

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Annual membership fees	£850	Insurance	£ 158.02
Temporary membership	45	Room hire Jan – Dec 2014	900.00
Table light meter	<u>670</u>	Electricity to end June 2014	352.86
		Drinks cupboard lock (J D Keys)	82.98
		Comm. Centre electricity charge	<u>53.81</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	£1565	<u>Total Expenses</u>	£1547.67
Current Bank balance	<u>£2890.70</u>		

Invoices awaited: - Electricity account July 2014 to present Estimate £200
Room hire – 2015 £900

The Chairman commented that whilst the meter charge was contributing to the healthy bank balance, the cost of table repairs and perhaps, eventually, new baize was unknown. Therefore it was prudent to maintain a significant reserve and he thought the meter charge should remain unchanged. This was **agreed**. Also **agreed** that membership fees should remain at present levels. The annual fees (£50) are now due.

Competitions. – attached hand-book refers

Graham Wright opened the discussion, suggesting refinements to the handicap system to reflect members' ability more accurately. After detailed discussion it was **agreed** to use the modified method. At Jack Donald's suggestion it was also **agreed** that the handicap competition should be played to a nine weeks timetable with completion by mid-November, to finish before the proposed match with Kirkcudbright.

Graham led the detail of discussion with his proposals for this year's Club Championship and it was **agreed** that they should be circulated for comment and in the absence of objection should be adopted.

He also suggested 'Highest Break'; a Doubles and a 'Pot Black' one day competition. These ideas were welcomed and would be circulated to allow members to consider before they were implemented.

N.B. The details of what has already been agreed, proposed and then finally approved, will be attached to these minutes as a hand-book.

Present Office Incumbents were unopposed and willing to continue in office.

The meeting concluded at approx. 8.40. p. m.