



Gatehouse Snooker Club

**6th AGM : 8th January 2016
Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.
Minutes**

Present:- Dennis Coombs, Richard Glass, Keith Hamblin, Michael Lintoff (visiting), Douglas McDavid, Willie McKie (Chairman), John Morton(Sec.), Brian Napper(Treasurer), Alastair Richardson, Nick Morris, Graham Wright (Handicap Secretary)

Apologies:- Pete Haslam.

The Minutes of the A.G.M held on 9th January 2015 were approved.

Chairman's Review

Willie McKie warmly welcomed members and said that 2015 had been a successful year. Membership had increased, including three or four new members from Newton Stewart where the club had closed. There had been a massive increase in the amount of snooker played, the competitions being the main stimulant. As a result the meter income had been a very healthy £729, reflected in the accounts. We had played a return match against Kirkcudbright; although we had lost the match had been very much closer than last year. Plans are in place to play Kirkcudbright again this year

The Club Championship had been won for a second time by Pete Haslam. The format of the successful Handicap Competition had been changed to allow a knockout conclusion between the top four performing players and had been won by Graham Wright.

In view of the healthy state of the club finances he thought we should invest in a new long cue rest and the damp patch in the ceiling corner could receive further attention. If the club finances remained healthy he felt the membership fee could be reviewed next year but should remain unchanged at present.

The enjoyable Wednesday 'social snooker' evenings had continued throughout the year and he invited anyone interested to come along if they were not already doing so.

The Club Officers he thanked for their continued support.

Financial Report and Accounts

Brian Napper presented the annual accounts: -

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Full member subs(includes one 1/2 year) £	925	Room rental	£ 900
Temporary subs	95	Electricity - part estimated	250
Electricity meter	<u>729</u>	Cleaning	40
		Insurance	158.02
		Table maintenance	140
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£1749</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£1488.02</u>

Bank Balance (31.12.15) £3295.57 (Balance 1. 1. 2015 £2890.70)

Agreed without dissent

Competitions Report

Graham Wright circulated a paper showing the full results of the Club Championship and the Handicap Competition. He explained the handicap system, which appeared to be broadly working, with suggested implications for this year's competition and his calculations for revised handicaps.- See sheet attached and forming part of these minutes.

Following an e-mail circulated to all members, there had been some support for a billiards competition and an extra handicap competition this Spring, in addition to the Club Championship and the Handicap to take place in the autumn. Following general discussion, it was agreed he would circulate a further e-mail to confirm within seven days the number of members interested, after which he would arrange the relevant fixture lists.

On-line Booking System

Nick Morris explained the on-line booking system which he had set up in the autumn and which had been trialed in the course of the Handicap Comp. He showed via lap-top and tablet the on-screen web-site and the way it should be used. It was a free facility within limitations but given our small membership the likely usage was unlikely to breach them. Anyone who did not wish to make use of it for reserving the table would be no worse off than at present.

Willie thanked Nick for this innovation and commended its use.

Appointment of Officers.

The present Club Officers were willing to stand and were re-elected.

A **Vote of Thanks to the Chairman** was proposed and carried unanimously with acclamation at the end of the meeting.