



Gatehouse Snooker Club

**7th AGM : 13th January 2017**  
**Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Present:-** Dennis Coombs, Richard Glass, Keith Hamblin, Pete Haslam, Willie McKie (Chairman), John Morton (Secretary), Brian Napper (Treasurer) Alastair Richardson, Graham Wright (Handicap Secretary).  
**Apologies:-** Mike Ashmore, David Hannay, Douglas McDavid, Nick Morris.

**The Minutes** of the A.G.M. held on the 9th January 2016 were approved.

**Chairman's Review**

Willie McKie warmly welcomed all who came to the A.G.M. and was pleased to report another very successful year. Although the people from Newton Stewart who had joined in 2015 had failed to renew their membership he thought this was due to the travelling distance involved. Despite the consequent fall in membership numbers, more snooker had been played than in any previous year, largely as a result of the several excellent competitions, which for the first time had included both a 'plate' for those knocked out early in the club championship and a successful billiards competition. He congratulated the winners and was especially pleased to report that the match versus Kirkcudbright, held in a very friendly atmosphere, had resulted in victory for Gatehouse for the first time. Gatehouse had also beaten Kirkcudbright decisively in a Billiards Match. Provisional arrangements are in hand for a return snooker match later this year and he hoped this was an established regular fixture.

**Financial Report and Accounts**

Brian Napper presented the annual accounts:-

Income had again exceeded expenditure as a result of increased table activity.

<u>Income:-</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Full member subs.	£900	Room rental	£900
Temporary members	55	Electricity usage	196.58
Electricity meter	1030	Cleaning	120.00
		Insurance	163.99
		Kirkcudbt. match expenses	45.00
		Wall painting - McMillan	28.00
		Ext.cue and rest +head	87.20
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>£1985</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>£1540.77</u></b>

**Bank Balance (November 2016)** **£3885.00** (Balance 31.12.15 - £3295.57)

The report and accounts were agreed without dissent.

**Competitions Secretary's Report**

Graham Wright presented the results and summaries of the competitions held in 2016

**Winners:-**

**Club Snooker Championship** - Pete Haslam

**Plate Competition** - Keith Hamblin

**Club Billiards Competition** - Nick Morris

**Club Handicap competition** - Nick Morris

Please see the attached report, being part of these minutes, for full details, including those of the matches against Kirkcudbright.

Graham suggested that there might be a place for a competition format which could bring together players of all abilities. The Chairman thought this an excellent idea if it could be organised and sufficiently publicised. Pete Haslam offered to join Graham in exploring this possibility. Brian Napper said to general approval that Graham deserved our thanks for the organisation of competitions and our congratulations on their success.

Commenting on the on-line booking system which had been successfully used on more than four hundred occasions, Graham said it was Nick Morris who also deserved thanks.

### **Appointment of Officers.**

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

### **A.O.B**

**Female membership.** The Chairman said there had been some expression of interest and he would like it encouraged. Since The Club Constitution made it plain that membership was open to all who were interested in snooker, it was generally agreed that this would be a welcome development.

**Junior membership.** The club has no junior members at present and Willie led a general discussion on possible remedies, centred on the Drop-In Centre with which there had been an arrangement which had lapsed. Club rules required an adult to be present when junior members (14 - 19 years old) were in the club room and Pete Haslam pointed out that current child protection legislation made it imperative that an appropriately approved adult from the Centre would need to be present, if its members were to be encouraged to play. The Drop-In Centre management had changed recently and Keith Hamblin, who had been involved previously, offered to investigate. Pete Haslam kindly offered to provide coaching sessions for juniors if asked.

### **Future A.G.M. s**

The Chairman said he thought we should consider holding future A.G.M.s slightly later in the year to avoid the 'A.G.M. congestion' which occurs in January. Brian Napper said that it would make it easier to produce the accounts to the December year-end, but would require a supplementary balance figure on the date of meeting.

**Agreed** Next year's A.G.M. would be arranged around the end of February/early March 2018

Willie McKie thanked everyone for attending.

The Meeting concluded approx. 9 p.m.