



Gatehouse Snooker Club

8th AGM : 23rd March 2018
Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.
Minutes

Present:- Keith Hamblin, Pete Haslam, Willie Mckie (Chairman), Nick Morris, John Morton(Secretary), Brian Napper (Treasurer), Graham Wright (Handicaps Sec.)

Apologies:- John Brennan, Ian Carson, Dennis Coombs, Richard Glass, David Hannay, Douglas McDavid, Alastair Richardson.

The Minutes of the A.G.M. Held on the 13th January 2017 were approved.

Chairman's Review

Willie McKie welcomed those present, following another successful year, although we failed to repeat our previous success in the 2017 Selkirk Shield match against Kirkcudbright in December. Thanks to Graham's efforts of organisation, the Club Championship, the Snooker Handicap, and the Billiards Handicap competition had been successfully concluded. Membership level had been maintained in 2017, but included some who were inactive and to date only seventeen members had renewed for 2018. He thought this should be of some concern and wondered if we should try to attract some publicity, perhaps via a local press report and also wondered - as last year - if it would be possible to increase membership by making more effort to encourage female interest in and membership of the club.

Financial Report and Accounts

Brian Napper presented the annual accounts, thanking Graham Wright for help in their preparation. Membership and healthy use of the light meter had together ensured that income had exceeded expenditure by a healthy margin.

| <u>Income:-</u> | | <u>Expenditure:-</u> | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Member subs. | £985 | Room rental | £900 |
| Electricity meter | 911 | Electricity | 90 |
| | | Insurance | 167 |
| | | Cleaning | 154 |
| | | Sundries | 74 |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | £1896 | <u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u> | £1385 |

Bank Balance (December 2017) **£4396** (Balance Dec.2016 - £3885)

The report and accounts were received without dissent.

Competitions Secretary's Report The 2017 winners were:-

Club Championship (Scratch) Pete Haslam

Snooker Handicap competition Pete Haslam

Billiards Handicap competition Nick Morris

Plate competition - to be completed. Further details on attached report, being part of these minutes.

Club Officers. To remain unchanged.

A.O.B.

Financial reserves. Graham Wright tabled a paper* outlining the club's financial strength, demonstrated by the steady increase in our capital reserves year on year, suggesting a lower membership fee could be afforded. In general discussion it was thought the present fee was good value, but a reduced fee for the first year or part year was a reasonable idea. Also there were items which needed attention and could be well afforded :-

- the on-line booking system, now attracting a fee, to become a budgeted item
- the supplementary electric heaters need to be replaced.
- the curtains to be properly hung; blackout of the door windows be considered.
- a reserve supply of electric bulbs be purchased.
- a new cloth for the table be priced and considered - the present cloth remains in good order.

Agreed that a sub-committee - Pete Haslam, Brian Napper and Graham Wright would consider and report back.

Cleaning Agreed - the snooker room was no longer adequately cleaned and dusted. The Secretary to investigate.

The Plate Competition Graham wondered if it attracted the enthusiasm necessary to justify its continuation. To be further considered.

Future A.G.M. s **Agreed** these should be held in late February

After thanking those present Willie McKie closed the meeting shortly before 9.p.m.