



Crawley Pool League

Annual General Meeting – July 17th 2017

Meeting opened at 8:05PM

1. Roll Call

1.1 Committee:

Phillipa Boyle (Chairperson), Sean Trivass (Vice Chairperson), Jon Baxter (General Secretary), Darren Ayling (Acting Treasurer), Simon Armstrong (League Secretary), Adam McSharry (Competition Secretary), Nick Chant, Nicki Bradberry, Martin Ballard

1.2 Apologies:

None

1.4 Team representatives

Balls Deep (0), Barhoppers (1), Beachbums (3), Breaking Bad (3), Casablanças (1), Dodgy Dogs (1), The Downsman (1), Drink n Sink (2), Fairways (1), Greyhound Flyers (3), Happy Slappers (3), JCB (0), Jubilee Club (1), Lil's Lab Rats (0), Mavericks (3), New Moon A (3), Nomads (0), Pelham Jewels (1), Pink Flamingos (3), Raiders (1), Johnson (0), Scrum Jack (2), Special K (2), Steamy Llama (0), Stray Dogs (2), The Hawks (1), The Hoppers (1), The Inn Crowd (2), The Moonraker (2), Rocketeers (2), The Rugby Club (2), Windmill Original (0), Windmill Underdogs (0), Windymillers (0), Next Gen (2), All Chalked Up (5)

2. Chairman's comments

PB stated she was very happy with the way the league had run this year. There were no major issues to be dealt with. PB then thanked the committee for their hard work.

3. Previous meeting minutes – Actions arising from

The minutes of last year's AGM were reviewed and accepted as a true record.

4. Secretary's report

SA thanked everyone for their attendance and then further thanked this year's sponsors and venues and pointed out that without the continued support of our sponsors, pubs and clubs there would not be a league. We had 35 teams registered, 1 team folded. For the first time this year, there no issues whatsoever with the scorecards, thanks to all captains for this.

The Summer League have tried to bring in more of an online format using less paper to move the league forward. This will continue in the Winter League. There will be only a league calendar and result cards in the team folders this year, all other information will be available online. We have increased our online storage to 5GB, this is more than sufficient for our needs.

The competition formats in the Summer league desperately need overhauling, we will be reviewing this for next year. The competition calendar in both Winter and Summer Leagues have been organised into “blocks”, this has worked well in both the previous two Winter leagues but in this year’s Summer league we had a poor turnout.

We are proposing to fully amalgamate the Winter and Summer leagues, this will be fully explained and discussed later.

5. Treasurer’s report

Attached:

Winter League 2016-2017 financial statement

Summer League 2016 financial statement

6. Proposals

6.1 Proposer: Committee

Secunder: Committee

Combine Winter & Summer committees and merge to a single annually managed structure.

Cliff Berry (CB): Does this mean the Winter and Summer leagues will have just one format ?

SA: No, we are just merging the leagues

Steve Horn (SH): Will there be just 1 AGM ?

Com: Yes

CB: Will it be the same playing format for both or will the format remain unchanged ?

Com: No change from the current formats

CB: Will there be any change in registration fees ? This was promised to be reviewed last year and it was not, will it be reviewed again ?

Com: No change

F: 40 A: 0 ABS:1
PASSED

6.2 Proposer: Committee

Secunder: Committee

Re-word constitution point 14.2

F: 38 A: 1 ABS:2
PASSED

6.3 Proposer: Committee

Secunder: Committee

Remove constitution point 14.1 and add new wording to accommodate member’s feedback around new teams formed.

Steve Dunning (SD): Completely agree with this, teams like Next Gen should be placed in the division where they all came from.

Rob Jackson (RJ): You just need to look at the state of division 3 this summer, this needs to be done.

CB: What if there is no space in the relevant division ?

SA: If there's no space available then it won't be possible.

F: 38 **A: 2** **ABS:1**
PASSED

6.4 **Proposer: Committee**
 Secunder: Committee

Maximum Winter League team entries

CB: You're very wrong in suggesting this, all teams that want to play should be accepted

SD: All teams that want to enter should be allowed in.

F: 15 **A: 21** **ABS:1**
FAILED

6.5 **Proposer: Committee**
 Secunder: Committee

Removal of Divisional Singles competition in the Winter season.

SD: You're writing off all players outside the Premier league, this is not fair and not right.

AM: There's been insufficient attendance to warrant running these comps

Neill Jonas (NJ): There really should be divisional knockouts, gives players from the lower divisions something to play for.

Aidan Jones (AJ): Can we bring in a handicap system

Com: No

SA: If there are no Divisional singles, we would have more weeks for the league singles.

F: 6 **A: 27** **ABS:4**
FAILED

6.6 **Proposer: Committee**
 Secunder: Committee

Removal of Juniors U21 competition

Jordan Green (JG): Can we not leave this as an option to enter, if there isn't enough entries then don't run it ?

Com: No

RJ: Yes lose it if there isn't enough entries

AJ: Can we not open it to non-league members to attract new members/outside interest

Darren Loft (DL): Why don't you just leave all competitions as there are, if a minimum number of entries aren't reached then don't run those comps ?

CB: Why don't you just drop the prize money and keep the trophy and make it into an open ?

F: 7 **A: 21** **ABS:3**
FAILED

7. Resignation of committee

The committee resigned

8. Election of new committee

RJ: Vote the current committee back in as it is

Martin Ballard (MB) stated he would not be standing again.

PB: No formal proposals have been received

The committee were accepted back, Aidan Jones was voted onto the committee.

9. Honorariums

In line with last year's AGM, honorariums remain unchanged:

League Secretary (SA) - £200

Competitions Secretary (AM) - £150

Treasurer (MB) - £150

Paula Davies (Website) - £50

F: 21 **A: 0** **ABS:5**

PASSED

10 AOB.

Mark Stevens (MS): Why do we toss rather than lag for the break ?

Darren Ayling (DA): If we're not changing the actual format, we can surely vote on that tonight

Com: No we can't tonight

CB: For League or Competitions or both ?

MS: For all

CB: So just one lag at the start ?

PB: Yes

After discussion it was agreed that the following be raised at next year's AGM

Steve Horn then took the floor:

SH: Firstly, you guys on the top table really shouldn't be swearing when you've lost control of the meeting

DA: The same goes for the floor

PB: Ok

SH: Committee proposal forms should be included in each team folder

SA: We're trying to move forward into the 21st century not backwards into the 20th. There's no need for the paper

SH: We need to have a cigarette/toilet break during this meeting

Com: We can do this in future

SH: When all the committee are outside during the honorariums discussion there is no-one taking minutes

Com: Ok

SH: The date for submission of proposals is way too early

JB: That has been dealt with tonight

SH: There are certain people in the league that take recreational drugs. If a player turns up stinking of skunk then they shouldn't be allowed to play. If you can't tell exactly who it is should the whole team be allowed to play ?

JB: It's your pub Steve, you have the right to exclude whoever you want to.

NB: The two FaceBook groups should be combined

PB: We can do this now that the leagues have been merged

Jon Sharpe (JS): The windmill is a long time league sponsor, 1 doubles game was rearranged and played elsewhere.

NB: Was that when there was a problem with the tables down there ?

JS: Unsure

PB: Sponsors should make us aware if they have any problems

Dave Humm (DH): The committee should take verbal proposals at the AGM

SA: We'll review that for next year

ST: We should also look at the year delay between proposals being voted upon and then implemented

CB: Can we put a proposal in tonight to change the Summer league format to that used by the Redhill & Reigate league, 3 blocks of 5 games with interchangeable players ?

PB: No, that will have to be submitted at the next AGM

SA: Why raise this now ? Why did you not submit this in time ?

There then following heated discussion surrounding all the above points, after some time it was agreed that the valid points raised as AGM items tonight should be taken as AGM proposals for the AGM 2018.

AGM proposals summary:

Change from coin toss to lag to decide break in league and competitions – Proposer Mark Stevens

Change from coin toss to lag to decide break in competitions only – Proposer Cliff Berry

Reduce the registration fees - Proposer Cliff Berry

Move the proposal submission date back to the end of the season – Proposer Darren Ayling

Combine the Winter and Summer FaceBook groups into one group – Proposer Nicki Bradberry

AGM to accept verbal proposals – Dave Humm

Summer League format to move to 3 blocks of 5 games - Proposer Cliff Berry

Summer League to have it's own AGM – Proposer Dave Humm

AGM Proposals to take effect at next season with no delay – Proposer Sean Trivass

Meeting closed at 22:10