



RHYMNEY VALLEY SNOOKER LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 17th August 2023

1. **Opening address:** The meeting was opened by the Chairman Ashley Galliers. He did not know whether there were any additional teams for the forthcoming season. He welcomed Gerald Brain to the meeting who has recovered from a recent serious illness. We wished him well.

The recent presentation night appeared to be a success.

He informed the meeting that no matters or motions had been put forward prior to the meeting

2. **Apologies** There were none received.
3. **Attendance register** There was only one team non attendance – Snooks B
4. **The minutes** of the previous AGM were read by the Secretary and accepted as a true record

There were no matters arising
5. **Election of Officers** It was proposed and seconded that the current officers remain in post.
6. **Chairmans Report**
Ashley Galliers stated that each and every year the fixture list was distributed with competition dates included for the season. Every year for one reason and another, Brian has had to alter dates to accommodate certain individuals who were unable to comply with the dates..It was mentioned that the Rhymney league has for many years, been known to run on a Tuesdays and Wednesday format. There was some discussion over players who were representing their country in competitions and that there should be an element of flexibility. Brian Crook reminded players that flexibility was not always an option due to availability of other players involved, referees & venues. Brian does have a calendar of national events and takes these into account when providing a fixture sheet showing dates 7 months in advance.
7. **Secretary's report** Mr Phil Gibbs stated that each year teams were incurring unnecessary fines when not Attending meetings. As an example there was a total of £300 in fines imposed last season. More effort was needed to negate these fines..

8. **Treasurers report**
Brian Crook had circulated a current balance sheet to delegates and gave further details of future sponsorship. There was still some outstanding monies from last season..Brian stated that he had written off the debt incurred by the departure of Tredegar Cons club. He has secured sponsorship again with Molson Coors..There was further sponsorship from existing sponsors, JG Properties, Lee Walker, Red Traingle.

There has been no increase in league entry fees for some time..It was proposed that league entry fees be rounded up to £75 to make it more even.....**agreed**

Brian gave details of a new bank account with Lloyds which he wanted to implement which meant no bank charges. The current system incurs monthly charges.

9. Notice of motion – none received

10. Rules / amendments – Dave Edwards asked for clarification on the miss rule on match nights. The 3 miss rule was still in place except for semi finals and finals of competitions. This was still in place

Was it still the case that matches could not be cancelled except in cases of adverse weather..R/ yes.

Dave further stated that decisions should be made by delegates not just officers.

The Chair stated that occasionally decisions would have to be made between monthly meetings. Any decisions made will be brought to the attention of delegates at the next meeting.

Was it still the case that a fine of £20 would be imposed for non attendance at the AGM..R/ Yes for existing teams who were continuing in the league. This has always been the case.

11. Brian stated that he wished to introduce the team consolation cup this season, that was agreed the previous year but unable to implement it due to lack of a sponsor. Which is the same as the singles plate. He has secured a sponsor, Rob Andrews..Agreed. A 15 point handicap would be implemented for the competition.. Details to be issued

12. Team Request – an application from Redz Cwmbran had been received to join the league. In view of Royal B dropping out of the league it would create a division of 11 teams and one of 10 teams. Wayne Morgan proposed the we accept the team seconded by Rob Andrews....agreed with 10 delegates in favour..

13. A.O.B. Gerald Brain stated that he wanted to introduce a new player to Bargoed Labour i.e. Nathan Davies who used to play for Brynmawr Legion. Brian stated that there was a debt from that club. it was agreed that Providing he was willing to pay his share of the debt, he could play. A short discussion took place regarding the registration of 3 players for doubles so that if one was unable to play, the other could step in. The chair suggested that this was deferred to the next meeting for players to give it some thought. The format could make things complicated.

Registration and Individual Entry forms were handed out to delegates for completion by next meeting.

The was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.15pm.