



RHYMNEY VALLEY SNOOKER LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 15th August 2024

1. **Opening address:** The meeting was opened by the Chairman Ashley Galliers. He stated that there had been success from our young Welsh players in the recent Home international at Leeds. Congratulations to Olly Payne, Riley Powell, Darren Morgan and other team members. He re-iterated that only motions received prior to the AGM could be discussed..

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

2. **Apologies** Mr Rob Andrews
3. **Attendance register** There were 3 teams not in attendance.
4. **The minutes** of the previous AGM were read by the Secretary

Matters arising – Dave Edwards stated there were some inaccuracies with regard to the wording of a rule which had stated that decisions could be made by officers where it should read decisions should be made by delegates. One of the delegates in the meeting read out the current wording of the particular rule which would indicate Dave Edwards' comments had already been addressed.

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 fines had been imposed for non attendance of meetings. 2 teams had missed 5 meetings. This was unacceptable and unnecessary. If team members took it in turn they would only have to attend one meeting per season. It was necessary for as many voices as possible to attend.

He also highlighted that there were fees outstanding for most of last season. This was again unacceptable. Fees and fines should be paid on time.

7. **Secretary's report** Mr Phil Gibbs re-iterated the Chairmans' comments 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..He proposed that singles entry fee be increased slightly to £5 per head **agreed..**

He suggested that the amount of meetings could be decreased. As an example we didn't need a meeting in November or January. Competition draws are made in the meetings and a period is given for completion.

There was a general discussion regarding amending penalties for non attendance of meetings with the deduction of points discussed which had been utilised during the previous season.

Paul Griffiths suggested that instead of increasing points penalties a monetary penalty should be imposed and suggested increasing the initial bond fees paid. Any fines imposed would be deducted from this bond. If teams do not incur any fines the money would be returned. Following discussion it was agreed to increase the bond fee by £20 to £40 for existing teams, £95 in total for new teams, **agreed**

9. **Notice of motion – John Carter** suggested a more central venue for meetings. Ashley Galliers read out the list of clubs in the league for suitability..It was decided that there were only two suitable venues i.e. Bargoed Labour and the Beech Tree. Ashley suggested that both clubs be approached and a decision made in the next meeting **Agreed**

Brian Crook suggested that where possible 2 tables can be used on match nights instead of 1 at present. There were some for's and against. Generally it was thought 1 table is more appropriate on match nights.

10. Rules / amendments - An additional rule regarding dissolution of the league and funds had been distributed to delegates. This covered the distribution of any funds held should the league be dissolved **agreed**

Another additional rule would include the wording that the league recognises and follows the guidelines of the National Governing Body (**NGB**) being the **WBSA** Welsh Billiard and Snooker Association **Agreed**

Youth Policy – This has to be included as a legal requirement. The full document is of multiple pages but was summarised and circulated to delegates which covers looking after the well being of young players i.e. those under 18yrs. **agreed**

11. Team Request – an application from Brian's Team to relocate from Mark Williams Club to Scala Club, Merthyr and the re introduction of a team at the Aberfan Hotel – **both accepted**. Brain stated that this makes the league two divisions of 12 a total of 24 teams

12. A.O.B. Mark from Crindau Cons asked for clarification on player stats and how it works, highlighting that John Carter and James Gibbs played 20 games and won 17 yet Alan Hurley from Redz played 17 games won 17 and won the individual competition. Brain and Ashley stated that it was all worked on percentage wins. Alan Hurley had 100% and had played the required amount of games whereas the other players had scored 80% of wins....

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 8.40pm.