

South Norfolk Pool League AGM meeting minutes

Location: Attleborough Snooker Centre

July 17th 2024 Date:

Time: 7:30pm

Peter Leeder (Vice Chair), Marcus Burrows (Chairman), Tim Duffield (Treasurer), Phil Attendees:

South (Secretary), Jordan Brice (Asst Secretary), Matt Large

Aubrey Byrne, Steve Burley (Minutes Secretary), Steve Fearn, Apologies:

Teams

ASC ARP, ASC Guilts, ASC World Champs, ASC Mallindines, Banham Com Ctr, BCC Represented: Bees, Carleton Rode Haddocks, Carleton Rode Trojans, Diss Greyhound A, Diss

Greyhound OAPs, Fighting Cocks B, Fighting Cocks Cannons, Hockham Eagle B, Hockham Eagle I's, Hopton Vine Panthers, Jolly Farmers B, Kings Arms Watton Kingsmen, L Stratton Queens Head A, L Stratton QH B, Mikey's Bar A, Mikey's Bar Stewards, Mulbarton Sp & SC Kings, Scole Crossways, Thetford Ex-Servs. Warriors,

Wymondham Sp Bar Rejects, Wymondham Sp Bar Rebels.

Agenda items

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Aubrey Bryne, Steve Burley and Steve Fearn

2. Minutes of 2023 AGM

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were available online and as part of the AGM Pack.

3. Matters arising from 2023 AGM minutes.

No Matters arising from the 2023 AGM minutes

4. Sponsorship

The Secretary provided the news that David Mallindine (through his company Eastern Flow Screed) would take up sponsorship of the league for the upcoming season with a review on the season's conclusion. There was a thank you applause from all in attendance.

The committee would also like to thank all the trophy sponsors and Andy Brett at Attleborough Snooker Centre for hosting the Finals Day.

5. Proposals for Rule Changes

The Secretary availed us of any proposals through the official channel and stated there was only one which was proposed by Phil South in that we should split the committee into two sections as follows;

- 1) a group consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chairman and Minutes/Asst Secretary to be known as the Executive Committee
- 2) a group consisting of the four remaining members to be known as the Working Committee
- 3) there would no longer be a requirement for the whole committee to meet on a monthly basis, but the Executive Committee would meet as required, to be arranged by said members.

The proposal for a vote was made by Gary Farrow and seconded by Steven Goose and Kat Lawson. The vote was carried unanimously.

6. Chairman's Report

Marcus gave his Chairman's report, copy as per AGM Pack.

7. Secretary's Report

Secretary's report was given by Phil, copy as per AGM Pack.

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given by Tim, copy as per AGM Pack.

9. Election Of Officers

This year, the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Minutes Secretary must be re-appointed. All incumbents of these positions stated they were happy to stand again, and no new names were put forward.

Proposals and seconders were as follows:

Chairman – Proposed by Peter Leeder, Seconded by Martin Wood Secretary – Proposed by Marcus Burrows, Seconded by Ket Lawson Assistant/Minutes Secretary – Proposed by Phil South, Seconded by Chris Horsley

It was stated by Phil South that the new working committee was required to be newly elected and that Jordan Brice, Matthew Large and Aubrey Byrne all wished to remain albeit at the point of vote Steve Fearn had not communicated his intention to continue, it was considered he be included in the vote whereas at a later date a replacement could be introduced should he not wish to.

The four were proposed by Steve Dunnet and seconded by Sean Hodgson The vote was carried unanimously.

NB: whilst asking for any candidates Gary Jackson stated that he would be happy to stand in should Steve Fearn not wish to continue and Phil South stated we could take the point up at the next Executive Committee meeting – post meeting note, Steve Fearn is happy to remain.

10. Composition of 2024/25 Winter League

The Secretary stated that the Winter League would be on the same format as the last with the same competitions, he couldn't give any clearer information as to size of divisions or start dates until he had received all team's entries, requesting that all teams enter as soon as possible stating that Sunday 18th August 2024 is a deadline not a target.

Winter League to commence on Thursday 5th September.

Two top teams and two bottom teams from 2023/24 tables will be promoted/relegated and others will be offered places accordingly.

11. Any Other Business

- a. It was debated as to whether a shot clock should be introduced to the divisions outside the Premier Division. After some interesting and constructive talk the Vice-Chair (with the support of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) stated that to change the league rules it would need to be proposed through the League Secretary to be placed on the AGM agenda to be voted on, as no proposal was given prior to the AGM the room was advised to consider this for the next AGM.
- b. Arising from previous questions regarding talking to your partner in Doubles Events, Phil South made clear his interpretation was that it was allowed to communicate after a valid break was made but then it was considered the player was 'in break' and could not confer until that break was over. A debate ensued when Jon Kenny raised a hand to make a point, at that moment Phil South recognised the fact that he (Jon) had represented the England Seniors Pool Squad and a round of applause ensued (congratulations Jon)
 - His and others point was Why not allow talking throughout? A vote was taken and 18 were in favour with 9 against.
- c. It was then requested by several attendees to change the Doubles Events to 'Scotch Doubles' a vote was taken with 18 in favour, 1 against with some abstaining.
- d. The Secretary stated that there were no league rules refraining a change to these formats and that the Executive Committee would discuss this at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm