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South Norfolk Pool League

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 26th July 2023

Meeting registration from 7:00pm, meeting to commence at 7:30pm

Attleborough Snooker Centre, Function Room

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 2022 AGM (pre meeting note – these do not exist for perusal)
3. Matters arising from these minutes (see pre meeting note above)
4. Sponsorship (current and potential future sponsors)
5. Chairman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Election of Officers (Vice Chairman, Secretary, Minutes Secretary) plus Committee Members
9. Composition of the 2023/24 Winter League
10. Any other business, including proposals received and voting on current General Rules and Winter League rules.

ALL TEAMS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING

Please ensure a member of your team has registered between 7:00pm and 7:30pm and they are in receipt of a voting card. This will entitle each team to vote on each proposal ONCE and ensure a fair vote.



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Chairman's Report – 2023

Hi guys,

I'd like to welcome you to our first snpool AGM, as most of you know this time last year we were put into a position where pool on a Thursday may have been no more.

I personally could not allow this to happen as I knew that this sport brings a lot of enjoyment to a lot of people including myself, hence why my company decided to sponsor the league, next job was to get a committed committee on board which we managed to do, without the dedication these guys all put in we would have struggled, so saying this I want to thank each of you for all the hard work you put in and to my secretary Phil I have to say you are amazing mate, you really are.

I hope you all enjoyed your pool this season and we're all happy with the way things were done, finals day I'd like to think went really well, I never had a complaint all day and don't believe any of the committee had any either which I thank all of you in this room for that, that weekend I was on serious tenterhooks, thinking something is going to go wrong, my committee know this, we laughed about it once finals day had finished. I'd like to thank Andy for allowing us to hold finals day here at the club.

We have something that is very serious that we must all vote on this evening, all I ask is can you all think about the league when you make your vote this evening and what your vote could mean to the league, it's not just about individuals it's about so much more.

With that I will stop going on now, I can talk for England as some of you know but we have so much to go through this evening and I can't stand here talking all night long, once again I'd like to thank all of you in this room, we go again next season, let's make this league stronger as we build and I will now pass you over to my main man Phil South so he can go through the rest of the meeting with you.

Regards
Marcus J Burrows
Snpool Chairman



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Secretary's Report – 2023

“Nobody will ever run this league as well as Tunmore Leisure” was the sentence that stuck out to me during last year's AGM where almost all the committee and all the league officers had just resigned en masse and the South Norfolk Pool League, which had been running for 50 years, was about to die a very fast death.

Fortunately, there were a few of us who had already received whispers of the possibility of this, and we had got our heads together to see if we could form some sort of committee to keep the league going and see how it went from there.....

I hope that a majority of those in attendance tonight will agree that, as a group, we did alright! We started the year with 40 teams, sadly losing one along the way. We gave pool to over 300 players over the course of the season, we reintroduced the Ladies Singles Knockout Cup and we held a successful Finals Day (regardless of it being held on Father's Day).

I would personally like to thank all my fellow committee members for their support by attending meetings during the season, offering their feedback to my crazy ideas, and agreeing to spend some money to try to give a high standard of reward to the players who give up their time to play every Thursday night. I'd also like to thank the team captains and the players for doing their bit with regards to getting scorecards to my in a timely fashion and for (in the main) communicating in a mature way. Most captains are fantastic at getting the cards in straight after the game - all I'll say is that the timing of returning the result is a deadline, not a target!

There will be a lot of changes voted on tonight regarding the rule set we play and on the General Rules (please ensure you have read them). In my opinion we need to move with the times, but this league is only successful if we continue to have the high quality of players to play in it – which to me means that we must respect any changes that are voted on and move forwards without dissent.

Many thanks for you continued support,

Phil South – snpool Secretary. July 2023.

South Norfolk Pool League
Income & Expenditure 2022/23

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Cash at bank @ 22nd September 2022 (Tunmore)	1,445	Tunmore (22/09/2022 to 25/10/2022):	
2022/23 Winter League Entry Fees	2,000	Cheques (2)	1,241
Singles Entries	445	Cash (3)	350
Doubles Entries	690		
Transfer Fees	5	SN Pool:	
Trophy Sponsorship (1)	1,700	Website Costs	94
Main Sponsor	250	New Annual Trophies - Winter League	1,609
2023 Summer League Entries	840	2022/23 Winter League Trophies	2,053
		2022/23 Finals Night Referees	225
		Misc Costs - Finals Night	260
		Cash at bank @ 12th July 2023	1,544
	<u>7,375</u>		<u>7,375</u>

- (1) Thanks to all of the trophy sponsors: Attleborough Snooker Centre, Richard Knight, Hockham Eagle, Mervyn Lambert Plant Hire, Womack Building Supplies, Kent Skips, Adrian Briggs, TL Plant Hire and Phil South.
- (2) Two cheques (for £533.05 & £707.60) were paid out of the old Tunmore Pool bank account, prior to the transfer of funds to the new SN Pool committee. Tunmore were sent an e-mail on 8th January 2023, requesting details of the two cheques. No response has been received.
- (3) Tunmore collected £1,400 of the 2022/23 Winter League Entry Fees, but only £1,050 was paid into the old Tunmore Pool bank account. This is a £350 shortfall, assumed taken for cash expenses. Queried with Tunmore on 8th January 2023, but no response has been received.

Prior period Income and Expenditure - as presented by Tunmore Leisure at the 2022 AGM:

Tunmore (South Norfolk) Pool
Income & Expenditure 2019/2022

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Cash at bank @ 1st July 2019	1,766	2019 Summer League Plaques	782
2019/2020 Winter League Entry	2,450	2021/22 Winter League Plaques	1,347
Singles Entry	110	2022 Summer League Plaques	780
Doubles Entry	120	Champion of Champions	200
Three Man Entries	80	Referees (Finals Nights)	280
2022 Summer League Entries	780	Website	80
		Refund League Fee	45
		Engraving	307
		Phone Charges	20
		Postage	20
		Cash in bank @ 21st September 2022	1,445
	<u>5,306</u>		<u>5,306</u>

Combined accounts for 2019/22 due to disruption caused by Covid.
2019/20 Winter League Entry rolled over to 2021/22 league.



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AGM Proposals – 2023

Both league proposals have been added to the draft set of rules as attached to the AGM pack.

"Change of rule set to International Rules for Winter League"

League Proposal

"Change the format of the matches in each league as follows:

15 frames for Premier Division matches, played in 3 sets of 5 frames

12 frames for Divisions One, Two & Three, played in 3 sets of 4 frames"

League Proposal

"I would like to propose that for the 2023/24 winter league that matches commence at 8.00pm instead of 8.30pm please"

David Buller, Banham Barrel

"I feel there needs to be more clarification with postponement and re-arrangement of matches.

Can I propose:

If a team needs to postpone a match, then at least 48 hours' notice is given to the opposing side, unless, due to unforeseen circumstances, for example, weather conditions.

We had a situation in the winter season, where we were informed on the night that the team couldn't raise a side. I know it is difficult, but with this scenario and in my opinion, this match should have resulted with a 10-0 win or now 12-0 win. It would then alleviate any outstanding matches. Of course, with a reasonable cancellation and notice, we would always try to re-arrange a match fixture at the earliest available mutual date"

Stephen Pretty, Jolly Farmers B

South Norfolk Pool League

GENERAL RULES

1. Name

The League shall be officially known as **South Norfolk Pool League**.

However, the league will be branded as **snpool** in short form.

Any Pub or Club with a Pool Table is eligible to join provided that their application is accepted by the League Management Committee. It is recommended that the Pool Table(s) at the venue are supplied by a reputable supplier of Pool Tables (i.e. SX Leisure) and that they have a maintenance contract attached to the supply. Tables will be inspected by League Officers before applications are approved and any venues where tables drop below the recommended standard may not be accepted into the League in subsequent seasons.

2. Officers

The Officers of the League shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Minutes Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 30th July each year. Notice of any Proposals to be submitted at the A.G.M. must be in writing to the League Secretary before the 12th July each year. Each Pub/Club must be represented at the Annual General Meeting where the voting will be on a basis of one vote per team.

The venue to be chosen for the Annual General Meeting will be at the Committee's discretion.

3a Election of Officers

All Officers will be elected for a 2 year term of office as follows:-

The Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary to be elected on even years.

The Vice Chairman, Secretary and Minute Secretary to be elected on odd years.

3b Election of General Committee

The General Committee shall consist of up to 4 members to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

4. Management

The League shall be administered by the Management Committee which shall consist of the Officers and up to 4 General Committee members elected at the Annual General Meeting.

These members shall be allowed to vote at ALL meetings except the Annual General Meeting.

The Management committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the League whether specifically provided for in the rules or not. The Management Committee has the power to adjudicate in all matters within the League. Their decision in each case will be final and no appeals will be allowed, except against suspensions or fines, provided the appropriate fees have been paid. Appeals would be purely at the discretion of the Management Committee and within a certain time period.

The Management Committee shall meet once a month and more frequently if necessary.

If a member of the Management Committee fails to attend three consecutive meetings, they will have deemed to have resigned and a replacement will be sought.

5. League Fixtures

The League Secretary will be responsible for all the fixture arrangements and all matches are to be played as per fixtures at the time stated. This rule applies to all competitions.

Any breach of these arrangements without at least NINE days notice to the League Secretary will be forwarded to the management Committee for a decision. The League does not accept responsibility for any error or omission on the fixture list. ALL teams should check their fixture list for any such problems and contact the League Secretary if they are not clear.

6. Referees

All referees should adopt the current playing rules and their interpretation. The League reserves the right to send neutral referees to any match which it deems necessary. The decision of the Referee in any match is final unless there is a protest when the frame shall be abandoned and the facts reported to the Management Committee.

7. Protests

All protests must be sent in writing and forwarded with the appropriate fee to the League Secretary within 48 hours of the incident, otherwise the protest will not be heard. The Management Committee may hold its own investigation into the circumstances of a particular incident without the necessity of a protest.

8. Registrations

All players must be registered to play in the Winter League. Transfers must not take place without permission from the Management Committee for which an application must be made using the correct transfer form and enclosing the fee of £10.00. Any Team or Player not adopting the correct transfer procedure will be expected to appear before the Management Committee. All unregistered players risk suspension from the League.

8a Unregistered Players

Any team fielding an unregistered player during any competition in any season will be deducted all team points and frames gained in which an unregistered player has participated.

9. Alterations of Rules

No alterations can be made to the rules except at the Annual General Meeting or a meeting (EGM) convened for that purpose.

10. League Fees

All fees etc. for the administration of the League are recommended by the Management Committee.

The Management Committee reserves the right to fine a team if necessary (e.g. expenses). Individuals can also be fined by the Management Committee.

11. Cup Matches

All cup matches will be played under the same terms and conditions as League Matches. In a two-leg affair, if the scores are level after both legs, a deciding singles frame must be played at the second venue. Each Team will nominate one player who has played on the night to represent them.

12. Singles/Doubles Matches

These matches will be on a best of three, five or seven frames basis at a neutral or convenient venue for both players. All players must be at the venue by the time their match is designated to begin.

Those players who do not inform the League Secretary of their inability to play before their match is due to commence will be dealt with by the Management Committee. Players are expected to be playing in the League on a regular basis if they wish to enter the Singles/Doubles competitions. No inquest into the selection of venue will be entertained.

12a

Should two players (or Pairs) be drawn together that play at the same venue, they wherever possible, will be drawn to play at their home venue.

13. Replaying of Matches

The League Management Committee have the authority to replay matches if deemed necessary.

13a

Matches may only be postponed provided the opponents agree and the League Chairman and Secretary are advised.

13b

The team not responsible for the cancellation shall provide two alternative dates for the rescheduled fixture to be arranged within one month of the cancelled fixture. These dates must be different days and not a scheduled league night.

13c

Failure to accept an alternative date offered will result in the match being awarded to the other team.

The team awarded the match will be credited with the average frame score to date rounded up (subject to a minimum 6 frames (7 frames for Premier Division))

13d

Where the game is not arranged within the month allowed following cancellation, the game will be considered void with no points being awarded to either team.

13e

No postponed match can be arranged or played after the last scheduled league match of the season.

14. Promotion and Relegation

The two top teams in Division One and all lower Divisions at the end of the Winter League season shall be promoted to the next higher Division. The bottom two teams in the Premier Division and all lower Divisions (except the bottom Division) will be eligible for relegation. The Management Committee reserves the right to amend the Promotion or Relegation issues for all Divisions if necessary (especially if teams withdraw from the League). If League points and frames are level, then the number of matches won will determine the higher placed team.

14a Champion of Champions Qualification Criteria

Qualification for the Champion of Champions competition will be available to the Winter League Premier Division Winners and the Winners of the Main Winter League Cup Competition. Should it be the case that both of the qualifying competitions are won by the same team or in the event that one of the qualifying teams is unable to commit to the Champion of Champions competition, the Premier Division runners up will be offered the opportunity to represent the South Norfolk Pool League at the Champion of Champions competition.

The opportunity for the South Norfolk Pool League to enter a third team into the Champion of Champions competition will be left **solely** to the discretion of the Champion of Champions competition organisers and will depend upon the availability of any additional entry spaces. In the event that a third team entry is made available, the winner of the South Norfolk Pool League (Summer League) will be eligible for entry into this competition. In the event that the winners of the South Norfolk Pool League (Summer League) are unable to commit to the Champion of Champions competition, the runners up of the South Norfolk Pool League (Summer League) will be offered the opportunity to fulfil this entry and represent the league.

In the event that any team eligible or subsequently offered the opportunity to represent the South Norfolk Pool League is unable to commit to the Champion of Champions competition, the committee reserves the right to offer this position to the next eligible team, based upon their final league or cup position. The Committee's decision will be final.

15. Trophies

Each Team winning medals at the end of the season will be given the appropriate quantity (as decided by League Management Committee) to be presented on Finals Night.

Extra medals may be ordered from the Management Committee as long as the appropriate fees are paid.

16. Venues

If a Pub or Club closes or the Pool Table is removed, it is the Management Committee's discretion regarding the outcome of the Team and or the Players that are still in Competitions.

17. Withdrawals

Any team leaving the League before the halfway stage will be removed from the league, all matches will be void and results removed. In the event of a team leaving the League after the halfway stage of the season, all matches will be awarded as a whitewash, including matches already played to that point. A fine not exceeding £30 will be levied on any team leaving the League before the end of the season.

18. Discipline

The Management committee reserves the right to suspend, fine or expel any Player or Team, for any breach of these rules, or any rules that the Management Committee makes at any future time, or for any act deemed by the committee to have brought the League into disrepute.

18a

Any Player or Team accused of any offence against any Player or Team or against the League, will be offered every opportunity to defend themselves, or explain their conduct either in writing, or in person to the Disciplinary Committee.

18b

Any Player or Team expelled will not be allowed to enter any competition organised by the League, until the League who suspended the Player or Team, has been re-admitted them to the League, which originally suspended them.

18c

If a Player or Team is suspended, then the names and addresses and reason for the suspension, must be forwarded to the Norfolk County Pool Association Secretary.

18d

Any Player or Team who is expelled from the League, will forfeit the whole of any subscriptions and entry fees paid in the current year, and any rights or entitlements formally accorded to them as members of the League.

18e

Any Player or Team suspended by the League has the Right to appeal, and must appeal to the League who suspended them firstly. If the appeal fails, they may request their County Association to hear their case. If the County Association rejects their case, they can request the Regional Association to hear their case. If the Regional Association rejects their case, they can request the English Pool Association to hear their case, and their decision is final.

18f

The League disciplinary committee will consist of : The Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and 2 General Committee members. (Minute Secretary to take the minutes of the meeting)

18g

The League appeals disciplinary committee will consist of : The Chairman, Secretary and Player's Representative and 2 General Committee members, different from the disciplinary committee (Minute Secretary to take the minutes of the meeting)

19 Use of Social Media

We recognise that the Internet provides unique opportunities to participate in interactive discussions and share information on particular topics using a wide variety of social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, blogs etc. However, South Norfolk Pool League has a responsibility to ensure that all of its stakeholders are protected from online abuse, discrimination and other communications and activities that could be deemed to be abusive, demeaning, derogatory or potentially inflammatory. Any individual team member, player, groups of players or any other South Norfolk Pool League stakeholder found to be using social media (in any form) to undertake activities and communications to the detriment of other stakeholders will be considered to be bringing the league into disrepute and could be subject to disciplinary action detailed within the general rules, points 18 – 18g

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2023/24 Winter League Rules

1. International 8 Ball Rules to apply.
2. Teams to consist of between FOUR and TWELVE players (Premier FIVE and FIFTEEN)
3. Matches to consist of TWELVE single frames (Premier FIFTEEN). In all divisions, players to play a maximum of three times (once in first "set", once in second "set", once in third "set" as laid out on the scorecard). Any teams fielding less than the minimum number of players will forfeit three frames.
4. Matches CANNOT be cancelled within 24 hours of the match. Any team cancelling at short notice or not arriving for the fixture will lose the match 12-0 (Premier 15-0).
Matches may be postponed with notice but MUST be played in line with Rule 13 of the General Rules **AND** before the last scheduled match date of the season.
5. Any team failing to field a minimum of THREE (Premier FOUR) players must forfeit the match.
6. **ALL** matches to commence at **8:30pm** unless agreed between the two captains prior to the match date.
7. If a player's opponent is not present when the frame is due to begin, the player is awarded the frame.
8. All players must be registered with the League Secretary. A new registration may be made on the night of the match by supplying the new player's details on the scorecard.
The **Nominated Landlord** may play for any of their house teams but only for one team on any one night.
Any teams playing an unregistered player during any competition in any season will be deducted all team point and frames gained in which an unregistered player has participated.
9. A player may only register with ONE TEAM at any one time.
10. Any player wishing to transfer to a different team must apply to the League Secretary in writing and paying a £10 transfer fee.
11. All matches must be played on a suitable Pool Table (as per General League Rule 1) with sufficient clear room to enable fair playing of the game. Before the match commences, both Team Captains must agree that the table is in a level and playable condition and that the visitors are provided with at least one standard Pool Cue and Chalk (where a 7' x 4' table is being used, a cross rest must be available).
In a venue where the table is often moved to create space for functions, Landlords **MUST** ensure their table is level prior to the commencement of every match.
12. **TIMING RULE** – Stopwatches **MUST** be used in the Premier Division. Stopwatches are optional in other divisions.
13. The Home Team Captain is responsible to referee, or to appoint a competent referee for each frame, to ensure that Players adhere to International 8 Ball Rules without advice from either Captain, other Players, or Spectators. The Referee may be consulted by a player on the rules and their application.
14. Each match will start with a coin being tossed between opposing players playing the first frame, which will decide the break. From then on, the break will be on an alternate basis.
15. Both teams must be written out on an official **snpool** Scorecard (which are available to download on the website) before the match commences and the Scorecard must be visible to all before and during the match.
Players' full names should be printed on the Scorecard in boxes 1-12 (Premier 1-15) so it is legible to all. The Player who has the break should be marked in the "Break" box.
16. The scorecard must be signed by each player **IMMEDIATELY** after they have completed their frame and the game result has been entered (Home teams must implement this rule as strictly as possible i.e. the next frame should not begin until the card has been completely signed to date). Players must not sign the card before the match. Forged signatures on the card will result in the offending team losing the match and further action being taken by the League Management Committee. If a winning player fails to sign the card – that frame is void.

17. If a player achieves an 8 Ball Clearance from the break (known as an "8 Ball" or a "Dish") then this must be marked on the card in the NOTES section giving the name of the player, the frame it occurred and then it **MUST** be signed by both captains.
18. Official result Scorecards must be received by the League Secretary via **WhatsApp** or **Text Message** on 07357 356086 or via **e-mail** on secretary@snpool.co.uk by 12:00pm on the **DAY FOLLOWING THE MATCH**.
Late scorecards will incur the following penalties:
First offence: 5 Frames deducted
Second offence: 5 Frames deducted and 1 Point deducted
Third and subsequent offence: 10 Frames and 2 Points deducted
Results will NOT be accepted by any other means (via post, Facebook, other telephone numbers, verbally etc).
19. Scorecards that arrive mutilated, defaced, or indecipherable will result in the Home Team forfeiting any points and frames won on the night and will be warned regarding their future conduct. Any teams not sending a scorecard at all will have **TWO POINTS** deducted but, if known, the result on the night will stand.
20. All protests must be sent **IN WRITING** to the League Secretary within 48 hours of the match, with a £10.00 fee. If the protest is upheld, then the fee will be refunded. Appeals to Norfolk County Pool Association will be allowed if necessary.
21. If a player is under 18, their Date of Birth must be entered on the registration form.
VISITING TEAMS BRINGING PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS UNDER 18 MUST NOTIFY THE LANDLORD
22. Any team leaving the league before the halfway stage of the season will be removed from the league, all matches will be void and results removed. In the event of a team leaving after the halfway stage of the season, all matches will be awarded as a whitewash, including matches already played to that point.
23. No Cup/Plate quarter-final, semi-final or Finals Day matches in this league will be rearranged.
24. Any team not arriving for a Knockout Cup match will lose the match 12-0.
25. Any team not arriving for the first round of the Knockout Cup will not be entered into the Subsidiary Cup.
26. Pro Cup balls are to be used in the Premier Division and where possible in other divisions. Balls to be provided by the home team.

Winter League 2023/24 Competition Rules

1. Competition entry fees will be as follows:
Singles Knockout (including Ladies Singles Knockout): £5.00 per player
Doubles Knockout: £10.00 per pair.
2. Fixtures will be drawn using the League Fixture software. The league committee will allocate venues for competition fixtures considering potential travelling distances. No inquest of selection of venue will be entertained as per General League Rule 12.
3. If a player/pair fails to arrive for the first round of a Knockout event, then they **WILL NOT** be entered into the Plate competition.
4. Matches may be rearranged but **MUST** be played within 6 days of the original date. Both players must agree. If a match is moved away from the original venue, please be courteous and inform that venue. All details are available on the website.
5. Results to be sent by the winner of the match to the WhatsApp Results number upon **immediate completion** of the match. The WhatsApp results number is 07357 356086.
6. If you are unable to attend the Winter League Finals Day, please withdraw from the competition as soon as you know. Any players not adhering to this rule will be suspended from competitions for one year.
7. Winners of the Singles Knockout Cup and Ladies Knockout Cup will be invited to represent snpool at the Champion of Champions Event later in the year.

For fixture updates and further news please visit www.snpool.co.uk