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South Norfolk Pool League
Sponsored by Eastern Flow Screed Ltd

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17th July 2024

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

Attleborough Snooker Centre, Function Room

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 2023 AGM
3. Matters arising from these minutes
4. Sponsorship
5. League Proposals
6. Chairman's Report
7. Secretary's Report
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Election of Officers (Chairman, Treasurer, Asst/Minutes Secretary) plus Committee Members
10. Composition of the 2024/25 Winter League
11. Any other business

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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South Norfolk Pool League AGM meeting minutes

Location: Attleborough Snooker Centre

Date: July 26th 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Attendees: Peter Leeder (Vice Chair), Marcus Burrows (Chairman), Tim Duffield (Treasurer), Steve Burley (Minutes Secretary), Phil South (Secretary), Jordan Brice (Asst Secretary), Steve Fearn, Matt Large

Apologies: Aubrey Byrne

Teams

Represented: Diss Grehound Old Skool, Long Stratton Queens Head B, Scole Crossways, Long Stratton Queens Head A, ASC LT, ASC Maallindine, ASC Guilts, Diss Greyhound OAPs, Wymondham Sports Bar Rebels, Hopton Vine Panthers, Banham C C Bees, Carlton Rode Haddocks, Mulbarton S C Kings, ASC Exiles, Hockham Eagle I's, Carlton Rode Trojans, Banham Barrell, Mulbarton S C, ASC ARP, Hingham S C, Fighting Cocks B, Thetford Ex- Service Club, Hopton Vine Wrong Un's, Tasburgh S C, Banham C C A, Jolly Farmers B

Agenda items

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Aubrey Bryne

2. Minutes of 2022 AGM

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were not available.

3. Matters arising from 2022 minutes.

No Matters arising as previous years minutes were not available

4. Sponsorship

The Committee thanked Marcus Burrows for his sponsorship throughout the year - who stated he was happy to continue with his sponsorship. If anyone else is interested in sponsorship, please contact the Phil South, League Secretary.

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

5. Chairman's Report

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

6. Secretary's Report

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

7. Treasurer's Report

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

8. Election Of Officers

This year, the positions of Vice 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.

Proposed by Gary Farrow, seconded by Steve Knights that the three existing officers are re-elected. This was carried unanimously.

No new names were put forward for Committee Members

No name put forward for Players Representative, this will be discussed at the next committee meeting. (Post meeting note – Aubrey Byrne has taken on the role)

9. Composition of 2023/24 Winter League

We hope to get 40 teams again for the coming season. A team has come forward to replace Shropham Social Club.

Winter League to commence on Thursday 14th September.

Application forms are on the web site and need to be returned by Thursday 31st August.

Two top teams and two bottom teams from 2022/23 tables will be promoted/relegated accordingly.

10. AOB and Proposals on Rule Changes

- a. There will be no registration required in 2023/24 for Ultimate Pool They still have a long way to go to develop their app and web site and require more funding.
- b. International rules for the 2023/24 Winter League - Proposed by Committee and seconded by Steve Knights that the international rules are used. 24 votes for, and 2 against, this motion was passed.

- c. Format of 2023/24 Winter League – Proposed by Committee and seconded by Jonathan Francis that Premier Division has 15 frames in 3 sets of 5 frames and other Divisions have 12 frames in 3 sets of 4 frames.

It was raised that there can no longer be a draw in the Premier League so shouldn't it be 14 or 16 frames.

It was asked if Division 1 should be the same as Premier Division so that promoted teams have correct numbers of players.

Scorecard should still be completed before the start of the game.

The original proposal was voted on, with 24 votes for and 1 against. Motion was passed.

- d. David Buller (Banham Barrel) has proposed that matches commence at 8pm instead of 8:30pm. This motion was discussed with various points raised.

The proposal was voted on, with 8 votes for and 18 against. Motion was not passed and matches to continue to commence at 8:30pm unless an earlier start is agreed between the two captains.

- e. The International 8 Ball Rules timing of 45 seconds instead of the current 60 seconds was discussed with various views for and against raised. It was decided that this would be discussed at the next committee meeting. (Post meeting note – the timing will remain as 45 seconds with a 5 second countdown, as per International 8 Ball Rules.)
- f. Steve Pretty (Jolly Farmers B) has proposed that if a team needs to postpone a match, then at least 48 hours notice is given to the opposing team, unless due to unforeseen circumstances like weather conditions. Failure to give 48 hours notice will result to a walkover win for the opposition.

This motion was discussed, and it was proposed by Steve Pretty and seconded by Carlton Rode Trojans that cancelling a match within 24 hours the team will automatically forfeit the match, if postponed in advance the match must be rescheduled for the next possible date, as per league rules.

The proposal was voted on and passed unanimously.

- g. The date for Finals Day will be set before the 2023/24 Winter league commences, so players can decide whether to enter Knockout Competitions, based on availability.
- Proposed by committee, seconded by Gary Farrow, motion was passed unanimously.
- h. Gary Farrow asked if a seminar could be done on the new International 8 Ball Rules. There are links to information and videos on the web site and some pre-season friendlies using the new rules could be a benefit.
- i. Steve Knights proposed a vote of thanks to the league committee for what they had done in their first year.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm



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AGM Proposals – 2024

Since the wholesale change of personnel on the league committee, it has become obvious that the running of the league is autonomous and doesn't require an "old school" full committee structure. In the advent of instant messaging and e-mails, many of the league decisions can be made within hours rather than having to wait until the next meeting. With this in mind, I would like to propose the following change the format of the League Committee Structure.

Instead of having a full committee of 9 members, of which all are required to attend monthly meetings, a proposal is as follows:

Continue with an Executive Committee consisting of:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Assistant/Minutes Secretary

Also, there would be a "Working Party" of up to an additional four members who would be involved in any disciplinary matters and matters which require further discussion.

There would also be a change to the wording of General League Rule 4 where a meeting on a monthly basis (or more frequently) would not be required.

Phil South, Diss Greyhound Old Skool and League Secretary



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Chairman's Report – 2024

Hi guys,

I'd like to welcome you all to our second AGM since taking over the South Norfolk Pool League, I'd like to thank all of you for attending this evening.

As you know last year we all had to vote on the new International Rules being implemented in our league, after a successful Summer League and Winter League I'd like to think we are now all enjoying the new rules, we don't have to do that this year, we do have some things this evening that we do have to vote on however, which I hope will all go swimmingly - as I like to say.

As you are all aware myself, Phil and all the committee jumped in two years ago to make sure everybody still had pool on a Thursday evening, my company M & JB Logistic Solutions Ltd became the main sponsor of the league, the reason for this was solely down to I wanted to make sure all of us could still enjoy the game we love.

This year however my company will be standing down as the main sponsor for the pool league, we do however have a new company that will be taking on this role as main league sponsor for what I would say is a very successful league.

You won't be getting rid of me that easily though as I would still like to stay on as league chairman (if you vote me in LOL). Going back to what I said earlier as in we do have things to vote on.....

You know what you get with me that's all I'm saying.

I'd like to now get on to my last statement.

I would like to congratulate all the teams, players etc that won trophies over the Summer League and Winter League, I'd like to put out a special thank you to all of my committee as without them we'd have no league, the work they all put in is second to none, all done for FREE and in their own spare time, Phil the league secretary is absolutely amazing, he takes on a lot, in my eyes he is irreplaceable. Also a thank you to Andy Brett and Attleborough Snooker Centre for allowing us to

dismantle his club for finals days, again without him and the club we would have struggled. Mustn't forget the trophy sponsors either, without you guys we'd have also struggled so thank you for dipping your hands in your pockets and doing this for us.

Just one quick last thing I'd like to say, might sound petty but it's me being me, can I just ask when commenting on certain issues on our social media page, just think before you write down a comment, some may find it funny and a laugh but some don't see it like that, sometimes that can open a can of worms that us as a committee then have to act on, we don't want that, we just want everybody to enjoy playing pool.

Well that's me done, I will shut up now and pass you over to Phil, our league Secretary.

Regards
Marcus J Burrows
Snpool Chairman



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Secretary's Report – 2024

“Nobody will ever run this league as well as Tunmore Leisure”

This year, that statement isn't entirely relevant to our meeting, but I like to leave it in the report to give everyone a reminder of what has gone before and what we continue to strive towards.

There isn't all that much to talk about this year – which is always a good thing! I will echo what Marcus has just said and thank the entire committee for their input over the season. Things don't just happen, and it requires the input of multiple people to keep this well-oiled machine oiled!

I would also like to thank Andy Brett for being so amenable in letting us use Attleborough Snooker Centre for our Finals Days and for our AGM (and other committee meetings). Also thanks go out to our Trophy Sponsors. We now have a full complement of new trophies which we are happy to hand out at the end of each season.

Now for a huge thank you to David Mallindine of Eastern Flow Screed for agreeing to sponsor the South Norfolk Pool League for the coming Winter League and Summer League in 2025. We can all appreciate that times are tough for everyone so for David to dip into his pocket to help keep the league running with the strength it has been running with, is real testament to him, so I send my thanks on behalf of the committee.

The secretary's job can be really easy – but it can also be made very hard by various things that happen over the course of the season. So, whether I am voted back on or whether someone else takes on the role in the next hour or so, I want to bring your attention to a short list of things to think about:

- The League Secretary (as well as every other committee member) has a life outside Pool! Before you send a message at 8pm on a Saturday evening, think to yourself whether he/she might be with his/her family or partner and whether it can wait until a more suitable time.

- Just about every answer to your questions can be found on the website (www.snpool.co.uk), or in the League Rules (which can be found on the website). Please try those routes before messaging.
- We ask for results to be in by 12:00pm on the day following the match – please try and get into the habit of doing it as soon as the match finishes. The League Secretary may have the opportunity to update them first thing on the Friday – that said, sometimes it may not be until the Monday/Tuesday of the following week so please DO NOT CHASE for updates!
- Please accept that competition draws are difficult to do. Venues are difficult to decide on and multiple people asking to change venues or dates/times becomes an issue. This season, there will be multiple matches on one evening so venues, dates and times will have to be adhered to. The round dates are released in advance so if you know you cannot attend one of those dates, please do not enter the competitions. Naturally, we will try and accommodate people as we have in the past but sometimes it can't happen.
- Finally, a reminder that we are all human beings, that includes the committee, players in the league and landlords. We encourage everyone involved in the league to treat everyone else with the utmost respect, no matter the results on the day. We are here for an enjoyable Thursday night of pool!

To conclude, we will start the league on Thursday 5th September with a full set of fixtures so please get your entry forms in ASAP to allow us to get the fixtures sorted.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Phil South – snpool Secretary. July 2024.

South Norfolk Pool League Income & Expenditure 2023/24

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Cash at bank @ 13th July 23	1,544		
2023/24 Winter League Entry Fees	1,950	2023/24 Winter League Trophies	2,762
Singles Entries	400	2023/24 Finals Night Referee	80
Doubles Entries	530	Replacement Winter League Division 1 Shield	131
Divisional Singles Entries	120	2023 Champion of Champions Entries	140
Divisional Doubles Entries	220	2024 Champion of Champions Entries	140
Transfer Fees	10		
2023/24 Sponsor - M & JB Logistic Solutions Ltd	250	2023 Summer League Trophies	378
2024/25 Sponsor - Eastern Flow Screenshot	600	New Summer Shield	150
Trophy Sponsorship - Divisional Competitions *	410	2023 Summer League Finals Night Referee	75
		2024 Summer League Trophies	615
2024 Summer League Entries	960		
		Website Costs	60
		Software	40
		Misc Expenses	144
		Cash at bank @ 30th June 2024	2,280
	<u>6,994</u>		<u>6,994</u>

* Sponsors of the new Divisional Competition trophies - John Marshall, Attleborough Snooker Centre and Watton Kings ~~AC~~ ~~AS~~