

Congleton Pool League

Chairman: Mr R. Moreton
Treasurer: Mr S. Byron
Secretary: Mrs E. Hancock

Vice Chairman: Mr G. Fraser
Fixtures secretary: Mr S. Byron
Promotions Officers: Miss K. White

Team Reps: Mr H. Crain, Mr S. Wright, Mr J. Thomason

AGM 2019

Held at Vale Club Sunday 8th September 2019 7pm

Present: R. Moreton, G. Fraser E. Hancock, S. Byron, K. White, H. Crain, J. Thomason

1. Apologies for Absence.

- Apologies were received for Committee member Sam Wright, Nick Walker from the Victoria Club and Adam Wood from the Unicorn.

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.

- Taken as read. Proposed by Paul Beaumont and seconded by John Dickinson.

3. Chairman's Report.

- Read out by the Chairman Robert Moreton.

4. General Secretary's Report.

- Taken as read.

5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Balance Sheet.

- Read out by Steve Byron.
- We have had some unexpected costs this year and if you look at the balance sheet you can see we are still struggling.
- We be increasing the fees for the competitions this season as last year entries were down and trophy prices increased. We need to ensure we can cover bond monies.
- We are looking at getting some more sponsorship this season and the continuation of the Superdraw will help put us back in a better position.
- The Committee will also ensure we budget carefully for events and any expenditure.

6. Fixture Secretary's Report.

- Read out by Steve Byron.
- The presentation was good but not our best. Everyone left before the end so the Comedian we had paid a lot of money for was doing tricks to just the Committee.
- There were also a lot of teams and players that did not turn up to collect their trophies. The effort that is put in by the Committee to put the presentation night on is frustrating when that happens.
- We struggled to arrange the finals days this year due to player availability so this season we will be setting the dates further in advance.

7. Constitutional Changes.

- i) That in both League and Competitions the break shall be decided by a lag and not the toss of a coin.
 - Proposed by S. Byron, seconded by G. Fraser (Bulls Head 'A')
 - Unanimous vote to pass this. **PASSED.**
- ii) That in Doubles matches in both League and Competitions, teams shall have just 1 minute to confer, after that the player who's turn it is must address the table.
 - Proposed by M. Smith, seconded by S. Byron (Bulls Head 'A')
 - Unanimous vote to pass this. **PASSED.**
- iii) In Doubles, once a team have written their names down on the result card they must play in that order. This applies only for League matches. If this does not happen, a foul shall be called.
 - Proposed by E. Hancock, seconded by S. Wright (Unicorn Avengers)
 - Unanimous vote to pass this. **PASSED.**
- iv) If a venue is not available on a certain date for a match to take place then unless the match has been arranged to be played before the date a mutual venue shall be agreed. If no venue can be agreed between the two parties then the Fixtures Secretary will decide on a venue
 - Proposed by S. Byron (Bulls Head 'A'), seconded by K. White (No Team)
 - Unanimous vote to pass this. **PASSED.**
- v) That a photograph of the result card is sufficient for the results purposes. All result cards would then be handed in at the next Captain's meeting. Failure to bring in your cards would result in being fined as normal. The photograph must still be sent to Steve by 11pm on the Thursday.
 - Proposed by P. Beaumont, seconded by R. Beard (Wharf Inn)
 - Unanimous vote to pass this. **PASSED.**
- vi) That the Summer League also has to have a "Bond" to ensure all matches are played and rules are abided by. A bond money can be carried over from the Winter League with the permission of the Winter League's team captain. If a team is made up from players from different teams then a new bond must be put in unless the captain of the Winter League's team agree's to the bond transfer.
 - Proposed by S. Byron, seconded by M. Smith (Bulls Head 'A')
 - Unanimous vote to pass this. **PASSED.**

8. Level of Playing Fees.

- As mentioned by Steve Byron in his presentation of the balance sheet, competition fees will be increasing to ensure we cover our costs.
- We will continue with the £10 registration fee if you enter the superdraw or an alternate of £15 registration fee with no superdraw. There is only one team this season that has opted for the latter.

9. Other motions for debate concerned with the general objectives and general running of the league.

- Chris Harding and Andy Warner have been banned from Congleton Pool League for 18 months. If they are involved in any further trouble after this time they will

receive a lifetime ban. This period covers Winter League 19/20, Summer League 2020 and Winter League 20/21.

- Team Knockout will remain as a Champions League and Europa League.

10. Acceptance of Registration of Teams.

- There will be 25 teams, 22 registered tonight were voted in, including Batty Boys, Victoria Club 'A' and Bulls Head 'C'.
- Due to the number of teams it is likely there will be three divisions.

11. Election of Officers.

- John Thomason and Dave Bungennear have resigned as team reps. Paula Dickinson was voted in as a team rep and James Wills was voted in as Social Media Rep.

Meeting finished 8.30pm

Elisa Hancock
General Secretary