

# 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**  
**Social Media Officer: Mr J. Wills**

**Team Reps: Mr H. Crain, Mr S. Wright, Mr M. Smith, Miss P. Dickinson**

## *Committee Meeting*

Held at Bulls Head Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 7pm

**Present:** S. Byron, G. Fraser, E. Hancock, J. Wills, H. Crain, K. White, P. Dickinson

### **1. Farmers Armour v Piano Bar.**

- Katelin explained what happened at the match last Wednesday at the Farmers Arms, Farmers Armour v Piano Bar as she was present.
- The team was short of players so the captain Rob asked Chris Gray to play for them but he would have to transfer from his current team which the Piano Bar agreed was ok.
- Chris was on reds, went down to take a shot in his game but hit the yellow ball instead of the white ball. The ref called a foul, Chris immediately apologised saying he thought that he was using the white. The game continued and finished with Chris winning. The referee was a Piano Bar player.
- Later on in the match, Clive was informed of what happened by his son and Clive said Chris had done that on purpose, even though he hadn't seen what happened. Clive and Chris started shouting and swearing at each other. They eventually shook hands but then started arguing again so Clive got his team and walked out without telling the Farmers Armour they were leaving or what the problem was.
- Chris did not want to be at this Committee Meeting but has sent Steve a message of apology saying that it was not intentional to use the yellow as the white but is happy to accept any decision the Committee make.
- Bryn Williams from Farmers Armour attended the Committee Meeting to give their version of events. He said as far as they were concerned the first 7 games went ahead without any problem. They were 0-4 down before Chris's game and then had got the score back to 3-4. Then Carl came inside and said to his team "break the cue we're leaving". Most of the Farmers team were unaware of why they left and why they had not said anything to them.
- Carl Tweets from Piano Bar attended the Committee Meeting to give their version of events. He said they were first asked by the captain of the Farmers if they could play Chris Gray under another player's name so they did not have to transfer him. They said no but were happy for him to transfer for this game. After Chris had used the yellow as the white ball, he did apologise straight away and the ref called a foul. Carl and Clive were discussing it with the ref outside after the match and told him he should have called "Game away" but the ref said

he as unsure of the rule. Chris and Clive were arguing in the pub about it, Carl said to Chris not to speak to his dad in that way as he was swearing and in his face. He told Chris he didn't think they could finish the match that night as there was too much arguing.

- The Committee agreed that with regards to the referee's decision, if he was unsure of the rules he should've checked at the time. There was a Committee member present and they could've rung any other members of the Committee to ask. We will mention this at the next Captain's Meeting.
- After a lengthy discussion the Committee unanimously voted to:-
  - give both teams a warning on their future conduct
  - explain to both teams they should ask others or consult with a Committee member if they are unsure of the rules
  - give an extra warning to Chris Gray that if he is brought before the Committee again he will get a 2 match ban.
  - Chris and Geoff's game is to be replayed and both of the remaining two games need to be played. A Committee member is to be present to referee the games and before the next Captain's Meeting, a time must be arranged to play these.
- The Committee then informed Bryn, Clive and Carl of their decision.
- We need to review changing the wording in the rules of play for these type of fouls as it is not clear.

## **2. Presentation Night and Finals Day.**

- 4<sup>th</sup> July is provisionally booked we will stay with this for now as there is the possibility that England might be playing in the Euros. We will also have 27<sup>th</sup> June as a fall back.
- We will be going back to the Cricket Club as the Vale Club is too small.
- We will do the black ball competition and a raffle but do the draws staggered in between the trophy presentations.
- At the next Committee Meeting we will discuss ideas for the presentation night.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place play off will be 6<sup>th</sup> June and Finals Day will be 13<sup>th</sup> June. Steve will organise this with the Bulls Head.

## **3. State of Tables.**

- At the next Captain's Meeting we will mention about the state of tables, they need to be in a reasonable condition and level.

## **4. League Fixtures and Team Knockout Formats.**

- This needs to be explained at the next Captain's Meeting.

Meeting finished at 9pm

*Elisa Hancock*  
*General Secretary*