

WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 26 June 2017 at 8pm

Present:	Darren Cabbage (DC)	Chairman
	Steve Wallace (SW)	Secretary
	Jason Hurn (JH)	Committee
	Tim Wilson (TW)	Committee
	Glene Sandom (GS)	Committee
Apologies:	Dom Matthews (DM)	Treasurer
	Ian Wild (IW)	Committee
	Colin Blakely (CB)	Committee

The meeting started at 8:15pm.

1. Approval of previous minutes (meeting held 24th April, 2017)

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by our chairman. Matters arising and actions are noted under their respective sections below.

2. Constitution of the Club

The constitution itself is not changing. The updated table rules and etiquette have been issued along with the renewals.

3. Preparation for renewals & AGM (on 12 July)

The following actions remain:

- Organise trophies in time for the AGM presentations. DC to check.

Action: DC

4. Facilities Management and Safety

A copy of the fire inspection report has now been seen by the Secretary. The Hostel Trustees will organise the needed changes to premises. Our only action is in regard to the cooler (see below).

TLC Day. There are a number of minor things to be done, including a “high clean” and disposal of the bar billiards table, which is seldom used. This is now tentatively scheduled for Sunday 9th July. We have established that we should be able to get about £300 for the bar billiard table.

Glass Cleaning Machine. Normal washing is below the recommended minimum temperature. Tim has provided some examples of cleaning machines and we are proposing a machine at about £750.

Ideally, we would site this next to the draining board. We need the supplier to visit in order to check measurements and produce a final quote.

Action: DC/TW

Beer Cooling Mechanism. The fire check has identified the need for a different cooler, as we should not have output into the corridor (a fire escape route). This will also cost in the order of £750. Again, we need to agree position and cost before going ahead.

Action: DC/TW

5. Treasurer's Update

Dom provided to Steve some figures for discussion.

In summary, we made a profit of £1977 versus £470 for last year, in spite of higher costs for repairs.

The stock take was completed and the accounts have been sent to Richard Arnold. However, in view of the change of auditor it is possible that we can only present provisional (unaudited) accounts at the AGM.

We discussed the possibility of a reduction in light token price to 50p. However, in view of the fact that we have other impending expenses (section 4 above) it was decided to defer any decision on this until later in the year.

It was also agreed that we should schedule one of the tables to be re-covered with new baize.

6. Membership Update

Renewals are running at 52 members fully paid up with forms, and another 10 where we have form or money but not both.

It was agreed that Jason would share the email password for wargrave.snooker@gmail.com to Steve and Darren so that either can answer emails that are sent in to the club email address.

Action: JH

7. Bar Rota Update

The rota continues to function well. Darren won't be able to open from August but we may be able to rope in Tom P-G to do this.

8. Bar Update

The price adjustments were introduced without any major problems.

We have introduced more lighter beers, in response to requests received. This has in turn produced some negative comments from those who prefer the darker, stronger ales. We will attempt to provide a good selection in future, including many of the regular favourites. We have also introduced some directly sourced local beers, e.g. from West Berkshire and also a brewery in White Waltham. Sales of bottled beers have been high. Overall, bar takings are up versus last year.

9. Club Competition Update

This all went well and we have new names on some trophies. Glene will take over the organisation of this and Darren will send the info. Steve is also available to help, having run this for a few years. The new competition sheets should be posted soon so that there is time to sign up.

Action: GS

10. Social Events Update

The Festival event was well attended in the end, with a number of people turning up at the last moment. Through no fault of their own, Glene and Dustin were paired in the end and took the title.

11. Web Site and Branding

This is great but could be updated more frequently. We will ask Colin if there is a simple way for others to update the site directly (e.g. with beers, competition results, etc.).

Action: CB

12. Any Other Business

Leagues. The committee had been approached some time ago about the possibility of giving up 2 tables on a Monday for a billiards league. This idea was rejected, on the grounds that it would give a small number of people exclusive use of most of the club for the night, and the disruption to the regulars would be too great.

However, we could consider a league (preferably snooker) if it could be done using only one table, and preferably on a quiet night. The quietest presently is Tuesday, although this varies.

Wargrave News. We should aim to have more visibility via Wargrave News, as this advertises the club for prospective members, and the paper is always looking for copy. Action carried forward.

Action: TW

24-hour Snooker Marathon. Glene has proposed that we consider holding an event of this type to raise money, preferably to coincide with Sport Relief. This was agreed in principle; Glene and Tim to come up with more detailed proposals.

Action: GS/TW

Snooker Outing. We would like to organise a trip to a professional event. A possible candidate event would be the Champion of Champions event in Coventry.

Action: DC/GS

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM on 12th July.

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary, 28/6/17.