

WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 4 Sept. 2017 at 8pm

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

Apologies:

The meeting started at 8:10pm. We welcomed Graeme as a new member of the committee.

1. Approval of previous minutes (meeting held 26 June, 2017)

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

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

The following actions remain:

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

Action: DC

The doubles trophy had a small error in the engraving and was dropped off for correction. Steve will collect it when passing.

Action: SW

3. Facilities Management and Safety

As a result of the fire inspection report, we had some improvements to safety (at Trustees' expense).

TLC Day. This took place, which managed to do a "high clean" and dispose of the bar billiards table, which was seldom used.

The cloth on the far table will be redone. Dom will dig out the relevant information.

Action: Dom

Glass Cleaning Machine. Normal washing is below the recommended minimum temperature. Tim has identified a suitable machine, which is about £660 including fitting. Darren will obtain another quote from Dayla.

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. Darren is organising the inspection.

Action: DC/TW

4. Treasurer's Update

Dom provided some figures for discussion for the first quarter (June to August).

In general, we are ticking along. Our income was £8254, and expenditure £7699. The latter includes some one-off annual expenses.

We are down on subscriptions (perhaps 20 members down) compared to last year.

Dom is going to buy some more light tokens.

5. Membership Update

Renewals are running at 78 members fully paid up with forms, and another 7 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. This action was completed and both have been answering emails.

6. Bar Rota Update

The rota continues to function well.

7. Bar Update

Ian has agreed to keep sourcing some items such as nuts and bottled beers. There have been more of the old favourites on offer.

West Berks have been delivering successfully but not posting us invoices. Darren will chase them.

Action: DC

We have been invited to the CAMRA presentation evening on 21st September. Darren will represent the club and, should we win, will collect our trophy.

8. Club Competition Update

Glene has taken over the organisation of this. There has been a late flood of entries and we have good numbers signed up (36 singles and 18 doubles). The draw is tonight.

Action: GS

9. Social Events Update

For the main village pub crawl, it was proposed to be the penultimate venue. This will solve the problem of people trying to get in after 11pm and ringing the bell to the flat.

We had leg one of the Battle of the Clubs (Bowls v Snooker). We need to organise the 2nd leg.

10. 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 ordered, competition updates, etc. There is a latest news section which can be used for beers. Colin and Daz will meet with Jerry to establish the best way to do this.

Action: CB/DC

11. 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.

Gary Worth has approached us again. He thinks that it could be done with a single table guaranteed, but it would have to be a Monday night, every other week. We will tell them that it can be done on a trial basis, for one season, provided that:

- The WDSC players are all members and the guests sign in.
- It is every other week on average, throughout the season.
- Only one table is reserved for their exclusive use. Others will have to be given up after the token expires if there are members waiting to play.

Darren will speak to Gary.

Action: DC

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

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 13th November.

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary, 4/9/17.