

WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2018 at 7:30pm

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

The meeting started at 7:35pm.

1. Approval of previous minutes (meeting held 13 November, 2017)

The minutes were unanimously approved. Matters arising and actions are noted under their respective sections below. The prior minutes have been uploaded to our web site.

2. Facilities Management and Safety

Table Cloth. The cloth on the far table has been renewed by Allied Pool & Snooker. It was agreed to continue at the rate of one table per year.

Beer Cooling Mechanism. As a result of a fire safety inspection, we have a new cooler system. This may need to be relocated as it makes the beer cool but warms the connecting pipe. Steve and Darren will inspect the lower cellar for a suitable position. Action carried forward.

Action: DC/SW

Furniture. Graeme provided some information on possible suppliers of furniture. We are looking for another round table and replacement armchairs (8 in total). Steve will research pricing at "City Furniture Clearance" (based in Cambridge) and Graeme will do the same for the others.

Action: GB/SW

Floor covering. It was mooted to look at new carpeting, rather than clean the present one. Dom provided a figure of 35.76 m² for the floor area. Graeme will investigate prices for a suitable hard-wearing carpet.

Action: GB

Table Iron. It was asked whether we could obtain a second iron, as waiting for the present one to come to temperature can be tedious. Steve to look up prices.

Action: SW

3. Treasurer's Update

Dom provided some figures for discussion up to the end of the prior week.

Income to date is £21,021.42, expenditure £19,859.11. This puts us in good shape to afford the new furniture and carpets, and it would be good to have these in place for the AGM.

4. Membership Update

Membership is now 98, which is in line with prior years. We are pleased to report the inclusion of 5 lady members.

5. Bar Rota Update

The rota continues to function well. Steve's recruitment efforts have led to the addition of Scott Petersen, Colin Johnson, and Matthew Gingell to the rota. Training is in hand. Colin is the only one yet to be trained, and this is planned for 29th January.

Action: SW

6. Bar Update

Ian continues to keep us provided with nuts. We have replenished stocks of most spirits and the barrelled beer selection has been good. We need to find a source of Opies' lemon slices.

7. Club Competition Update

The singles and doubles competitions progress well, but Wellavize is running somewhat behind where it should be. Glene will chase up the competitors and strike out the non-responders.

Action: GS

8. Social Events Update

Village Pub Crawl. This took place on Tuesday 19th December without incident. The newly refurbished top table miraculously survived intact.

Ladies' Evening. This took place on Weds 20th December and was a successful recruitment event.

Battle of the Clubs (Bowls v Snooker). The return leg was on Sunday 19th November. This proved to be very enjoyable and we have to acknowledge the demonstrable superiority of the Bowls club in relation to snooker abilities.

9. Web Site and Branding

The web site continues to function and minutes are being uploaded once approved.

10. Any Other Business

Cleaning. Cath's other commitments mean that she won't be able to clean regularly and has suggested that we may need to look for an alternative cleaner.

Action: DC

Mike Gosling. In recognition of Mike's long-standing service to the club and the affection in which he was held by the membership, it has been agreed to retire the present Doubles Cup and his family will purchase a new one (to be known as the Mike Gosling Cup). Darren to oversee this.

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. Carried forward.

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. We missed the boat on this one and will have to wait for the new season. Action carried forward.

Action: DC/GS

RBS 6 Nations. The bar rota has been issued.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 18th April. (Wednesdays appear to be easier for most of us.)

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary, 25/1/18.