

# WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 8:00pm

<b>Present:</b>	Darren Cabbage (DC)	Chairman
	Dom Matthews (DM)	Treasurer
	Tim Wilson (TW)	Committee
	Graeme Blythe (GB)	Committee
	Glene Sandom (GS)	Committee
	Steve Barton (SB)	Committee
	Colin Blakely (CB)	Committee
	Dustin Handcock (DH)	Committee
	Nick Pritchard-Gordon (NPG)	Co-opted
<b>Apologies:</b>	Steve Wallace (SW)	Secretary

The meeting started at 8:00pm.

### 1. Approval of previous minutes (meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019)

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by Chairman. Matters arising and actions are noted under their respective sections below. The approved minutes will be uploaded to our web site.

**Action: SW**

### 2. Facilities Management and Safety

Nick will obtain a quote for extending our shelf along the back wall at the same height, which might make it easier to change barrels and stow the piping. Action carried forward.

**Action: NPG**

New balls (three sets thereof) and spare rest heads all in place.

There is a problem preventing the light near the toilet door functioning when the switch just inside the main hall is turned on. SB has agreed to be onsite to open/close but the electrician needs to be contacted to repair and make good. SW will contact Bruce Glasby urgently.

**Action: SW**

NPG requested that SW communicates with the Cleaners to request that they replace urinal blocks.

**Action: SW**

TLC day suggested for end Jan/early Feb – either ahead of/or on the same day as 6 Nations.

### 3. Treasurer's Update

Dom provided accounts for the meeting. In short, bar takings, margin and projected spend are all down. Therefore, the Treasurer had prepared in advance, for consideration by the meeting, two

options for new pricing. The main difference between these options was that the 2<sup>nd</sup> option had rounding up to a multiple of 50p.

Discussions took place surrounding drinks pricing and also subs/membership pricing.

As a result, the committee unanimously agreed a new pricing policy (the second option) to be in place in 10 days for the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December. The new price list will be displayed in the club and all members will be advised via email by GS/DC as a note from the Chairman

**Action: DM/GS/DC**

There was also a brief discussion surrounding Broadband, PDQ machine and card payment facilities. This was prompted by a desire to increase membership by appealing to a wider demographic. This will require some considerable investigation and maybe a working party. These topics will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Action: SW**

#### 4. Membership Update

Numbers are down to 89 versus 109 in the prior year.

NPG suggested some PR ideas to reinvigorate membership. These included: promotional business cards for the club, half-price membership offers, as the present discount scheme is rather weak.

One that will be done urgently is to print and distribute via committee some business cards, with key details of the club.

**Action: DH/CB**

It was also agreed to issue a Half Price Membership Offer (to end 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020) to be drawn up and made available for selling at the Gents & Ladies Crawls.

**Action: GS**

#### 5. Bar Rota Update

Bar Rota and Table Cleaning Rota continues to work well. Discussions over the logistics for both the Gents & Ladies Pub Crawls took place.

##### Gents Crawl – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

TW offered to open the club, to be supported during the evening by GB/GS/DH and Ian Wild collecting glasses, serving, washing up etc. GB will organise some bar snacks for the evening. DM offered to do a stocks replenishment.

##### Ladies Crawl – Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

NPG had put together numerous excellent ideas to help make this event a success and help generate some more memberships. He had given DM advance notice of likely costs. The bar can be hosted by Dave Brown and Steve Barton, offering Prosecco and superior wines in addition to our regular offerings. In addition, there will be a pop-up Gin Bar run by Sophie PG & friend. It was also agreed to offer memberships at half-price, which NPG will tout.

**Members to be reminded that the club will be busy on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec if they are wishing to play snooker and closed on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec for the Ladies Crawl.**

**Action: GS/DC**

## 6. Bar Update

All barmen are reminded to update the cellar sheet EVERY TIME a barrel is changed. Remind barrel changers to update the cellar sheet.

**Action: SW**

## 7. Club Competition / Tournament Update

This is generally up-to-date. The Wellavize is slightly behind schedule, but not a concern.

GB advised that he had spoken to his contact re trophies and he is happy to quote us nearer the time (end of season). Action carried forward.

**Action: GB**

## 8. Social Events Update

Graeme received a request from Wargrave Matters asking whether we could host a charity event. We are supportive but despite numerous attempts to contact the enquirer they have not responded. No further action is required.

Snooker Outing. We had 14 members interested in the Dafabet Masters but it has unfortunately sold out. Steve Barton will investigate availability for the Welsh Open in Cardiff. Steve will post a sheet on the board giving some details and asking for members to express interest. Then we can gauge the numbers and whether the interest is sufficient.

**Action: SB**

Juniors' Event. Andy Meader has approached the Club with the suggestion of a juniors' event for the Wolves Boys on a Saturday afternoon. We agree in principle, but some work is required in relation to registering the Club and obtaining the right clearances. We have not heard further from Andy so no further action at this time.

Rugby World Cup. The view was that this was pretty successful given the awkward kick-off times and the fact that our licence does not permit an early morning opening of the bar.

## 9. Web Site and Branding

Tim knows how to make our club appear as a location on Google Maps and will put this into effect. There is no cost.

**Action: TW**

## 10. Any Other Business

Blue Book (of instructions). Nick continues to work his way through this, amending inaccuracies. Carried forward.

**Action: NPG**

Wargrave News. Colin is working on another article for the paper to raise awareness and hopefully drum up new members.

**Action: CB**

Roles & Responsibilities. Nick has started pulling together a roles and responsibilities definition, which will be re-circulated for review and improvement. This is nearly finished.

**Action: NPG**

Six Nations 2020. Tim kindly offered to open up for every match and host all games to enable us to market the fact that the club will be open for all fixtures.

**Action: TW**

#### 11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm.

Graeme Blythe on behalf of Steve Wallace, Club Secretary, 6/12/2019

(Great job - thanks Graeme)