

# WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 November 2017 at 8pm

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

The meeting started at 8:00pm.

### 1. Approval of previous minutes (meeting held 4 September, 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 doubles trophy had a small error in the engraving and was dropped off for correction. This was done by Berkshire Trophies free-of-charge.

### 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.

Table Cloth. The cloth on the far table will be redone. Dom provided Steve with info on who did the re-clothing of the table last time. We have the funds to enable our table refurbishment to commence. Steve will arrange for the contractor to replace the cloth on the far table.

**Action: SW**

Glass Cleaning Machine. Having researched the matter further, we don't believe that there is a minimum temperature specified for cleaning glasses, and that our procedures are satisfactory. We just need to put a note up to bar men to wash the glasses thoroughly in hot water.

**Action: TW**

Beer Cooling Mechanism. The fire check identified the need for a different cooler, as we should not have output into the corridor (a fire escape route). The newly installed cooler works but may need to be relocated. Steve and Darren will inspect the lower cellar for a suitable position.

**Action: DC/SW**

Furniture. John Scarrott deserves thanks for fixing the rather dodgy set of shelves. His carpentry skills are much appreciated.

Graeme believes that there are various sources of cheap but serviceable furniture. He will present some ideas and options at the next meeting.

**Action: GB**

#### 4. Treasurer's Update

Dom provided some figures for discussion for the first half (May to October).

Income was £14,860.14, expenditure £14002.58. Note that the rent was paid on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Some fresh light tokens have been purchased. We await an invoice for the water cooling system, and some table refurbishments are upcoming.

We reviewed the graphical presentation of takings and this seems to be picking up in Autumn, in line with last year's pattern.

#### 5. Membership Update

Renewals are running at 92 members fully paid up, and another 3 with forms who have not paid yet.

#### 6. Bar Rota Update

The rota continues to function well. Sadly, we have lost Mike Gosling, who passed away recently. However, Graeme and Jason have recently joined the bar rota volunteers. (Jason has since indicated that he will not be available for regular duties from January but might be available to close up on an occasional basis.) Dustin Handcock has also indicated that he can join. We will create a recruitment poster. Steve will also approach Danny Malone and Scott Petersen.

**Action: SW**

#### 7. Bar Update

Ian continues to keep us provided with nut. The bottled beers continue to be popular. Steve, Darren, and others continue to keep us stocked. Darren reckons that we should get a keg of cider (polypin) but it was agreed to wait until the summer.

West Berks have now provided invoices.

#### 8. Club Competition Update

The competitions are underway. There needs to be greater awareness of the rules, particularly concerning the number of concurrent matches.

**Action: GS**

#### 9. Social Events Update

Village Pub Crawl. This will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. For the main village pub crawl, it was agreed that we will remain the last venue but we will make sure that the advertising of the event explains the club hours and a warning not to ring the bell to the flat. Steve to liaise with Ian Wild in regard to this. Potential bar helpers: GB, DC, TW, SW, CB.

**Action: SW**

Ladies' Evening. This is on Weds 20<sup>th</sup> December. They will be allowed to have exclusive access to the club. We need to advise the membership.

**Action: SW**

Battle of the Clubs (Bowls v Snooker). We had leg one of this. The return leg is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Darren will open up and organise some food.

**Action: DC**

#### 10. Web Site and Branding

Jerry has provided some guidance on how to update the web site. Steve has managed to add the minutes of previous minutes.

#### 11. Any Other Business

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 was proposed to rename the Doubles Cup as the Mike Gosling Cup. However, it was pointed out that this cup is already dedicated to Roland Brownless. The committee instead proposes to rename the first table in his honour. We will put this proposal to his family.

**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 carried forward.

**Action: DC/GS**

RBS 6 Nations. Steve will liaise with Tim to get a bar rota sorted.

**Action: SW/TW**

#### 12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, with meal at the Haweli. Steve to book.

**Action: SW**

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary, 13/11/17.