

WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 8:00pm

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 8:05 pm.

1. Approval of previous minutes (meeting held 24 January 2018)

The minutes were unanimously approved. 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

Cleaning. Steve has identified a replacement for Cath P-G, who has indicated that she wants to spend more time on other ventures. The company is C&M cleaning. The cost has increased slightly (to £40) but they will supply their own materials, and have agreed to wash the dish cloths. Their references have been good. This was approved. Steve will pass them a set of keys.

Action: SW

Beer Cooling Mechanism. As a result of a fire safety inspection, we have a new cooler system but this needs to be relocated. Steve and Darren have inspected the lower cellar, and believe that it will accommodate the cooler system. There is a power socket. Steve will approach Bob Atkinson about getting a hole drilled (having first obtained approval from the Trustees). Darren will approach Dayla about the feasibility of having the unit below and a much longer pipe.

Action: DC/SW

Furniture. Graeme provided some information on possible suppliers of furniture. There is a lot of decent 2nd hand furniture available but it tends to disappear quickly. Glene has an old sofa, which he is happy to donate to the club but we need to install it and check suitability. We will buy a low table and replacement armchairs.

Action: GB/SW

Colin suggested that we should consider buying some outside furniture, which we could use in the courtyard area.

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 total floor area. The carpet area will be somewhat less than this and will need to be measured. Graeme has investigated prices for a suitable hard-wearing carpet and has found a couple of potential suppliers. One is the company that cleaned our parquet flooring a few years ago. We are waiting for them to quote. The other one wants to come and inspect before giving us a quote. Steve will arrange access, if Graeme gives them his contact details.

Action: GB/SW

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. We need a good quality thermostatic iron, such as the one sold by Thurston (approx. £200). We agreed to go ahead. Steve will make the purchase.

Action: SW

3. Treasurer's Update

Dom provided the latest figures for discussion up to week 44.

Income to date is £27,366,46. Expenditure is £26,298.03. The figures include the latest bill for rent. The breakdown shows a similar pattern to the prior year. Dom reckons that we are in line to post a profit of £2000 or thereabouts.

We have just over £10,000 in Saffron BS. The interest is small and there is nothing similar on offer. We have opted to take the default and leave it with them.

4. Membership Update

Membership is running at about 100. Steve will send a note to barmen reminding them to ask non-members for their guest fees.

An email needs to go out about renewals. This has the form, the rules, the Chairman's letter and the AGM invitation.

Steve will speak to Jason, and will draft some bullet points for Darren's letter.

Action: SW

5. Bar Rota Update

The rota continues to function well. Daz will move to being a floating substitute.

6. Bar Update

The big news is that we have won the Club of the Year award from CAMRA. This is a fine tribute to the beer purchasing skills of our Chairman. Daz will find out the date of the presentation and we will try and get a good turnout.

Action: DC

Ian continues to keep us provided with nuts. We have replenished stocks of spirits and the barrelled beer selection has been excellent. Steve has found some Opies' lemon slices. We also have supplies of new tumblers of various sizes. Steve has rung Dayla to update telephone numbers.

Steve will also ask Trustees whether we can move the fire hydrant up the wall. This will leave room for barrels.

7. Club Competition Update

We now have every finalist identified. Glene will organise the finals night.

Action: GS

Steve will send Glene details of Berkshire Trophies.

Action: SW

8. Social Events Update

Book Swap Event. We have given permission for a book club to hold a book swap event in the club on Monday 14th May. Snooker will continue, but we may need to warn members of rather more noise than usual from the bar area. Steve will arrange drink on a sale-or-return basis. We have agreed that the first drink will be provided at cost with further drinks going towards bar takings.

9. Web Site and Branding

The web site continues to function and minutes are being uploaded once approved. Glene has asked for details of how to access the site, and will provide competition updates.

10. AGM Preparation.

The AGM will be on **Thursday 19th July at 8pm**. We need to send out the renewal letter, with AGM invitation and Chairman's letter. It was agreed that it does not make sense to have an "opt-in" as we only use the contact details for essential club communications (AGM invitations, renewals, club events and safety notices).

Action: JH

11. Any Other Business

Gift for Cath. It was decided that we would buy Cath P-G a hamper as a thank-you for all her hard work. Darren will look for something suitable.

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 check whether this is now available, as it would be good to introduce it at the AGM.

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. Glene has agreed to pick this up, as Tim was struggling to find the time to do it.

Action: GS

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. We opened for most of the important games.

FIFA World Cup. This is 14 June to 15 July. We should aim to open for some England games.

Tournament. Gary Worth wants to know if we want to enter a 4-player team for a tournament over the summer. This takes place June-September. We agreed that in principle we should participate. Some thought needs to be given to selection of the team(s). Colin will own it from a committee perspective.

Action: CB

Battle of the Clubs (again). The Bowls club want to repeat the Bowls v Snooker competition again. Darren will liaise and fix dates. 27th July was suggested but is yet to be confirmed.

Action: DC

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Monday 18th June at 8pm.**

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary, 18/4/18, revised 29/4/18.