

WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 September 2018 at 8:00pm

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

The meeting started at 8:05 pm. Before the main business, the Chairman heartily welcomed Nick Pritchard-Gordon and Steve Barton to the committee, which is now at full strength.

1. Approval of previous minutes (meeting held 21 June 2018)

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chair. 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

Beer Cooling Mechanism. The beer cooling unit was relocated to the basement on 22nd June. This, however, has proved to be problematic, as the pump is not strong enough. A new unit is on order, and Steve will chase up delivery, which was due at the end of August.

Action: SW

Furniture. To complement the sofa, which now graces the club, we now boast a set of low tables, also a gift. The remaining requirement is to replace the armchairs, one of which is really quite tatty. It was agreed that anyone who sees a suitable comfy armchair for below £100 has approval to buy.

Floor covering. The new carpet has been expertly laid. We need to thank Will Monte for getting his subcontractors to fit us in.

Action: DC

Plumbing. The cold tap (of the non-concussive variety) has been replaced. We now have a spare one.

Bottle Chiller. The old one finally gave out and a new one has been installed. Steve needs to arrange for WDC (or Veolia) to collect the old unit for recycling.

Action: SW

3. Treasurer's Update

Dom was not present but it is too early in the year for meaningful figures in any case.

4. Membership Update

Membership renewals picked up, owing to the nagging of the bar staff, and we now stand at 75 fully paid up with forms provided, and a half dozen more who have paid without providing paperwork. Jason will email the “lapsed” members with a reminder.

Action: JH

Jason noted that £80 was received with no note saying from whom. We hope that someone will step forward and ask for their membership card, which should enable us to identify them.

5. Bar Rota Update

Another rota is due soon. Steve will organise this, and also will update the present volunteer list for the blue book of procedures. At the same time, he will ask for volunteers to be initiated into the dark arts of barrel changing.

Action: SW

6. Bar Update

Darren and Tim attended the CAMRA presentation on 11 September. We have our lovely new certificate to add to the collection.

The general view was that the cider experiment had been fairly successful and we will repeat this when we get a bit busier.

Thankfully, West Berks have taken their old barrels back, after some nagging.

It was noted that the freezer compartment of the fridge could use a defrost.

Darren will purchase some small wine bottles from Dayla.

Action: DC

Nick has some ideas for adding a shelf to the cellar, to enable front-loading of barrels. This sounds like it might make things easier, so we asked Nick to prepare more detailed designs.

Action: NPG

7. Club Competition / Tournament Update

The competition sheets had lots of entries so we decided in Glene’s absence to take them off the board and make the draw. Graeme Blythe has the output and will pass to Glene.

Action: GB

Glene will post the official draw and get things underway.

Action: GS

Summer League. We came second. Thanks to all who took part. Tim collected our commemorative mini-trophies, which have been shared around.

8. Social Events Update

Steve Barton has manfully stepped into the role of events coordinator.

Snooker Outing. We have been thinking for a while that it would be good to organise a club visit to a professional event (perhaps the English Open?) and Steve Barton will investigate possible dates and costs.

9. Web Site and Branding

The web site continues to function and minutes are being uploaded once approved. Glene is now able to access the site, and will provide competition updates.

Action: GS

10. AGM

The AGM was held as planned. Draft minutes were circulated to committee and have been posted on the web site.

Mike Gosling. As promised, Mike's family purchased a new cup (the Mike Gosling Cup) to replace the present doubles trophy. This was presented to the club at the AGM.

11. Any Other Business

Data Protection. It was agreed that we should finalise our data protection policy. This is now on the web site.

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. C/F.

Action: GS

24-hour Snooker Marathon. We will keep this on the agenda.

Action: GS/TW

Battle of the Clubs (again). The Bowls club want to repeat the Bowls v Snooker competition again. Unfortunately, the number of players who signed up for 29 July was too low so Leg One did not happen. Nick will pick this one up and liaise with them about a repeat (possibly starting with the snooker leg first this winter).

Action: NPG

Village Festival 2019. Tim has been approached by the committee. We plan to hold our usual event on a Monday near the start of the Festival. Tim will help them with the advertising.

Electronic Scoreboard. It was suggested that for a modest amount we could provide such an item for the benefit of darts players. These have become quite prevalent. However, it was agreed that it would be difficult to find a position for this, given the need for mains power.

Napper. It was also noted that our napper (used for cleaning the tables) is becoming frayed and needs replacement.

Action: SW

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will on **Thursday 6 December at 8:30pm**. We have slipped the start time by half an hour to give Dom and Colin more chance to attend.

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary, 17/09/18.