

WARGRAVE & DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

Minutes of Emergency Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2020 at 8:00pm

Present:	Darren Cabbage (DC)	Chairman
	Dom Matthews (DM)	Treasurer
	Steve Wallace (SW)	Secretary
	Graeme Blythe (GB)	Committee
	Steve Barton (SB)	Committee
	Glene Sandom (GS)	Committee
Apologies:	Dustin Handcock (DH)	Committee
	Tim Wilson (TW)	Committee

The meeting was conducted by conference call, hosted by Glene.

This meeting was urgently convened to discuss a single issue: the present outbreak of COVID-19 and its implications for the club.

The Chairman started by expressing the view, shared by all, that the safety of members was our paramount consideration.

There was some discussion of whether it was feasible to continue running the club, and what the implications would be in terms of procedures, but the conclusions we arrived at are:

- Whilst the government advice does not prevent us from remaining open, the advice to the public is to avoid places such as bars and clubs;
- The age profile of our membership is such that many will be heeding this advice and will be avoiding the club in any case;
- It is therefore a case of when, rather than whether, a closure will be necessary.
- We decided to be pro-active and close the club later this week. The last day open will be Thursday 19th March. We will be closed on Friday 20th and until further notice.

The following actions arise from this decision:

1. Steve W will draft a sample email to go out under Chairman's name to members. This will include the statement that out-of-hours usage is also suspended.
2. When Darren has approved this email, he will ask Glene to send it out to all members.
3. When the email has gone out, then Tim will notify Gary Worth about the closure, as it affects the summer league.
4. Steve W will put these minutes and a suitable closure statement on the web site.
5. Graeme will put signage in the club and on the door in respect of hygiene (action already completed).
6. Graeme to send a message to the barmen group asking them to stand down.
7. At the point when government guidance enforces closure, Dom will approach the Trustees of the Woodclyffe Hostel to ask for some rent relief.

A question was raised about whether members should receive some discount on renewal, in view of the lack of availability of the club. We decided that it is too early to conclude this question.

It is not possible to give an estimate of when we might open. We will discuss the situation further at our next scheduled committee meeting on 7th May, which might may have to be another conference call.

Steve Wallace, Club Secretary